

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2257 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, HARKINS, D. MILLER AND JAMES, MAY 1, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 1, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P.L.1206, No.331), entitled  
2 "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending,  
3 revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating  
4 thereto," in police, further providing for appointment,  
5 compensation and training of police officers.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1401(a) of the act of June 24, 1931  
9 (P.L.1206, No.331), known as The First Class Township Code, is  
10 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
11 read:

12 Section 1401. Appointment, Compensation and Training of  
13 Police Officers.--(a) The board of commissioners may, subject  
14 to the civil service provisions of this act, appoint and fix the  
15 number, rank and compensation of the members of the township  
16 police force. Any police force created by the board of  
17 commissioners must operate as a full-time police department.

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19 (h) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
20 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless

1 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Full-time police department." A police force that maintains  
3 twenty-four-hour-per-day police coverage in its designated area.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.