

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 457 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, BLAKE AND COSTA, MARCH 3, 2017

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MARCH 3, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 75 (Vehicles)  
 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in employees,  
 3 providing for the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention  
 4 Program and establishing the Municipal Police Recruitment and  
 5 Retention Program Fund; and, in penalties and disposition of  
 6 fines, providing for law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

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

9 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 2172. Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program.

12 (a) Establishment.--There is established in the State  
 13 Treasury the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program  
 14 Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund. Money in the fund shall be  
 15 expended for the purposes set forth in this section.

16 (b) Administration.--The commission shall administer the  
 17 fund and make grants from the fund for recruitment and retention  
 18 of a municipality's part-time police force in accordance with  
 19 this section.

20 (c) Purpose of grants.--Grants shall be for the purpose of

1 hiring and retaining part-time police officers in a municipality  
2 and shall be used to pay a portion of the salary of a part-time  
3 police officer. Grants shall not exceed \$5,000 per police  
4 officer position and shall be used to supplement the part-time  
5 police officer's salary paid by the municipality up to a maximum  
6 of \$15 per hour of pay, not to exceed 85% of a full-time base  
7 salary for a police officer in the municipality. The rate shall  
8 be calculated based on average salaries for 2017 as adjusted  
9 annually by the Consumer Price Index for the metropolitan area  
10 in which the municipality is located.

11 (d) Other funds.--In addition to the money available in the  
12 fund, an appropriation for municipal police officer training  
13 that remains as part of the commission prior to lapsing shall be  
14 deposited in the fund beginning with the current fiscal year,  
15 for the purposes contained in this section.

16 (e) Regulations.--The commission shall promulgate rules and  
17 regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this  
18 section within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

19 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
20 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
21 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

22 "Fund." The Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention  
23 Program Fund established under subsection (a).

24 "Municipality." A city of the third class, borough, township  
25 of the first class or township of the second class that provides  
26 local police services through a municipal police department,  
27 participation in a regional police department or contracts with  
28 other municipal or regional police.

29 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:  
30 § 6508. Law enforcement enhancement surcharge.

1 (a) Levy and imposition.--In addition to any fines, fees or  
2 penalties levied or imposed as provided by law under this title  
3 or any other statute, a surcharge shall be levied for  
4 disposition in accordance with subsection (b). Upon conviction  
5 for a violation of the provisions of this title or other statute  
6 of this Commonwealth, or regulations promulgated under this  
7 title, which is a traffic violation, exclusive of parking  
8 offenses, a surcharge of \$10 shall be levied.

9 (b) Disposition.--Notwithstanding the provisions of 42  
10 Pa.C.S. §§ 3571 (relating to Commonwealth portion of fines,  
11 etc.) and 3573 (relating to municipal corporation portion of  
12 fines, etc.), all surcharges levied and collected under  
13 subsection (a) by a division of the unified judicial system  
14 existing under section 1 of Article V of the Constitution of  
15 Pennsylvania and 42 Pa.C.S. § 301 (relating to unified judicial  
16 system) shall be remitted to the Commonwealth for deposit in the  
17 Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund,  
18 established under 53 Pa.C.S. § 2172 (relating to Municipal  
19 Police Recruitment and Retention Program), for the purpose of  
20 recruiting and retaining municipal police officers.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.