
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 575 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, YUDICHAK, COLLETT, COSTA, BOSCOLA AND
HAYWOOD, APRIL 21, 2021

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, APRIL 21, 2021

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 may not exceed \$5,000 per police officer
4 position and shall be used to supplement the part-time police
5 officer's salary paid by the municipality up to a maximum of \$15
6 per hour of pay, not to exceed 85% of a full-time base salary
7 for a police officer in the municipality. The rate shall be
8 calculated based on average salaries for 2020 as adjusted
9 annually by the Consumer Price Index for the metropolitan area
10 in which the municipality is located.

11 (d) Other money.--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.