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Introduced by M. of A. JEFFRIES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the appointment and reporting duties of the superintendent of the state police and the appointment of employees of the state police

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 210 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 169  
2     of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 210. Division of state police. (A) The division of state police in  
4     the executive department shall be known as the "New York State Police."  
5     (B) (1) The head of the New York state police shall be the superinten-  
6     dent of state police who shall be appointed by the governor by and with  
7     the advice and consent of the senate, and hold office during his or her  
8     pleasure. The superintendent shall be a member of the state police,  
9     shall receive as salary such sum as may be appropriated by law, and  
10    shall accrue such leave credits and be eligible for the same retirement  
11    benefits, service credits and other benefits as any other member of the  
12    state police. If, prior to appointment, the superintendent served as a  
13    member of the state police, he or she, upon appointment, shall be enti-  
14    tled to continue to accrue and receive such credits and benefits as he  
15    or she would have been entitled to accrue and receive prior to appoint-  
16    ment.  
17    (2) If, prior to his or her appointment, the superintendent shall have  
18    served as a member of the State Police for a period of ten years or  
19    more, he or she shall, provided he or she is not eligible for retire-  
20    ment, upon termination of service as superintendent, be reappointed,  
21    without examination, as a member of the state police in the grade held  
22    by him or her prior to appointment as superintendent, notwithstanding  
23    the absence of any vacancy in such grade. For the purpose of determin-  
24    ing the annual salary to be paid upon such reappointment, the period of

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 service as superintendent shall be counted as service in the grade to  
2 which reappointed.

3 (3) TRADITIONAL SERVICES MEANS AS FOLLOWS: TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND PROP-  
4 ERTY; TO PREVENT AND DETECT CRIME AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF LAW AND PURSUE  
5 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND ARREST CRIMINALS; TO MAKE ROADS SAFE FOR ALL  
6 USERS; TO REDUCE THE DEATHS, INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY  
7 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS THROUGH VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND  
8 EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE DISORDER CONTROL AND SECURITY IN ALL TYPES OF  
9 NATURAL AND MAN-MADE EMERGENCIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY  
10 OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF CITIZENS IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR RIGHTS,  
11 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO SUPPORT OTHERS BY CREATING PARTNER-  
12 SHIPS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY WITH INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES  
13 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

14 (4) EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVER-  
15 NOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AFTER FEBRUARY  
16 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, THE TERM OF SERVICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
17 THE STATE POLICE SHALL BE SEVEN YEARS. A SUPERINTENDENT MAY NOT SERVE  
18 MORE THAN ONE SEVEN-YEAR TERM. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST DEPUTY  
19 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.

20 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS THIRTY-THREE AND THIRTY-THREE-A OF THE  
21 PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, A SUPERINTENDENT SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE  
22 FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS OR HER DUTIES OR FOR OTHER SERIOUS OFFENSES  
23 IN OFFICE EXCEPT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

24 (6) IN THE EVENT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS FROM OFFICE, IS REMOVED  
25 FROM OFFICE OR IS INCAPABLE OF CONTINUING IN OFFICE DUE TO PHYSICAL  
26 ILLNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS OR DEATH, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AN ACTING  
27 SUPERINTENDENT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MONTHS. IF AFTER FOUR  
28 MONTHS THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT APPOINTED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT TO A FULL  
29 TERM, THE FIRST DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF  
30 THE PREVIOUS SUPERINTENDENT'S TERM.

31 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 210-a to  
32 read as follows:

33 S 210-A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORTS AND BIENNIAL TESTIMONY. (A)  
34 THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
35 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
36 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY NO  
37 LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR.

38 (1) SUCH REPORT SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

39 (A) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS MADE BY OR ON  
40 BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR SERVICES OF  
41 THE STATE POLICE BEYOND TRADITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATE  
42 POLICE;

43 (B) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY INFORMATION, UNLESS IT IS PRIVILEGED  
44 OR REQUIRES CONFIDENTIALITY, PROVIDED BY THE STATE POLICE TO THE GOVER-  
45 NOR, AND/OR HIS OR HER STAFF, AND/OR TO ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE,  
46 AND/OR HIS OR HER STAFF, BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAMMATIC AND BUDGET-  
47 ARY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE POLICE AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
48 PURPOSE FOR WHICH SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED;

49 (C) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE  
50 SUPERINTENDENT REGARDING INTER- OR INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INVOLVING  
51 STATE POLICE PERSONNEL, BASED UPON SPECIAL REQUESTS MADE TO THE STATE  
52 POLICE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE  
53 AND/OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITY; AND

54 (D) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH REQUEST MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR  
55 AND/OR ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR INFORMATION OF ANY KIND OTHER  
56 THAN THE TRADITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE POLICE TO THE

1 EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OR LOCAL  
2 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

3 (2) THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL INCLUDE A SIGNED CERTIFICATION WITH THE  
4 REPORT THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS OR HER  
5 KNOWLEDGE. IF SUCH CERTIFICATION IS FOUND TO BE FALSE, UNTRUE OR FRAUDU-  
6 LENT, THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES  
7 DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE LEGISLATURE.

8 (B) EVERY TWO YEARS, COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, THE SUPER-  
9 INTENDENT SHALL ATTEND A PROCEEDING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE  
10 COMMITTEE, THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE INVESTI-  
11 GATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT,  
12 ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PERSONNEL AND ADMIN-  
13 ISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE POLICE AND THE FUTURE PLANS AND INITI-  
14 ATIVE OF THE STATE POLICE. SUCH PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONDUCTED JOINTLY AT  
15 THE DIRECTION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER  
16 OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SHALL TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER FIRST OF  
17 EVERY OTHER YEAR DURING WHICH THE PROCEEDING IS CONDUCTED.

18 (C) THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN  
19 ADDITION TO, AND NOT IN LIEU OF, ANY OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
20 PROVIDED BY LAW.

21 S 3. Section 211 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 331 of  
22 the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

23 S 211. Employees. (A) The superintendent may appoint such employees as  
24 may be necessary and fix their compensation within such sum as may be  
25 appropriated by law. Persons appointed to competitive positions within  
26 the division who meet the definition of veteran or disabled veteran as  
27 defined in section eighty-five of the civil service law shall be enti-  
28 tled to additional credit and preference as conferred by that law and in  
29 the same manner, except that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
30 with respect to any candidate applying for credit in a competitive exam-  
31 ination for original appointment as a disabled or non-disabled veteran,  
32 such candidate may apply provisionally for such credit while still an  
33 active member of the armed forces. The application for provisional cred-  
34 it may be made at any time between the date of his or her application  
35 for the competitive examination and the date the eligible list is estab-  
36 lished. In cases where there has been a provisional application, the  
37 superintendent shall grant final credit only if the candidate renews his  
38 or her application within ninety days following termination of the  
39 candidate's military duty, and the candidate's period of eligibility on  
40 the list has not expired, and the candidate satisfies the appropriate  
41 statutory requirements for eligibility. Pending the granting of final  
42 credit, the candidate's ranking on any eligible list shall reflect the  
43 provisional credit.

44 (B) ANY EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE SERVICES UNIT OR ANY OTHER  
45 UNIT ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY AND/OR PROTECTING OTHER ELECTED AND/OR  
46 PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL HOLD SUCH APPOINTMENT FOR NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS  
47 AFTER WHICH PERIOD, THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE REAPPOINTED TO THE POSITION HE  
48 OR SHE HELD PRIOR TO THE APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE SERVICES UNIT OR  
49 ANY OTHER UNIT ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY AND/OR PROTECTING OTHER ELECTED  
50 AND/OR PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR TO SUCH OTHER POSITION AND DUTIES AS ARE  
51 DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

52 S 4. This act shall take effect February 1, 2011.