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I N S E N A T E

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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  
25 service as superintendent shall be counted as service in the grade to  
26 which reappointed.

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

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1 (3) EFFECTIVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVER-  
2 NOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AFTER JUNE FIRST,  
3 TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE TERM OF SERVICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE  
4 POLICE SHALL BE TEN YEARS. A SUPERINTENDENT MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN ONE  
5 TEN-YEAR TERM.

6 (4) A SUPERINTENDENT SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR FAILURE TO  
7 FULFILL HIS OR HER DUTIES OR FOR OTHER SERIOUS OFFENSES IN OFFICE EXCEPT  
8 BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

9 (5) IN THE EVENT THE SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS FROM OFFICE, IS REMOVED  
10 FROM OFFICE OR IS INCAPABLE OF CONTINUING IN OFFICE DUE TO PHYSICAL  
11 ILLNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS OR DEATH, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AN ACTING  
12 SUPERINTENDENT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MONTHS.

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

15 S 210-A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORTS AND BIENNIAL TESTIMONY. (A)  
16 THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
17 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
18 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY NO  
19 LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR.

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

21 (A) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS MADE BY OR ON  
22 BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR SERVICES OF  
23 THE STATE POLICE BEYOND TRADITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATE  
24 POLICE;

25 (B) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE  
26 POLICE TO THE GOVERNOR, AND/OR HIS OR HER STAFF, AND/OR TO ANY MEMBER OF  
27 THE LEGISLATURE, AND/OR HIS OR HER STAFF, BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL REPORT-  
28 ING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE POLICE AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE  
29 FOR WHICH SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED;

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

35 (D) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH REQUEST MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR  
36 AND/OR ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR INFORMATION OF ANY KIND OTHER  
37 THAN THE TRADITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE POLICE TO THE  
38 EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OR LOCAL  
39 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES.

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

45 (B) EVERY TWO YEARS, COMMENCING IN TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, THE SUPER-  
46 INTENDENT SHALL ATTEND A PROCEEDING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE  
47 COMMITTEE, THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE INVESTI-  
48 GATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT,  
49 ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PERSONNEL AND ADMIN-  
50 ISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE POLICE AND THE FUTURE PLANS AND INITI-  
51 ATIVE OF THE STATE POLICE. SUCH PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE  
52 DIRECTION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SHALL TAKE PLACE  
53 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR DURING WHICH THE PROCEEDING IS  
54 CONDUCTED.

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

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

6 S 211. Employees. (A) The superintendent may appoint such employees as  
7 may be necessary and fix their compensation within such sum as may be  
8 appropriated by law. Persons appointed to competitive positions within  
9 the division who meet the definition of veteran or disabled veteran as  
10 defined in section eighty-five of the civil service law shall be enti-  
11 tled to additional credit and preference as conferred by that law and in  
12 the same manner, except that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
13 with respect to any candidate applying for credit in a competitive exam-  
14 ination for original appointment as a disabled or non-disabled veteran,  
15 such candidate may apply provisionally for such credit while still an  
16 active member of the armed forces. The application for provisional cred-  
17 it may be made at any time between the date of his or her application  
18 for the competitive examination and the date the eligible list is estab-  
19 lished. In cases where there has been a provisional application, the  
20 superintendent shall grant final credit only if the candidate renews his  
21 or her application within ninety days following termination of the  
22 candidate's military duty, and the candidate's period of eligibility on  
23 the list has not expired, and the candidate satisfies the appropriate  
24 statutory requirements for eligibility. Pending the granting of final  
25 credit, the candidate's ranking on any eligible list shall reflect the  
26 provisional credit.

27 (B) ANY EMPLOYEE APPOINTED TO THE EXECUTIVE SERVICES UNIT SHALL HOLD  
28 SUCH APPOINTMENT FOR NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER WHICH PERIOD, THE  
29 EMPLOYEE SHALL BE REAPPOINTED TO THE POSITION HE OR SHE HELD PRIOR TO  
30 THE APPOINTMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE SERVICES UNIT OR TO SUCH OTHER POSITION  
31 AND DUTIES AS ARE DETERMINED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

32 S 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011.