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221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Expands Division of State Police rank and grade titles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the Division of State Police personnel and
2 amending P.L.1950, c.154.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.1950, c.154 (C.53:1-5.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the **rank and**
10 **grade of any member of the State Police may be changed from time**
11 **to time, and the** number of Division of State Police personnel may
12 be increased, by the **superintendent** Superintendent of State
13 Police where **such** a change or increase is necessary for the
14 efficient operation of the Division of State Police in the Department
15 of Law and Public Safety **;** provided, the action of the said
16 superintendent in making any such change or increase, shall be
17 approved by the head of said department. No such change or
18 increase shall be made unless it can be effected within the
19 limitations of the appropriations for the said division**].**

20 b. The superintendent may change the rank and grade of any
21 trooper, detective, first line supervisor, mid-level manager, or
22 executive-level personnel of the division for the efficient operation
23 of the division.

24 c. The superintendent may change command staff positions
25 holding the rank of major and lieutenant colonel for the efficient
26 operation of the division; provided, the action of the superintendent
27 in making any personnel change shall be approved by the Attorney
28 General.

29 d. No change shall be made to personnel staffing unless it can be
30 effected within the limitations of the appropriations for the division.
31 (cf: P.L.1950, c.154, s.3)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill expands on certain Division of State Police titles that
39 may change in rank and grade upon the approval of the Attorney
40 General.

41 Currently, the Superintendent of the Division of State Police in
42 the Department of Law and Public Safety may change or increase
43 the rank and grade of any member or increase the number of
44 personnel for the efficient operation of the division. These changes

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 are to be approved by the Attorney General and budgeted within the
2 limitations of the divisions' appropriations.

3 This bill specifies the titles in which the superintendent may
4 change or increase ranks and grades and which changes require the
5 approval of the Attorney General.

6 Specifically, the bill permits that the superintendent may change
7 the ranks and grades of any trooper, detective, first-line supervisor,
8 mid-level manager, or executive-level personnel for the efficient
9 operation of the division without the approval of the Attorney
10 General.

11 Further, the bill provides that the superintendent may only make
12 changes to command staff positions holding the rank of major and
13 lieutenant colonel upon the approval of the Attorney General.

14 The bill requires that any personnel changes should be achieved
15 within the limitations of the division's appropriations, consistent
16 with current law.