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KUZMA AND DELLOSO, JANUARY 10, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 10, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in Office of State Inspector General, further
 22 providing for definitions and for powers, purpose and duties.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 501-A of the act of April 9, 1929
 26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
 27 amended by adding a definition to read:

28 Section 501-A. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this article
2 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
3 context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Enforcement officer." An individual who meets all of the
5 following:

6 (1) Is an individual listed under the term as defined
7 under 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 (relating to definitions).

8 (2) Is employed by the office.

9 (3) Whose duties include the enforcement or supervision
10 of the powers specified under section 506-A.

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12 Section 2. Section 503-A(a) (5) of the act is amended to
13 read:

14 Section 503-A. Powers, purpose and duties.

15 (a) Powers.--The State Inspector General shall have the
16 power to:

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18 (5) Select, appoint and employ individuals necessary for
19 carrying out the functions, powers and duties of the office.

20 The employees shall be employed in accordance with current
21 procedures of the Office of Administration and may be

22 assigned by the State Inspector General to a designated

23 executive agency. An enforcement officer shall have the power
24 to carry firearms, concealed or otherwise, in the performance

25 of the enforcement officer's official duties in accordance
26 with section 506-A, and subject to the written policies of

27 the State Inspector General. No enforcement officer shall
28 carry, possess or use a firearm in the performance of that

29 individual's official duties unless the enforcement officer
30 has successfully completed basic firearms training and annual

1 firearms training or other similar training as approved by
2 the State Inspector General.

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4 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.