

(b) The Superintendent shall by rule prescribe the names of each of the ranks established in subsection (a), and the grades within each of such ranks. No person who is a police employee on June 1, 1968, shall be demoted or otherwise affected in rank, pay or status except for cause as hereinbefore required; and all such police employees shall continue in the rank and salary step which they then hold, that is to say: Troopers are within rank I; troopers first class within rank II; corporals within rank III; sergeants within rank IV; first sergeants, detective sergeants, quartermaster sergeants, and sergeants mechanic within rank V; sergeants major and the examining physician within rank VI; lieutenants within rank VII; captains within rank VIII; majors within rank IX; and lieutenant colonels [, including the deputy superintendent,] within rank X.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted, That new Section 15A of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Replacement Volume), title "State Police," subtitle "Management of Department," be and it is hereby enacted, to read as follows:*

15A.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services is authorized, with the approval of the Governor and after consultation with the Superintendent, to have a unit of the Maryland State Police attached directly to the office of the Secretary. Said unit shall be of such size as the Secretary, after consultation with the Superintendent and with the approval of the Governor, shall determine. The Secretary, after consultation with the Superintendent and with the approval of the Governor, may from time to time transfer such police employees of such rank as the Secretary may determine to said unit and from said unit back to the regular Maryland State Police. The police employees attached to said unit shall remain police employees of the Maryland State Police with the rank, rights, authority, benefits and privileges of police employees of the Maryland State Police but shall, while attached to the Secretary's office, be directly responsible to the Secretary or to the Governor and shall perform such duties as directed by the Secretary or the Governor.

SEC. 10 9. *And be it further enacted, That all persons who are as of June 30, 1970, members of boards or commissions, officers and employees of all departments, divisions, boards, commissions and agencies included within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they held as of June 30, 1970, as members, officers and employees of such departments, divisions, boards, commissions and agencies, except as otherwise provided in this Act or until they retire, resign or are removed as provided by law, or until the terms to which they were appointed expire. OF JUNE 30, 1970, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF ANY DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY ABOLISHED BY THIS ACT ARE HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CREATED HEREIN AND ALL CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES WHICH CONSTITUTE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL RETAIN*