

Public Safety

CHAPTER 299A

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Sec.
299A.01 Department of public safety; creation and organization

299A.01 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; CREATION AND ORGANIZATION. Subdivision 1. In order that the functions and services of the state of Minnesota relating to the safety and convenience of its citizens might be coordinated and directed in an accessible, identifiable manner; and to promote and insure the existing public safety operations of that government, the department of public safety is created under the supervision and control of the commissioner of public safety, which office is established. The commissioner of public safety is appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate for four year term. The governor may remove the commissioner only for cause, after a public hearing. A vacancy in the office of the commissioner shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The commissioner may appoint a deputy who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service. The salary of such deputy is fixed by the commissioner except when otherwise expressly provided for by law. The deputy may perform and exercise every power, duty, and responsibility imposed by law upon the commissioner when authorized so to do by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. The duties of the deputy shall include, in addition to such other functions and responsibilities as may be delegated or assigned by the commissioner or imposed by law, the following: (a) The coordination, development and maintenance of services contracts with existing state departments and agencies assuring the efficient and economic use of advanced business machinery including computers;

(b) The execution of contracts and agreements with existing state departments for the maintenance and servicing of vehicles and communications equipment, and the use of related buildings and grounds;

(c) The development of integrated fiscal services for all divisions, and the preparation of an integrated budget for the department;

(d) The establishment of a planning bureau within the department, which bureau shall consult and coordinate its activities with the state planning director.

Subd. 3. Subject to the provisions of Laws 1969, Chapter 1129, and to other applicable laws the commissioner shall organize the department and employ such other officers, employees, and agents as he may deem necessary to discharge the functions of his department, define the duties of such officers, employees, and agents and to delegate to them any of his powers, duties, and responsibilities subject to his control and under such conditions as he may prescribe. Appointments to exercise delegated power shall be by written order filed with the secretary of state. No such delegation or assignment shall be made in respect to, or in a manner resulting in a reenactment of, the powers, duties or responsibilities contained in section 299C.03, and acts amendatory thereof, except to the division of the bureau of criminal apprehension. Officers, employees, and agents of the department of public safety are in the classified service of the state civil service except where otherwise specifically provided for by law.

Subd. 4. Before entering upon the duties of his office the commissioner of public safety shall take and subscribe an oath and give his bond to the state of Minnesota, to be approved by the governor and filed with the secretary of state, in the sum of \$25,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

Subd. 5. The commissioner of administration shall review on a regular basis the duties and responsibilities of the various state departments, agencies and boards which have an operational effect upon the safety of the public, and recommend to

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the governor and the legislature such organizational and statutory policies as will best serve the purposes of Laws 1969, Chapter 1129.

Subd. 6. The commissioner of public safety shall have the power to promulgate such rules and regulations pursuant to chapter 15, as are necessary to carry out the purposes of Laws 1969, Chapter 1129.

[1969 c 1129 art 1 s 1]