

CHAPTER 299D

STATE PATROL

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Subd. 4. Before entering upon the duties of office the chief supervisor of the Minnesota state patrol shall take and subscribe an oath.

*[For text of subds 5 to 8, see M.S.1990]***History:** 1991 c 326 s 15**299D.03 STATE PATROL.**

Subdivision 1. **Members.** The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ and designate a chief supervisor, a chief assistant supervisor, and such assistant supervisors, sergeants and officers as are provided by law, who shall comprise the Minnesota state patrol. The members of the Minnesota state patrol shall have the power and authority:

(1) As peace officers to enforce the provisions of the law relating to the protection of and use of trunk highways.

(2) At all times to direct all traffic on trunk highways in conformance with law, and in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or to insure safety, to direct traffic on other roads as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of law.

(3) To serve warrants and legal documents anywhere in the state.

(4) To serve orders of the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's duly authorized agents issued under the provisions of the Drivers License Law, the Safety Responsibility Act, or relating to authorized brake and light testing stations, anywhere in the state and to take possession of any license, permit or certificate ordered to be surrendered.

(5) To inspect official brake and light adjusting stations.

(6) To make appearances anywhere within the state for the purpose of conducting traffic safety educational programs and school bus clinics.

(7) To exercise upon all trunk highways the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs, constables and police officers.

(8) To cooperate, under instructions and rules of the commissioner of public safety, with all sheriffs and other police officers anywhere in the state, provided that said employees shall have no power or authority in connection with strikes or industrial disputes.

(9) To assist and aid any peace officer whose life or safety is in jeopardy.

(10) As peace officers to provide security and protection to the governor, governor elect, either or both houses of the legislature, and state buildings or property in the manner and to the extent determined to be necessary after consultation with the governor, or a designee. Pursuant to this clause, members of the state patrol, acting as peace officers have the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs, constables and police officers have within their respective jurisdictions.

(11) To inspect school buses anywhere in the state for the purposes of determining compliance with vehicle equipment, pollution control, and registration requirements.

(12) As peace officers to make arrests for public offenses committed in their presence anywhere within the state. Persons arrested for violations other than traffic violations shall be referred forthwith to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for further investigation or disposition.

The state may contract for state patrol members to render the services described in this section in excess of their regularly scheduled duty hours and patrol members rendering such services shall be compensated in such amounts, manner and under such conditions as the agreement provides.

Employees thus employed and designated shall subscribe an oath.

[For text of subds 1a and 2, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 5. Fines and forfeited bail money. (a) All fines and forfeited bail money, from traffic and motor vehicle law violations, collected from persons apprehended or arrested by officers of the state patrol, shall be paid by the person or officer collecting the fines, forfeited bail money or installments thereof, on or before the tenth day after the last day of the month in which these moneys were collected, to the county treasurer of the county where the violation occurred. Three-eighths of these receipts shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the county. The other five-eighths of these receipts shall be transmitted by that officer to the state treasurer and shall be credited as follows:

(1) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, the first \$275,000 in money received by the state treasurer after June 4, 1991, must be credited to the transportation services fund, and the remainder in the fiscal year credited to the trunk highway fund.

(2) In fiscal year 1992, the first \$215,000 in money received by the state treasurer in the fiscal year must be credited to the transportation services fund, and the remainder credited to the trunk highway fund.

(3) In fiscal years 1993 and subsequent years, the entire amount received by the state treasurer must be credited to the trunk highway fund. If, however, the violation occurs within a municipality and the city attorney prosecutes the offense, and a plea of not guilty is entered, one-third of the receipts shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the county, one-third of the receipts shall be paid to the municipality prosecuting the offense, and one-third shall be transmitted to the state treasurer as provided in this subdivision. All costs of participation in a nationwide police communication system chargeable to the state of Minnesota shall be paid from appropriations for that purpose.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all fines and forfeited bail money from violations of statutes governing the maximum weight of motor vehicles, collected from persons apprehended or arrested by employees of the state of Minnesota, by means of stationary or portable scales operated by these employees, shall be paid by the person or officer collecting the fines or forfeited bail money, on or before the tenth day after the last day of the month in which the collections were made, to the county treasurer of the county where the violation occurred. Five-eighths of these receipts shall be transmitted by that officer to the state treasurer and shall be credited to the highway user tax distribution fund. Three-eighths of these receipts shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the county.

[For text of subds 6 to 12, see M.S.1990]

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