CHAPTER 477C

POLICE STATE AID

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477C.01 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words and terms, for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 423A have the meanings given to them.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 3. **Company or insurance company.** "Company" or "insurance company" has the meaning given in section 60A.02, subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report.** "Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report" means a form for reporting the total gross premiums, less return premiums and dividends, on all direct business received by an insurance company in this state during the preceding calendar year, with reference to insurance written for perils contained in auto insurance coverages as reported to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the commissioner of commerce.

Subd. 5. **Municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer, or county auditor.** "Municipal clerk," "municipal clerk-treasurer," or "county auditor" means:

(1) the person elected or appointed to the position of municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer, or county auditor or, if there is no such person, the chief financial official or the person primarily responsible for managing the finances of a municipality;

(2) for a park district, the secretary of the board of park district commissioners;

(3) for the University of Minnesota, the official designated by the Board of Regents;

(4) for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the person designated by the commission;

(5) for the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety, the respective commissioner of the agency; and

(6) for a Tribal police department that exercises state arrest powers under section 626.90, 626.91, 626.92, or 626.93, the person designated by the applicable American Indian Tribal government.

Subd. 6. **Municipality.** (a) "Municipality" means:

(1) a home rule charter or statutory city;

(2) an organized town;

(3) a county;

(4) a park district subject to chapter 398;

(5) the University of Minnesota;

(6) an American Indian Tribal government with a Tribal police department that exercises state arrest powers under section 626.90, 626.91, 626.92, or 626.93;

(7) the Metropolitan Airports Commission; and

(8) the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety with respect to peace officers covered under chapter 352B.

(b) This subdivision only applies to chapter 477C.

Subd. 7. **Peace officer.** "Peace officer" means any person:

(1) whose primary source of income derived from wages is from direct employment by a municipality as a law enforcement officer on a full-time basis of not less than 30 hours per week;

(2) who has been employed for a minimum of six months before December 31 preceding the date of the current year's certification under section 477C.02, subdivision 1;

(3) who is sworn to enforce the general criminal laws of the state and local ordinances;

(4) who is licensed by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board and is authorized to arrest with a warrant; and

(5) who is a member of the State Patrol retirement plan or the public employees police and fire fund.

History: *1Sp2019 c 6 art 20 s 1*

477C.02 QUALIFYING FOR POLICE STATE AID.

Subdivision 1. **Certification to commissioner.** (a) A certification made under this section must be filed with the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner and must include all other facts that the commissioner requires.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision 2, on or before March 15 annually, the municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer, or county auditor of each municipality employing one or more peace officers must certify to the commissioner the number of peace officers employed during the previous calendar year. No peace officer may be included in the certification by more than one municipality for the same month.

(c) Credit for peace officers employed less than a full year must be apportioned. Each full month of employment of a qualifying officer during the calendar year entitles the employing municipality to credit for 1/12 of the payment for employment of a peace officer for the entire year. For purposes of this chapter, employment of a peace officer begins when the peace officer is entered on the payroll of the employing municipality.

Subd. 2. **Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety.** On or before March 15 annually, the commissioner of natural resources must certify the number of peace officers employed by the Enforcement Division and the commissioner of public safety must certify the number of peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Gambling Enforcement Division, and the State Patrol Division. The certification must be on the form described in subdivision 1, paragraph (a). Peace officers certified under this subdivision must be included in the total certifications under subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Ineligibility of certain peace officers.** A peace officer employed by the University of Minnesota who is required by the Board of Regents to be a member of the University of Minnesota faculty retirement plan is not eligible to be included in any police state aid certification under this section.

Subd. 4. **Penalty for failure to file or correct certification.** (a) If a certification under subdivision 1 or 2 is not filed with the commissioner on or before March 1, the commissioner must notify the municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer, or county auditor that a penalty will be deducted from police state aid certified for the current year if the certification is not filed on or before March 15.

(b) If the commissioner rejects the certification under subdivision 1 or 2 for inaccurate or incomplete information, the municipal clerk, municipal clerk-treasurer, or county auditor must file a corrective certification after taking corrective action as identified by the commissioner in the notice of rejection. The corrective certification must be filed within 30 days of the date on the notice of rejection, or by March 15, whichever date is later.

(c) A penalty applies to (1) a certification under subdivisions 1 and 2 filed after March 15, and (2) a corrective certification under paragraph (b) filed after March 15 that is also filed more than 30 days after the date on the notice of rejection. The penalty is equal to the amount of police state aid determined for the municipality for the current year, multiplied by ten percent for each week or fraction of a week that the certification or corrective certification is filed after March 15 or more than 30 days after the date on the notice of rejection. All aid amounts forfeited as a result of the penalty revert to the state general fund. Failure to receive the certification form may not be used as a defense for a failure to file.

Subd. 5. **Determination by commissioner.** The commissioner must determine which municipalities are qualified to receive police state aid based on compliance with the requirements of this section. The commissioner may take into account any other relevant information that comes to the attention of the commissioner when making the determination.

History: *1Sp2019 c 6 art 20 s 2; 2023 c 64 art 17 s 21*

477C.03 CALCULATION OF POLICE STATE AID; APPEAL.

Subdivision 1. **Certification and calculation of police state aid.** (a) On or before October 1, the commissioner must calculate the amount of police state aid that each municipality is to receive.

(b) The commissioner must calculate an excess police state aid amount for each municipality under subdivision 3 and must reduce the apportionment amount for each municipality based on the calculation.

Subd. 2. **Apportionment of police state aid.** (a) The total amount available for apportionment as police state aid is equal to 104 percent of the amount of premium taxes paid to the state on the premiums reported to the commissioner by companies or insurance companies on the Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report, except that credits claimed under section 297I.20, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, and 6, do not affect the calculation of the total amount of police state aid available for apportionment. The total amount for apportionment for the police state aid program must not be less than two percent of the amount of premiums reported to the commissioner by companies or insurance companies on the Minnesota Aid to Police Premium Report.

(b) The commissioner must calculate the percentage of increase or decrease reflected in the apportionment over or under the previous year's available state aid using the same premiums as a basis for comparison.

(c) In addition to the amount for apportionment of police state aid under paragraph (a), each year $100,000 must be apportioned for police state aid. An amount sufficient to pay this increase is annually appropriated from the general fund.

(d) The commissioner must apportion police state aid to all municipalities in proportion to the relationship that the total number of peace officers employed by that municipality for the prior calendar year and the proportional or fractional number who were employed less than a calendar year as credited under section

477C.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), bears to the total number of peace officers employed by all municipalities subject to any reduction under subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. **Apportionment reduction; excess police state aid.** (a) The commissioner must reduce the apportionment of police state aid under this section for eligible municipalities by the amount of any excess police state aid calculated under this subdivision.

(b) The commissioner must calculate the amount of excess police state aid for each municipality as follows:

(1) for municipalities in which police retirement coverage is provided wholly by the public employees police and fire fund and all peace officers are members of the plan governed by sections 353.63 to 353.657, the excess police state aid amount equals the amount of police state aid apportioned under subdivision 2 that exceeds the employer's total prior calendar year obligation as defined in paragraph (c), as certified by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association;

(2) for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the excess police state aid amount equals the amount of apportioned police aid calculated under subdivision 2 that exceeds the commission's total prior calendar year obligation as defined in paragraph (c), as certified by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association; and

(3) for the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Safety, the excess police state aid amount equals the amount of apportioned police aid calculated under subdivision 2 that exceeds the employer's total prior calendar year obligation under section 352B.02, subdivision 1c, for plan members who are peace officers, as certified by the executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System.

(c) The municipality's total prior calendar year obligation with respect to the public employees police and fire plan under paragraph (b), clause (1), is the total prior calendar year obligation under section 353.65, subdivision 3, for police officers as defined in section 353.64, subdivisions 1, la, and 2, and the actual total prior calendar year obligation under section 353.65, subdivision 3, for firefighters, as defined in section 353.64, subdivisions 1, la, and 2, but not to exceed for those firefighters the applicable following employer calendar year amount:

Municipality	Maximum Amount
Albert Lea	$54,157.01
Anoka	10,399.31
Apple Valley	5,442.44
Austin	49,864.73
Bemidji	27,671.38
Brooklyn Center	6,605.92
Brooklyn Park	24,002.26
Burnsville	15,956.00
Cloquet	4,260.49
Coon Rapids	39,920.00

Cottage Grove	8,588.48
Crystal	5,855.00
East Grand Forks	51,009.88
Edina	32,251.00
Elk River	5,216.55
Ely	13,584.16
Eveleth	16,288.27
Fergus Falls	6,742.00
Fridley	33,420.64
Golden Valley	11,744.61
Hastings	16,561.00
Hopkins	4,324.23
International Falls	14,400.69
Lakeville	782.35
Lino Lakes	5,324.00
Little Falls	7,889.41
Maple Grove	6,707.54
Maplewood	8,476.69
Minnetonka	10,403.00
Montevideo	1,307.66
Moorhead	68,069.26
New Hope	6,739.72
North St. Paul	4,241.14
Northfield	770.63
Owatonna	37,292.67
Plymouth	6,754.71
Red Wing	3,504.01
Richfield	53,757.96
Rosemount	1,712.55

Roseville	9,854.51
St. Anthony	33,055.00
St. Louis Park	53,643.11
Thief River Falls	28,365.04
Virginia	31,164.46
Waseca	11,135.17
West St. Paul	15,707.20
White Bear Lake	6,521.04
Woodbury	3,613.00
any other municipality	0.00

(d) The total amount of excess police state aid must be deposited in the excess police state aid holding account in the general fund, and administered and distributed as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Excess police state aid holding account.** (a) The excess police state aid holding account is established in the general fund. The excess police state aid holding account is administered by the commissioner.

(b) Excess police state aid determined under subdivision 3 must be deposited annually in the excess police state aid holding account.

(c) From the balance in the excess police state aid holding account, $900,000 must be canceled annually to the general fund.

(d) On October 1 annually, one-half of the balance of the excess police state aid holding account remaining after the deduction under paragraph (c) is appropriated for additional amortization aid under section 423A.02, subdivision 1b.

(e) The remaining balance in the excess police state aid holding account, after the deductions under paragraphs (c) and (d), must be canceled annually to the general fund.

Subd. 5. **Appeal.** A municipality may object to the amount of police state aid apportioned to it by filing a written request with the commissioner to review and adjust the apportionment of funds to the municipality. The objection of a municipality must be filed with the commissioner within 60 days of the date the amount of apportioned police state aid is paid. The decision of the commissioner is subject to appeal, review, and adjustment by the district court in the county in which the applicable municipality is located or by the Ramsey County District Court with respect to the Departments of Natural Resources or Public Safety.

History: *1Sp2019 c 6 art 20 s 3; 2023 c 25 s 184; 2023 c 64 art 17 s 22,23*

477C.04 APPROPRIATION, PAYMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION.

Subdivision 1. **Payments.** (a) The commissioner must make payments to the municipality equal to the amount of police state aid apportioned to the applicable state aid recipient under section 477C.03.

(b) Police state aid is payable on October 1 annually. The amount of state aid due and not paid by October 1 accrues interest payable to the recipient at the rate of one percent for each month or part of a month that the amount remains unpaid after October 1.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** (a) The amount necessary to make the payments under this section and section 477C.03 is annually appropriated to the commissioner from the general fund.

(b) The police state aid apportioned to the Departments of Public Safety and Natural Resources under section 477C.03 is allocated to the commissioner of management and budget for transfer to the funds and accounts from which the salaries of peace officers certified under section 477C.02, subdivision 2, are paid. On or before October l, the commissioner of revenue must certify to the commissioners of public safety, natural resources, and management and budget the amounts to be transferred from the appropriation for police state aid. The commissioners of public safety and natural resources must certify to the commissioner of management and budget the amounts to be credited to each of the funds and accounts from which the peace officers employed by their respective departments are paid.

Subd. 3. **Deposit of state aid.** (a) For a municipality in which police retirement coverage is provided by the public employees police and fire fund and all peace officers are members of the fund, including municipalities covered by section 353.665, the total state aid must be applied toward the municipality's employer contribution to the public employees police and fire fund under sections 353.65, subdivision 3, and 353.665, subdivisions 8 and 8a.

(b) The county treasurer, upon receipt of the police state aid for the county, must apply the total state aid toward the county's employer contribution to the public employees police and fire fund under section 353.65, subdivision 3.

(c) The designated Metropolitan Airports Commission official, upon receipt of the police state aid for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, must apply the total police state aid toward the commission's employer contribution for peace officers to the public employees police and fire plan under section 353.65, subdivision 3.

(d) The commissioners of public safety and natural resources must allocate the police state aid first for employer contributions funded from the general fund and then for employer contributions funded from other funds. For peace officers employed by the Departments of Natural Resources or Public Safety whose salaries are paid from the general fund, the amounts transferred from the appropriation for police state aid must be canceled to the general fund.

Subd. 4. **Aid amount corrections.** (a) An adjustment needed to correct a police state aid overpayment or underpayment due to a clerical error must be made to subsequent police state aid payments as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The authority to correct an aid payment under this subdivision is limited to three years after the payment was issued.

(b) If an overpayment equals more than ten percent of the most recently paid aid amount, the commissioner must reduce the aid a municipality is to receive by the amount overpaid over a period of no more than three years. If an overpayment equals or is less than ten percent of the most recently paid aid amount, the commissioner must reduce the next aid payment occurring in 30 days or more by the amount overpaid.

(c) In the event of an underpayment, the commissioner must distribute the amount of underpaid funds to the municipality over a period of no more than three years. An additional distribution to a municipality

must be paid from the general fund and must not diminish the payments made to other municipalities under this chapter.

History: *1Sp2019 c 6 art 20 s 4; 1Sp2019 c 8 art 8 s 2; 2023 c 64 art 17 s 24*