

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL'S DUTIES TO INCLUDE PURCHASING BASIC UNIFORMS FOR NEW TROOPERS AND PROVIDING BY RULE AN ALLOWANCE FOR PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF TROOPERS BASIC UNIFORMS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF \$250,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

53-8-104, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 234, Laws of Utah 1993

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-8-104** is amended to read:

53-8-104. Superintendent's duties.

The superintendent shall:

- (1) divide the state highways into sections for the purpose of patrolling and policing;
- (2) employ peace officers known as highway patrol troopers to patrol or police the highways within this state and to enforce the state statutes as required;
- (3) establish ranks, grades, and positions in the Highway Patrol and designate the authority and responsibility in each rank, grade, and position;
- (4) establish for the Highway Patrol standards and qualifications and fix prerequisites of training, education, and experience for each rank, grade, and position;
- (5) appoint personnel to each rank, grade, and position necessary for the efficient operation and administration of the Highway Patrol;
- (6) devise and administer examinations designed to test applicants for positions with the Highway Patrol;

(7) make rules governing the Highway Patrol as appear to the superintendent advisable;
(8) discharge, demote, or temporarily suspend any employee in the Highway Patrol for cause;

(9) prescribe the uniforms to be worn and the equipment to be used by employees of the Highway Patrol;

(10) charge against each employee of the Highway Patrol the value of any property of the state lost or destroyed through the carelessness of the employee;

(11) establish, with the approval of the Division of Finance, the terms and conditions under which expense allowance should be paid to any employee of the Highway Patrol while away from his station;

(12) station the Highway Patrol in localities as he finds advisable for the enforcement of the laws of this state; [and]

(13) conduct in conjunction with the State Board of Education in and through all state schools an educational campaign in highway safety and work in conjunction with civic organizations, churches, local units of government, and other organizations that may function in accomplishing the purposes of reducing highway accidents;

(14) provide the initial mandatory uniform items for each new trooper hired after July 1, 1998; and

(15) determine by rule a basic uniform allowance system which includes the manner in which troopers may receive maintenance services and vouchers for basic uniforms and administer any funds appropriated by the Legislature to the division for that purpose.

Section 2. Appropriation.

There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99, \$250,000 to the Utah Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety to fund allowances, as determined by rule under Section 53-8-104, for troopers to purchase basic uniforms consisting of winter shirts, summer shirts, and trousers, and to provide dry-cleaning services for troopers' uniforms in order to increase the troopers' professional appearance.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.