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1	PROHIBITION OF CITATION QUOTAS
2	2000 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: David Ure
5	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROHIBITING
6	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
7	FROM IMPOSING TRAFFIC CITATION QUOTAS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
8	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
9	AMENDS:
10	10-3-913, as last amended by Chapter 44, Laws of Utah 1990
11	10-3-918, as last amended by Chapter 33, Laws of Utah 1983
12	53-1-108, as enacted by Chapter 234, Laws of Utah 1993
13	53-8-104, as last amended by Chapters 236 and 396, Laws of Utah 1998
14	ENACTS:
15	10-1-204 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
16	17-4-3.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
17	17-22-2.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953
18	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
19	Section 1. Section 10-1-204 is enacted to read:
20	<u>10-1-204.</u> Traffic violation quotas prohibited.
21	A municipality may not by any means require its law enforcement agency or any law
22	enforcement officer to issue within any specified time period a specific number of citations,
23	complaints, or warning notices for violations of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations,
24	or violations of any local traffic ordinance, including any of the offenses described in Section
25	<u>41-6-17.</u>
26	Section 2. Section 10-3-913 is amended to read:
27	10-3-913. Authority of chief of police.

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28	(1) The chief of police has the same authority as the sheriff within the boundaries of the
29	municipality of appointment. The chief has authority to:
30	(a) suppress riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace;
31	(b) apprehend all persons violating state laws or city ordinances;
32	(c) diligently discharge his duties and enforce all ordinances of the city to preserve the
33	peace, good order, and protection of the rights and property of all persons; and
34	(d) attend the municipal justice court located within the city when required, provide
35	security for the court, and obey its orders and directions.
36	(2) This section is not a limitation of a police chief's statewide authority as otherwise
37	provided by law.
38	(3) A police chief may not require any law enforcement officer to issue within any
39	specified time period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices for violations
40	of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any local traffic ordinance,
41	including any of the offenses described in Section 41-6-17.
42	Section 3. Section 10-3-918 is amended to read:
43	10-3-918. Chief of police or marshal in third class cities and towns Authority,
44	duties.
45	(1) In cities of the third class and towns, the chief of police or marshal shall exercise and
46	perform such duties as may be prescribed by the governing body. The chief of police or marshal
47	shall be under the direction, control, and supervision of the mayor. The chief of police or marshal
48	may with the consent of the mayor, appoint assistants to the chief of police or marshal.
49	(2) The chief of police or marshal may not require any law enforcement officer to issue
50	within any specified time period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices for
51	violations of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any local traffic
52	ordinance, including any of the offenses described in Section 41-6-17.
53	Section 4. Section 17-4-3.5 is enacted to read:
54	<u>17-4-3.5.</u> Traffic violation quotas prohibited.
55	A county may not require its law enforcement agency or any law enforcement officer to
56	issue within any specified time period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning
57	notices for violations of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any

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59	Section 5. Section 17-22-2.5 is enacted to read:
60	<u>17-22-2.5.</u> Traffic violation quotas prohibited.
61	A sheriff may not require any law enforcement officer to issue within any specified time
62	period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices for violations of Title 41,
63	Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any local traffic ordinance, including
64	any of the offenses described in Section 41-6-17.
65	Section 6. Section 53-1-108 is amended to read:
66	53-1-108. Commissioner's powers and duties.
67	(1) In addition to the responsibilities contained in this title, the commissioner shall:
68	(a) administer and enforce this title and Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility of
69	Motor Vehicle Owners and Operators Act;
70	(b) appoint deputies, inspectors, examiners, clerical workers, and other employees as
71	required to properly discharge the duties of the department;
72	(c) make rules:
73	(i) governing emergency use of signal lights on private vehicles;
74	(ii) allowing privately owned vehicles to be designated for part-time emergency use, as
75	provided in Section 41-6-1.5; and
76	(iii) specifying approved maximum altered heights for vehicles, as required by Section
77	41-6-148.31;
78	(d) set standards for safety belt systems, as required by Section 41-6-182;
79	(e) serve as the chairman of the Disaster Emergency Advisory Council, as required by
80	Section 63-5-4; and
81	(f) designate vehicles as "authorized emergency vehicles," as required by Section 41-6-1.
82	(2) The commissioner may:
83	(a) subject to the approval of the governor, establish division headquarters at various
84	places in the state;
85	(b) issue to a special agent a certificate of authority to act as a peace officer and revoke that
86	authority for cause, as authorized in Section 56-1-21.5;
87	(c) create specialized units within the commissioner's office for conducting internal affairs
88	and aircraft operations as necessary to protect the public safety;
89	(d) cooperate with any recognized agency in the education of the public in safety and crime

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- 90 prevention and participate in public or private partnerships, subject to Subsection (3);
- 91 (e) cooperate in applying for and distributing highway safety program funds; and
- 92 (f) receive and distribute federal funding to further the objectives of highway safety in93 compliance with the Federal Assistance Management Program Act.
- 94 (3) (a) Money may not be expended under Subsection (2)(d) for public safety education
 95 unless it is specifically appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.
- 96 (b) Any recognized agency receiving state money for public safety shall file with the97 auditor of the state an itemized statement of all its receipts and expenditures.
- 98 (4) The commissioner may not require any law enforcement officer to issue within any
- 99 specified time period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices for violations
- 100 of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any local traffic ordinance,
- 101 including any of the offenses described in Section 41-6-17.
- 102 Section 7. Section **53-8-104** is amended to read:
- 103 **53-8-104.** Superintendent's duties.
- 104 (1) The superintendent shall:
- 105 [(1)] (a) divide the state highways into sections for the purpose of patrolling and policing;
- 106 [(2)] (b) employ peace officers known as highway patrol troopers to patrol or police the
- 107 highways within this state and to enforce the state statutes as required;
- 108 [(3)] (c) establish ranks, grades, and positions in the Highway Patrol and designate the
 109 authority and responsibility in each rank, grade, and position;
- [(4)] (d) establish for the Highway Patrol standards and qualifications and fix prerequisites
 of training, education, and experience for each rank, grade, and position;
- [(5)] (e) appoint personnel to each rank, grade, and position necessary for the efficient
 operation and administration of the Highway Patrol;
- 114 [(6)] (f) devise and administer examinations designed to test applicants for positions with
 115 the Highway Patrol;
- 116 [(7)] (g) make rules governing the Highway Patrol as appear to the superintendent 117 advisable;
- 118 [(8)] (h) discharge, demote, or temporarily suspend any employee in the Highway Patrol
 119 for cause;
- 120 [(9)] (i) prescribe the uniforms to be worn and the equipment to be used by employees of

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121	the Highway Patrol;
122	[(10)] (j) charge against each employee of the Highway Patrol the value of any property
123	of the state lost or destroyed through the carelessness of the employee;
124	[(11)] (k) establish, with the approval of the Division of Finance, the terms and conditions
125	under which expense allowance should be paid to any employee of the Highway Patrol while away
126	from his station;
127	[(12)] (1) station the Highway Patrol in localities as he finds advisable for the enforcement
128	of the laws of this state;
129	[(13)] (m) conduct in conjunction with the State Board of Education in and through all
130	state schools an educational campaign in highway safety and work in conjunction with civic
131	organizations, churches, local units of government, and other organizations that may function in
132	accomplishing the purposes of reducing highway accidents;
133	[(14)] (n) provide the initial mandatory uniform items for each new trooper hired after July
134	1, 1998; and
135	[(15)] (o) determine by rule a basic uniform allowance system which includes the manner
136	in which troopers may receive maintenance services and vouchers for basic uniforms and
137	administer any funds appropriated by the Legislature to the division for that purpose.
138	(2) The superintendent may not require any law enforcement officer to issue within any
139	specified time period a specific number of citations, complaints, or warning notices for violations
140	of Title 41, Chapter 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, or violations of any local traffic ordinance,
141	including any of the offenses described in Section 41-6-17.

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