

PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

TITLE II. EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

CHAPTER 6. THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, CERTAIN OFFICERS UNDER THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, AND STATE LIBRARY

MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COMMITTEE

Chapter 6: Section 121. Commonwealth service corps; purposes; director and associate directors; employees; emblem; duties; corpsmen

[Text of section effective until November 27, 2007. Repealed by 2007, 192, Sec. 1.]

Section 121. There is hereby created a commonwealth service corps to be composed of a limited number of carefully selected men and women of all ages to be made available for a limited time in projects directed toward meeting the critical human needs of residents of the commonwealth, including the health and education needs of residents of depressed and slum areas, the training and education needs of youth particularly of school dropouts, and the care and rehabilitation needs of the persons in charge of correctional agencies, of the elderly, the disabled, the mentally ill and the mentally retarded.

The commission shall appoint a director of the service corps and not more than seven associate directors, who shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one nor to section nine A of chapter thirty. The positions of director and associate directors shall be classified in accordance with section forty-five of chapter thirty and the salaries shall be determined in accordance with section forty-six C of said chapter thirty. The director, with the approval of the commission, may appoint such other employees, including experts and consultants, as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of section one hundred and twenty-one, none of whom shall be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one or of section nine A of chapter thirty; provided, however, that they and such directors may be eligible to participate in all group insurance programs under chapter thirty-two A.

The commission may adopt, and alter, an emblem to be used by the commonwealth service corps. The commission shall take steps to induce people to volunteer for public service in their own communities, and to provide increased opportunities for such service; shall promote an awareness of the want and deprivation that persists even in prosperous times; shall aid local communities, when so requested by the governing bodies thereof and public or private agencies, to initiate or implement worthwhile public-service programs by providing voluntary personnel when feasible in the judgment of the commission, and inspire residents of the commonwealth to choose and prepare themselves for careers of public service. To the extent possible each project shall provide

for supervision by, and contribution of services from, the cooperating local agencies. No such project shall be undertaken if such project will displace regular workers or duplicate or replace an existing service in the same locality.

Such corps shall consist of not more than seven hundred and fifty persons prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and thereafter shall consist of such number as may be required for the needs of the communities. There shall be the following categories of corpsmen: (1) full-time corpsmen, consisting of volunteers, sixteen years of age or older, enrolled for one year's service, who shall devote full-time to their duties and shall receive such compensation not exceeding eighty dollars monthly, as the commission may determine; (2) part-time corpsmen, consisting of volunteers enrolled for one year's service, who shall serve not less than twelve hours a week and who shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for their expenses; (3) student corpsmen, consisting of volunteers fourteen years of age or older who are attending school and are willing and able to serve no less than six hours a week, who shall be paid an allowance, not to exceed seventy-five cents for each hour of service, to cover cost of transportation, lunches and similar expenses; and (4) job service corpsmen, to be recruited from school dropouts and the unemployed from ages sixteen through age twenty-one, who shall receive education and training to fit them for regular employment, and who shall be enrolled for one-year terms and shall receive such stipend not exceeding eighty dollars monthly as the commission may determine, and may be quartered in facilities provided by the commission or made available by any other state or local agency.

The service of any corpsman may be terminated or renewed at any time at the pleasure of the director. All corpsmen may, subject to the rules and regulations of the group insurance commission, participate in the group insurance programs provided under chapter thirty-two A and shall receive an allowance equal to the cost of such participation, in addition to any other compensation, allowance or stipend provided in this section.

The commission shall prescribe rules and regulations governing the activities of the corpsmen, which shall not be subject to chapter thirty A.

No corpsman shall be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one or of section nine A of chapter thirty. No corpsman shall be deemed to be an employee of the commonwealth entitled to the benefit of chapter 152, nor shall he be deemed to be an employee of the commonwealth for any other purpose, except as otherwise provided in this section.