

House Bill No. 121

An act relating to the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary; amending s. 321.24, F.S.; incorporating a definition of “auxiliary law enforcement officer”; conforming text; authorizing the director of the Florida Highway Patrol to issue certain items to a retiring auxiliary officer; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 321.24, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

321.24 Members of an auxiliary to Florida Highway Patrol.—

(1) The director of the Florida Highway Patrol is hereby authorized to establish an auxiliary to the Florida Highway Patrol to be composed of such persons who may volunteer to serve as members of an auxiliary to the Florida Highway Patrol ~~as defined in s. 943.10(8). Such service to be without compensation to the individual so volunteering.~~

(6) The director of the Florida Highway Patrol may present to an officer who retires from the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary after a minimum of 20 years of service one complete uniform, including the badge worn by that officer; the officer’s service handgun, if one was issued as part of the officer’s equipment; and an identification card clearly marked “RETIRED.”

Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 943.10, Florida Statutes, reads:

943.10 Definitions; ss. 943.085-943.255.—The following words and phrases as used in ss. 943.085-943.255 are defined as follows:

(8) “Auxiliary law enforcement officer” means any person employed or appointed, with or without compensation, who aids or assists a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer and who, while under the direct supervision of a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer, has the authority to arrest and perform law enforcement functions.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 2007.

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