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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2270

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2270 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 2-115 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/2-115) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-115)

7 Sec. 2-115. Investigators.

8 (a) The Secretary of State, for the purpose of more
9 effectively carrying out the provisions of the laws in
10 relation to motor vehicles, shall have power to appoint such
11 number of investigators as he may deem necessary. It shall be
12 the duty of such investigators to investigate and enforce
13 violations of the provisions of this Act administered by the
14 Secretary of State and provisions of Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14,
15 and 15 and to investigate and report any violation by any
16 person who operates as a motor carrier of property as defined

1 in Section 18-100 of this Act and does not hold a valid
2 certificate or permit. Such investigators shall have and may
3 exercise throughout the State all of the powers of peace
4 officers.

5 No person may be retained in service as an investigator
6 under this Section after he or she has reached 65 ~~60~~ years of
7 age, ~~except for a person employed in the title of Capitol~~
8 ~~Police Investigator, in which case, that person may not be~~
9 ~~retained in service after that person has reached 65 years of~~
10 ~~age.~~

11 The Secretary of State must authorize to each investigator
12 employed under this Section and to any other employee of the
13 Office of the Secretary of State exercising the powers of a
14 peace officer a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly
15 states that the badge is authorized by the Office of the
16 Secretary of State and (ii) contains a unique identifying
17 number. No other badge shall be authorized by the Office of the
18 Secretary of State.

19 (b) The Secretary may expend such sums as he deems
20 necessary from Contractual Services appropriations for the
21 Department of Police for the purchase of evidence, for the
22 employment of persons to obtain evidence, and for the payment
23 for any goods or services related to obtaining evidence. Such
24 sums shall be advanced to investigators authorized by the
25 Secretary to expend funds, on vouchers signed by the
26 Secretary. In addition, the Secretary of State is authorized

1 to maintain one or more commercial checking accounts with any
2 State banking corporation or corporations organized under or
3 subject to the Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and
4 withdrawal of moneys to be used solely for the purchase of
5 evidence and for the employment of persons to obtain evidence,
6 or for the payment for any goods or services related to
7 obtaining evidence; provided that no check may be written on
8 nor any withdrawal made from any such account except on the
9 written signatures of 2 persons designated by the Secretary to
10 write such checks and make such withdrawals, and provided
11 further that the balance of moneys on deposit in any such
12 account shall not exceed \$5,000 at any time, nor shall any one
13 check written on or single withdrawal made from any such
14 account exceed \$5,000.

15 All fines or moneys collected or received by the
16 Department of Police under any State or federal forfeiture
17 statute; including, but not limited to moneys forfeited under
18 Section 12 of the Cannabis Control Act, moneys forfeited under
19 Section 85 of the Methamphetamine Control and Community
20 Protection Act, and moneys distributed under Section 413 of
21 the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, shall be deposited
22 into the Secretary of State Evidence Fund.

23 In all convictions for offenses in violation of this Act,
24 the Court may order restitution to the Secretary of any or all
25 sums expended for the purchase of evidence, for the employment
26 of persons to obtain evidence, and for the payment for any

1 goods or services related to obtaining evidence. All such
2 restitution received by the Secretary shall be deposited into
3 the Secretary of State Evidence Fund. Moneys deposited into
4 the fund shall, subject to appropriation, be used by the
5 Secretary of State for the purposes provided for under the
6 provisions of this Section.

7 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-610, eff. 1-1-20.)".