

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. State Police History. On June 24, 1921, the 52nd  
5 General Assembly of the State of Illinois authorized the  
6 Department of Public Works and Buildings to hire a sufficient  
7 number of State Highway Patrol Officers to enforce the  
8 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Laws. The Illinois State Police  
9 began service to the State with the appointment of its first  
10 director, John J. Stack, and the first 8 highway patrol  
11 officers on April 1, 1922. Since its inception, the Illinois  
12 State Police has fostered and served with a reputation for  
13 integrity, service, and pride, which continues today.

14 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by  
15 adding Section 147 as follows:

16 (5 ILCS 490/147 new)

17 Sec. 147. Illinois State Trooper Day. April 1st of each  
18 year is designated as Illinois State Trooper Day, a day to  
19 honor the dedicated men and women of the Illinois State Police.  
20 Illinois State Trooper Day shall be observed throughout the  
21 State by the citizens of Illinois with civic remembrances of  
22 the sacrifices made on their behalf by Illinois' finest, the

1 Illinois State Troopers, especially the ultimate sacrifice  
2 given by those State Police Officers who lost their lives in  
3 the line of duty.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.