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Abstract: Provides for the authority of the DOTD Police Force within the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force to enforce provisions of <u>present law</u> and to have the same authority of other law enforcement officers of this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> renames the Weights and Standards Stationary Scales Police Force as the DOTD Police Force but otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for protection of the interests of the Dept. of Transportation and Development and the state's critical infrastructure by duly commissioned enforcement officers of the DOTD Police Force, who may carry weapons while in the performance of their duties, and take such action as is authorized by law to protect interests relating to the department's and the state's critical infrastructure, and have the same authority and powers conferred upon other law enforcement officers of this state.

Proposed law requires all DOTD Police Force officers to be P.O.S.T. certified.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes DOTD Police Force officers to perform any law enforcement duties as requested by regular law enforcement and any other duties imposed upon them by the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 32:2(C); Adds R.S. 32:2.1)