

generally described as rackets, including information as to the names and doings of persons who engage in, promote, operate or participate in such activities and of persons arrested for the illegal use, possession of harmful drugs or narcotics.

(b) Said section shall maintain files of all such information which it collects and receives, and shall serve as a clearinghouse of intelligence for all law enforcement agencies within the commonwealth concerning such activities and such persons, and may provide to and receive from similar agencies outside the commonwealth any such information. The police department of the commonwealth, or any of its political subdivisions, may, by request, in the form and manner prescribed by said section, receive such information as is in the files of said section concerning such activities and such persons in which said police department has an official interest. Such clearinghouse functions of said section shall constitute a cooperative relationship between said section and other police departments; and if in the discretion of the head of said section responding to such request for information might interfere with an investigation being carried on by some other department or by said section, he may, with the approval of the colonel, deny the request. Systems operated by the criminal history systems board, pursuant to sections one hundred and sixty-seven to one hundred and seventy-eight, inclusive, of chapter six, may be used for such record keeping purposes provided that such record shall remain subject to the regulations of said board.

(c) Said section shall from time to time advise the local police departments of new schemes or rackets which may come to its attention, of new devices, techniques, methods of operation, and other matters of interest relating to such activities and such persons, so that the police of the commonwealth and its political subdivision shall be better informed and thus better able to enforce the laws with respect to such activities and such persons.

(d) The clerk of any court in which a person is convicted of a crime involving gaming of any kind, drug and narcotic violations, the sale or possession of pornographic literature or the improper solicitation or use of funds for charitable purposes, shall forthwith report such conviction to said section. The probation officer of said court shall furnish to the clerk a description of any person so convicted, which shall be on a form prescribed by the colonel.

History—

1991, 412, § 22.

§ 39. Certificate of Chain of Custody. A certificate by a chain of custody made by him of a mixture, signed and sworn to by the composition of the mixture containing

History—
1991, 412, § 22.

§ 40. Duties and Powers of the Narcotics Information Section.

The narcotics unit charged with the following duties: to investigate all violations of the narcotic laws of the attorney general and to advise the unit in practices and procedures of drug laws pursuant

History—
1991, 412, § 22; 1991, 412, § 22.

Editorial Note—
The 1996 amendments

§ 41. Certificate of Presence of Person or Substance.

A certificate by a person or in any material in any department, or in any other place, in facie evidence of the presence of a person or in such manner

History—
1991, 412, § 22.