

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

S 0576 General Bill, By McConnell, Malloy, Scott, Knotts and Ford

Summary: Capitol Police Force

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4 TO TITLE 2, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE, AND THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES AT THE STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL GROUNDS AND THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT, INCLUDING ALL CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES WHOSE DUTIES INVOLVE THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL GROUNDS AND THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT, BUT EXCLUDING THOSE AREAS OF THE STATE HOUSE THAT ARE RESERVED FOR THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBER AND THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF, BE DEVOLVED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE CARE AND CHARGE OVER THOSE AREAS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-3-100, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT SHALL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT AND THE CALHOUN BUILDING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER, AND THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL SERVE AS A NON-VOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE COMMITTEE; TO PERMIT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE TO EMPLOY SUCH DEPUTY OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AS NECESSARY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND ALL THEIR DEPUTIES SHALL HAVE THE SAME POLICE POWERS AS SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE MAY ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THEIR DEPUTIES MUST DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DUTIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR UNDERGO TRAINING REQUIRED OF OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE POLICE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-30 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE SHALL PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR ALL USES OF THE STATE HOUSE LOBBIES, STATE HOUSE STEPS AND GROUNDS, AND ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARKING LOTS ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS AND AT THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING SHALL BE POLICED BY THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE; TO DELETE SECTION 10-11-90, RELATING TO NIGHT WATCHMEN AND POLICEMEN EMPLOYED BY THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, TO AMEND SECTIONS 10-11-90 AND 10-11-100, RELATING TO NIGHT WATCHMEN; TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-110, RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE HAS THE RIGHT TO ISSUE PARKING TICKETS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-130, REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA RECORDER AND VESTING JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT; TO DELETE SECTION 10-11-150, RELATING TO THE STATE HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-310, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF CAPITOL GROUNDS; TO INCLUDE THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT; AND TO ADD SECTION 14-3-135 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY CREATING THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT AND TO DEFINE HIS DUTIES.

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