

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to marshals of the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 21.495 and 21.496, to read as follows:

21.495. 1. The speaker of the house of representatives may appoint house marshals to aid the sergeant-at-arms in overseeing the physical security of the areas within the capitol under the control of the house of representatives, serving house-generated papers and orders, and assisting members of the house of representatives as the speaker determines appropriate. Such marshals shall serve at the pleasure of the speaker of the house of representatives. Any marshals authorized by this section are in addition to capitol police officers or any other law enforcement personnel that may otherwise be provided by law.

2. Subject to the rules of the house of representatives, house marshals may carry firearms when necessary for the proper discharge of their duties. Such marshals shall have all powers granted to law enforcement officers in this state to apprehend and arrest persons, and which are necessary to ensure the proper security and functioning of the house of representatives.

3. Any person appointed as a house marshal under this section shall have at least five years' prior experience as a law enforcement officer. Any such person shall possess and maintain a valid peace officer license for the duration of their employment. In addition to all other powers and duties provided by law to the sergeant-at-arms of the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 house, a house marshal or the sergeant-at-arms may serve process, wear a concealable
19 firearm, and make arrests based upon state law or house rules, as directed by the speaker
20 of the house of representatives.

21.496. 1. The president pro tempore of the senate may appoint senate marshals
2 to aid the sergeant-at-arms in overseeing the physical security of the areas within the
3 capitol under the control of the senate, serving senate-generated papers and orders, and
4 assisting members of the senate as the president pro tempore determines appropriate.
5 Such marshals shall serve at the pleasure of the president pro tempore of the senate. Any
6 marshals authorized by this section are in addition to capitol police officers or any other
7 law enforcement personnel that may otherwise be provided by law.

8 2. Subject to the rules of the senate, senate marshals may carry firearms when
9 necessary for the proper discharge of their duties. Such marshals shall have all powers
10 granted to law enforcement officers in this state to apprehend and arrest persons, and
11 which are necessary to ensure the proper security and functioning of the senate.

12 3. Any person appointed as a senate marshal under this section shall have at least
13 five years' prior experience as a law enforcement officer. Any such person shall possess
14 and maintain a valid peace officer license for the duration of their employment. In
15 addition to all other powers and duties provided by law to the sergeant-at-arms of the
16 senate, a senate marshal or the sergeant-at-arms may serve process, wear a concealable
17 firearm, and make arrests based upon state law or senate rules, as directed by the
18 president pro tempore of the senate.

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