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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BRUNS (Sponsor) AND DEEKEN (Co-sponsor).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 8.177, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Missouri capitol police officers' powers.

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

Section A. Section 8.177, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof,
2 to be known as section 8.177, to read as follows:

8.177. 1. The director of the department of public safety shall employ Missouri capitol
2 police officers for public safety at the seat of state government. Each Missouri capitol police
3 officer, upon appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath of office to support the constitution
4 and laws of the United States and the state of Missouri and shall receive a certificate of
5 appointment, a copy of which shall be filed with the secretary of state, granting such police
6 officers all the same powers of arrest held by other police officers to maintain order and preserve
7 the peace in all state-owned or leased buildings, and the grounds thereof, at the seat of
8 government and such buildings and grounds within the county which contains the seat of
9 government.

10 2. The director of the department of public safety shall appoint a sufficient number of
11 Missouri capitol police officers, with available appropriations, as appropriated specifically for
12 the purpose designated in this subsection, so that the capitol grounds may be patrolled at all
13 times, and that traffic and parking upon the capitol grounds and the grounds of other state
14 buildings owned or leased within the capital city and the county which contains the seat of
15 government may be properly controlled. Missouri capitol police officers may make arrests for
16 the violation of parking and traffic regulations promulgated by the office of administration.

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.

17 **3. Missouri capitol police officers may take action on criminal, terrorist, and**
18 **suspicious activities that occur in their presence. Missouri capitol police officers shall be**
19 **authorized to investigate and arrest a person anywhere in the state, when there is probable**
20 **cause to believe the person committed a crime within capitol police jurisdiction.**