

**CHAPTER 258—H.F.No. 1607**

*An act relating to the State Capitol; authorizing the State Patrol to provide security and protection to certain government officials; establishing a committee on capitol complex security; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299D.03, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299E.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299D.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Members, powers, and duties.** (a) The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ and designate a chief supervisor, a chief assistant supervisor, and such assistant supervisors, sergeants and officers as are provided by law, who shall comprise the Minnesota State Patrol.

(b) The members of the Minnesota State Patrol shall have the power and authority:

(1) as peace officers to enforce the provisions of the law relating to the protection of and use of trunk highways;

(2) at all times to direct all traffic on trunk highways in conformance with law, and in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or to insure safety, to direct traffic on other roads as conditions may require notwithstanding the provisions of law;

(3) to serve search warrants related to criminal motor vehicle and traffic violations and arrest warrants, and legal documents anywhere in the state;

(4) to serve orders of the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's duly authorized agents issued under the provisions of the Driver's License Law, the Safety Responsibility Act, or relating to authorized brake- and light-testing stations, anywhere in the state and to take possession of any license, permit, or certificate ordered to be surrendered;

(5) to inspect official brake and light adjusting stations;

(6) to make appearances anywhere within the state for the purpose of conducting traffic safety educational programs and school bus clinics;

(7) to exercise upon all trunk highways the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs and police officers;

(8) to cooperate, under instructions and rules of the commissioner of public safety, with all sheriffs and other police officers anywhere in the state, provided that said employees shall have no power or authority in connection with strikes or industrial disputes;

(9) to assist and aid any peace officer whose life or safety is in jeopardy;

(10) as peace officers to provide security and protection to the governor, governor elect, either or both houses of the legislature, and state buildings or property in the manner and to the extent determined to be necessary after consultation with the governor, or a designee. Pursuant to this clause, members of the State Patrol, acting as peace officers have the same powers with respect to the enforcement of laws relating to crimes, as sheriffs and police officers have within their respective jurisdictions;

(11) to inspect school buses anywhere in the state for the purposes of determining compliance with vehicle equipment, pollution control, and registration requirements;

(12) as peace officers to make arrests for public offenses committed in their presence anywhere within the state. Persons arrested for violations other than traffic violations shall be referred forthwith to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for further investigation or disposition; and

(13) to enforce the North American uniform out-of-service criteria and issue out-of-service orders, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 383.5.

(c) After consultation with the governor or a designee, the commissioner may require the State Patrol to provide security and protection to Supreme Court justices, legislators, and constitutional officers other than the governor, for a limited period and within the limits of existing resources, in response to a credible threat on the individual's life or safety.

(d) The state may contract for State Patrol members to render the services described in this section in excess of their regularly scheduled duty hours and patrol members rendering such services shall be compensated in such amounts, manner and under such conditions as the agreement provides.

~~(e)~~ (e) Employees thus employed and designated shall subscribe an oath.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

## Sec. 2. **[299E.04] ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAPITOL AREA SECURITY.**

Subdivision 1. **Membership and terms.** The advisory committee on Capitol Area Security shall consist of six members, appointed as follows:

(1) the lieutenant governor;

(2) two senators, including one member from the majority party, appointed by the senate majority leader, and one member from the minority party, appointed by the senate minority leader;

(3) two members of the house of representatives, including one member appointed by the speaker of the house and one member appointed by the minority leader; and

(4) the chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court or the designee of the chief justice.

A member may be removed by the appointing authority at any time at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly to assess current safety and security risks in the Capitol Area, as defined by section 15B.02, and discuss developments that might affect those risks in the future. The committee shall provide advice and recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding security priorities, strategies for addressing these priorities, and recommendations for funding to

implement the strategies. In performing its duties under this section, the committee shall consult with the commissioners of administration and public safety, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the sergeants-at-arms of the senate and house of representatives.

(b) The committee shall report to the governor, the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board and the Department of Public Safety, and chief justice of the Supreme Court by January 15 of each year. This report shall provide a general assessment of the status of security in the Capitol Area, describe improvements implemented, and recommend future improvements. As appropriate, the committee shall offer recommendations for capital or operating expenditures, statutory changes, or other changes in security-related policies or practices. The report shall include draft legislation to implement any recommended changes in law. Spending recommendations shall be made in a timely manner to ensure that they can be considered as part of the state's capital and operating budget processes.

Subd. 3. **Administrative provisions.** (a) The lieutenant governor shall serve as the chair of the committee. The committee may elect a vice-chair to convene and conduct meetings when the lieutenant governor is not available.

(b) Meetings of the committee shall be subject to chapter 13D.

(c) Administrative support for the committee shall be provided by the commissioners of administration and public safety and the sergeants-at-arms of the senate and house of representatives.

(d) The committee shall seek advice from at least one person with experience designating and implementing security for a public college or university campus, at least one person with experience designating and implementing security for courts, and at least one person with experience designating and implementing security for a private Minnesota company.

Subd. 4. **Data practices.** (a) The committee is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, chapter 13. The committee may request access to nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. A government entity receiving a request under this subdivision must provide nonpublic data requested by the committee if the government entity reasonably determines that the data requested are relevant to the committee's responsibilities under this section.

(b) Paragraph (a) must not be construed to give the committee access to data classified under section 13.87, subdivision 2, or data on persons who provide the notice described in section 609.66, subdivision 1g, paragraph (b), clause (2).

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security expires June 30, 2022.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

### Sec. 3. **ORGANIZATIONAL DEADLINES.**

The appointing authorities for the advisory committee on Capitol Area Security shall complete their initial appointments by July 30, 2012. The lieutenant governor shall convene the first meeting of the committee within 30 days after the initial appointments are completed.

Presented to the governor April 27, 2012

Signed by the governor May 1, 2012, 1:45 p.m.