THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2180 Session of 2001

INTRODUCED BY TULLI, RYAN, PERZEL AND DeWEESE, NOVEMBER 19, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 19, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53
2   (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3   Statutes, providing for legislative security officers.

4   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

5 hereby enacts as follows:

6   Section 1. Section 8902 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania

7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 8902. Arrest without warrant.

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10   (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "police

11 officer" includes an individual who is:

12   (1) employed by the House of Representatives as a

13   legislative security officer; and

14   (2) specifically designated by the Bipartisan Management

15   Committee to enforce the laws of this Commonwealth, including

16   making arrests as provided by law for violations of the laws

17   of this Commonwealth, on the premises and grounds of:

18   (i) the State Capitol Building;

1   (ii) a building where an office of a member or

2   employee of the House of Representatives is located; and

3   (iii) a building where an official function,

4   including a committee meeting or hearing, of the House of

5   Representatives is being conducted.

6   Section 2. Section 8951 of Title 42 is amended by adding a

7   definition to read:

8   § 8951. Definitions.

9   The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter

10   shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the

11   meanings given to them in this section:

12   * * *

13   "Police officer." Includes an individual who is:

14   (1) employed by the House of Representatives as a

15   legislative security officer; and

16   (2) specifically designated by the Bipartisan Management

17   Committee to enforce the laws of this Commonwealth, including

18   making arrests as provided by law for violations of the laws

19   of this Commonwealth, on the premises and grounds of:

20   (i) the State Capitol Building;

21   (ii) a building where an office of a member or

22   employee of the House of Representatives is located; and

23   (iii) a building where an official function,

24   including a committee meeting or hearing, of the House of

25   Representatives is being conducted.

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27   Section 3. The definition of "police officer" in section

28   2162 of Title 53 is amended to read:

29   § 2162. Definitions.

30   The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter

1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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4   "Police officer." Any full-time or part-time employee of a

5 city, borough, town, township, railroad or street railway

6 police, campus police or university police or county police

7 department assigned to criminal or traffic law enforcement

8 duties[;] and any deputy sheriff of a county of the second

9 class[; and, for]. The following apply:

10   (1) For the purpose of training only, [security

11   officers] the term includes all of the following:

12   (i) A security officer of a first class city housing

13   authority.

14   (ii) An individual who is:

15   (A) employed by the House of Representatives as

16   a legislative security officer; and

17   (B) specifically designated by the Bipartisan

18   Management Committee to enforce the laws of this

19   Commonwealth, including making arrests as provided by

20   law for violations of the laws of this Commonwealth,

21   on the premises and grounds of:

22   (I) the State Capitol Building;

23   (II) a building where an office of a member

24   or employee of the House of Representatives is

25   located; and

26   (III) a building where an official function,

27   including a committee meeting or hearing, of the

28   House of Representatives is being conducted.

29   (2) The term excludes persons employed to check parking

30   meters or to perform only administrative duties and auxiliary

1   and fire police.

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3   Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.