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2 Introduced by Representative Kitzmiller of Montpelier

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Legislature; public buildings; State House; Sergeant at Arms;

6 Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House; State Curator

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to:

8 (1) amend the duties of the Sergeant at Arms as they pertain to the

9 historical preservation and curatorial aspects of the State House;

10 (2) amend the membership of the Legislative Advisory Committee on the

11 State House and the frequency of its meetings; and

12 (3) statutorily create the position of State Curator and define his or her

13 duties.

14 An act relating to the historic preservation of and curatorial requirements
15 for the Vermont State House and historic state buildings

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 62(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The ~~sergeant at arms~~ Sergeant at Arms shall:

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1 § 653. FUNCTIONS

2 (a) The ~~legislative advisory committee on the state house~~ Legislative
3 Advisory Committee on the State House shall be consulted on all activities
4 relating to the acquisition and care of paintings and historic artifacts and
5 furnishings, and the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and expansion of
6 the building and its interior.

7 (b) The ~~sergeant-at-arms~~ Sergeant at Arms and the ~~commissioner of~~
8 ~~buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of Buildings and General
9 Services, in discharging responsibilities under subdivision 62(a)~~(7)~~(6) of this
10 title and 29 V.S.A. § 154(a), respectively, shall consider the recommendations
11 of the ~~advisory committee~~ Advisory Committee. The ~~advisory committee~~
12 Advisory Committee's recommendations shall be advisory only.

13 Sec. 3. 29 V.S.A. § 154 is amended to read:

14 § 154. PRESERVATION OF STATE HOUSE AND HISTORIC STATE
15 BUILDINGS

16 (a) The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of
17 Buildings and General Services shall give special consideration to the ~~state~~
18 ~~house~~ State House as a building of first historical importance and significance.
19 He or she shall preserve the ~~state house~~ State House structure and its unique
20 interior and exterior architectural form and design, with particular attention to
21 the detail of form and design, in addition to keeping the buildings, its

1 furnishings, facilities, appurtenances, appendages, and grounds surrounding
2 and attached to it in the best possible physical and functional condition. ~~No~~ A
3 change, alteration, addition, or removal in form, materials, design, architectural
4 detail, furnishing, fixed in place or otherwise, interior or exterior, of the ~~state~~
5 ~~house~~, State House may not be made without legislative mandate. Emergency
6 and immediately necessary repairs may, however, be made without legislative
7 mandate upon prior approval of the ~~governor~~ Governor.

8 (b) The ~~commissioner of buildings and general services~~ Commissioner of
9 Buildings and General Services, as time and funds permit, shall prepare such
10 records as will permit the reproduction of state-owned historic buildings,
11 should any of them be destroyed.

12 Sec. 4. 29 V.S.A. § 155 is added to read:

13 § 155. STATE CURATOR

14 The position of State Curator is created. On behalf of the Commissioner of
15 Buildings and General Services, the State Curator shall be responsible for the
16 curatorial aspects of the Commissioner's duties as set forth in section 154 of
17 this chapter and the curatorial aspects of the duties of the Commissioner as set
18 forth in chapter 2 of this title. The duties of the State Curator shall include
19 oversight of the general preservation of the State House; management and care
20 of its collections of art and historic furnishings; interpretation of the State
21 House to the visiting public through exhibits, publications, and tours;

1 monitoring the preservation of other state-owned historic structures; and
2 management, care, and interpretation of the state art collection.

3 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.