

1 H.701

2 Introduced by Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Taylor of Barre

3 City

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Legislature; public buildings; state house; state curator; sergeant at

7 arms

8 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the statutes relating to the

9 historic preservation of and curatorial requirements for the Vermont state

10 house, and to define the position of state curator as it relates to the state house.

11 An act relating to the historic preservation of and curatorial requirements  
12 for the Vermont state house

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

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

15 (a) The sergeant at arms shall:

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17 (6) Maintain in a good state of repair all furniture, draperies, rugs, desks,

18 paintings, and ~~office equipment~~ other furnishings kept in the state house. For

19 the maintenance of those furnishings which are designated historically

20 significant by the legislative committee on the state house, maintenance shall

1 be consistent with proper curatorial methods and in consultation with the state  
2 curator;

3 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. chapter 19 is amended to read:

4 CHAPTER 19. LEGISLATIVE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE ON THE  
5 STATE HOUSE

6 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ~~ADVISORY~~ COMMITTEE ON THE STATE  
7 HOUSE

8 (a) A legislative ~~advisory~~ committee on the state house is created.

9 (b) The committee shall be composed of ~~eleven~~ 11 members: three  
10 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker; three  
11 members of the senate appointed by the committee on committees; the chair of  
12 the board of trustees of the friends of the Vermont state house; the director of  
13 the Vermont historical society; the ~~director of the Vermont council on the arts~~  
14 state historic preservation officer; the state curator, on behalf of the  
15 commissioner of buildings and general services; and the ~~sergeant at arms~~  
16 sergeant at arms.

17 (c) The committee shall biennially elect a chair from among its legislative  
18 members. A quorum shall consist of six members.

19 (d) The committee shall meet at the state house on the first Monday of each  
20 third month ~~beginning in July, 1984,~~ within one week, upon presentation to the

1 chair of a written request of at least three members of the committee, or at the  
2 call of the chair.

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4 § 653. FUNCTIONS

5 (a) The legislative ~~advisory~~ committee on the state house shall be consulted  
6 on all activities relating to the acquisition and care of paintings and historic  
7 artifacts and furnishings, and the refurbishing, renovation, preservation, and  
8 expansion of the building and its interior.

9 (b) The ~~sergeant at arms~~ sergeant at arms and the commissioner of  
10 buildings and general services, in discharging responsibilities under ~~2 V.S.A.~~  
11 ~~§ 62(a)(7) and 29 V.S.A. § 154(a)~~ subdivision 62(a)(6) of this title and  
12 subsection 154(a) of Title 29, respectively, shall ~~consider the recommendations~~  
13 ~~of the advisory~~ implement the decisions of the committee. ~~The advisory~~  
14 ~~committee recommendations shall be advisory only.~~

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

16 § 154. PRESERVATION OF STATE HOUSE AND HISTORIC STATE  
17 BUILDINGS

18 (a) The commissioner of buildings and general services shall give special  
19 consideration to the state house as a building of first historical importance and  
20 significance. He or she shall preserve the state house structure and its unique  
21 interior and exterior architectural form and design, with particular attention to

1 the detail of form and design, in addition to keeping the buildings, its  
2 furnishings, facilities, appurtenances, appendages, and grounds surrounding  
3 and attached to it in the best possible physical and functional condition. No  
4 change, alteration, addition, or removal in form, materials, design, architectural  
5 detail, furnishing, fixed in place or otherwise, interior or exterior, of the state  
6 house, may be made without ~~legislative mandate~~ the approval of the legislative  
7 committee on the state house. Emergency and immediately necessary repairs  
8 may, however, be made without ~~legislative mandate~~ the approval of the  
9 legislative committee on the state house upon ~~prior~~ approval of the governor.

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11 (c) The position of state curator is created. The state curator shall be  
12 responsible for the duties set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, and  
13 shall also be responsible for the curatorial aspects of the duties of the  
14 commissioner of buildings and general services as set forth in chapter 2 of this  
15 title. Without limitation, the duties of the state curator shall include oversight  
16 of the general preservation of the state house; management and care of its  
17 collections of art and historic furnishings; interpretation of the state house to  
18 the visiting public through exhibits, publications, and tours; monitoring the  
19 preservation of other state-owned historic structures; and management, care,  
20 and interpretation of the state art collection.