

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1997

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE IRWIN.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to legislative security officers, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 21.158, to read as follows:

**21.158. The general assembly, the house, or the senate may employ legislative
2 security officers of the house or senate who may carry firearms when necessary for the
3 proper discharge of their duties. Such legislative security officers, who shall be licensed
4 peace officers under the peace officer standards and training program (POST), shall
5 have all powers granted to law enforcement officers in this state that are necessary to
6 ensure the proper security and functioning of the general assembly, including the power
7 to apprehend and arrest persons.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure safety within the capitol
2 building during the current legislative session and thereafter, section A of this act is deemed
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and
4 is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section
5 A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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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.