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**Statutory Provisions Relating to Capitol Complex Security and the MOU between the
Commissioner of BGS, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Court Administrator**

2 V.S.A. § 70: Capitol Police Department

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(c) Coordination of Capitol Complex security. The Capitol Police Department shall provide security within the State House and assist the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services in providing security and law enforcement services within the Capitol Complex, pursuant to the memorandum of understanding required by 29 V.S.A. § 171(f).

29 V.S.A. § 171. Responsibility for security

(a) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall be responsible for ensuring the security of all State facilities, regardless of funding source for construction or renovation, the lands upon which those facilities are located, and the occupants of those facilities and places, except that:

(1) in those State-owned or State-leased buildings that house a court plus one or more other functions, security for the space occupied by the court shall be under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and security elsewhere shall be under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services;

(2) in those buildings which function exclusively as courthouses, security shall be under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court;

(3) the space occupied by the Supreme Court shall be under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; and

(4) in the State House, security shall be under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant at Arms.

(b) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall develop a security plan for each facility, except for those under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and of the Sergeant at Arms, and shall regularly update these plans as necessary and be responsible for coordinating responses to all security needs. The Supreme Court and the Sergeant at Arms shall, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, prepare and update such plans for the facilities under their respective jurisdictions.

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(f) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Court Administrator shall execute a memorandum of understanding to coordinate the provision of security plans and law enforcement services within the Capitol Complex. The memorandum of understanding shall incorporate any existing agreements related to the provision of law enforcement services or security in the Capitol Complex. As used in this section, "Capitol Complex" has the same meaning as used in section 182 of this title.

29 V.S.A. § 172. Capitol Complex security

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall be responsible for all security operations pertaining to the lands and structures within the Capitol Complex, except the interior of the State House and the space occupied by the Supreme Court, which is provided for in section 171 of this title.

29 V.S.A. § 182 (Definitions; Capitol Complex Commission)

§ 182. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Capitol Complex" means all of the land and buildings in the City of Montpelier, excluding so much of State Street as lies within the boundaries thereof, enclosed within the following described bounds: commencing at the juncture of Taylor Street, so-called, and north line of the Winooski River, thence northerly along the westerly line of Taylor Street, crossing State Street and continuing northerly along the westerly line of the extension of Taylor Street, crossing Court Street at an angle to the westerly line of Greenwood Terrace, thence continuing northerly along the westerly line of Greenwood Terrace to a point on a line extension of the southerly line of Mather Terrace, thence westerly along the aforesaid line extension to Mather Terrace, thence westerly along the southerly line of Mather Terrace and Terrace Street to the intersection of Terrace Street and the easterly line of Bailey Avenue, thence southerly along the easterly line of Bailey Avenue crossing State Street and continuing along the easterly line of Bailey Avenue extension to the Winooski River, thence easterly along the northerly line of the Winooski River to the point of the beginning.

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