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H.577

Introduced by Representative Emmons of Springfield

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Internal security and public safety; accessibility standards for public  
buildings; Access Board

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to direct the  
Department of Public Safety to provide legal assistance to the Access Board  
for purposes of rulemaking.

An act relating to providing legal assistance to the Access Board

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

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2901 is amended to read:

§ 2901. ACCESS BOARD

(a) ~~An access board~~ The Access Board is created ~~consisting and shall~~  
consist of ten 10 members. The members of the ~~board~~ Board shall be the  
Commissioner of Public Safety or designee; the Chair of the House Committee  
on Corrections and Institutions or designee; the Chair of the Senate Committee  
on Institutions or designee; the Commissioner of Buildings and General  
Services or designee; the State Historic Preservation Officer or designee; and  
five members appointed by the Governor, including an independent architect, a

1 builder or contractor, and three individuals with disabilities representing  
2 organizations for persons with disabilities in this State, ~~appointed by the~~  
3 ~~Governor~~. The Governor shall also appoint one additional individual with a  
4 disability to act as an alternate for the three members with disabilities in the  
5 event one of those members is unable to attend a Board meeting. The alternate  
6 may attend all meetings and shall be paid a per diem for those meetings  
7 attended. The alternate shall vote only in the absence of an appointed member  
8 with a disability. Members and the alternate appointed by the Governor shall  
9 serve for a term of six years.

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11 (c) The Access Board may adopt, amend, and repeal rules under 3 V.S.A.  
12 chapter 25 to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

13 (d) For purposes of adopting, amending, and repealing rules pursuant to the  
14 provisions of this chapter, the Access Board shall have the legal assistance of  
15 the Department of Public Safety.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.