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SENATE BILL NO. 249

(By Mr. [Signature of President]
Mr. Lambert)

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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter five-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section two-b, and to amend and reenact section one, article four of said chapter, relating to appointment of security officers by the commissioner of finance and administration, the authority and powers of such officers, the removal of the authority of the director of the general services division to appoint guards, and some of the general duties and responsibilities of such director.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter five-a of the code of West Virginia,
one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section two-b; and that section one, article four of said chapter be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

Article 1. Department of Finance and Administration.

Section 2-b. Security Officers; Appointment; Oath;

2 Carrying Weapons; Powers and Duties Generally, etc.—

3 In addition to the other powers given and assigned to the commissioner in this chapter, he is hereby authorized to appoint bona fide residents of this state to act as security officers upon any premises owned or leased by the state of West Virginia and under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, subject to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter imposed. Before entering upon the performance of his duties as such security officer, each person so appointed shall qualify therefor in the same manner as is required of constables by the taking and filing of an oath of office as required by article one, chapter six of this code. No such person shall have authority to carry a gun or any other dangerous weapon until he shall have obtained a license therefor in the manner prescribed by
section two, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code.

It shall be the duty of any person so appointed and qualified to preserve law and order on any premises under the jurisdiction of the commissioner to which he may be assigned by the commissioner. For this purpose he shall as to offenses committed on such premises have and may exercise all the powers and authority and shall be subject to all the responsibilities of regularly elected constables of the county. The assignment of security officers to any premises under the jurisdiction of the commissioner shall not be deemed to supersede in any way the authority or duty of other peace officers to preserve law and order on such premises.

The commissioner may at his pleasure revoke the authority of any such officer by filing a notice to that effect in the office of the clerk of each county in which his oath of office was filed, and in the case of officers licensed to carry a gun or other dangerous weapons by notifying the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the license therefor was granted.
Section 1. Care, Control and Custody of Capitol Buildings and Grounds.—The director shall be charged with the full responsibility for the care, control and custody of the capitol buildings and in this connection he shall:

(1) Furnish janitors for the capitol buildings and grounds, together with all the departments therein, or connected therewith, regardless of the budget or budgets, departmental or otherwise, from which such janitors are paid, and shall furnish janitorial supplies, light, heat and ventilation for all the rooms and corridors of the buildings. Under the direction of the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, the director shall have charge of the halls and committee rooms of the two houses and any other quarters at the state capitol provided for the use of the Legislature or its staff, and keep the same properly cleaned, warmed and in good order, and shall do and perform such other duties in relation thereto as either house may require;

(2) Furnish messenger service to the various state departments. Department heads shall be consulted with
reference to the amount of messenger service required for their departments. Janitor-messengers, or messengers, shall receive from the director compensation for total services in the same manner as other employees are paid.

(3) Have immediate control and direction of the switchboard telephone service for the various departments of the state capitol. Changes in telephone instruments or equipment in the various departments of the state capitol shall be referred to the director, and payment for any such changes will not be honored unless such changes have been approved by the director. A simple accounting system shall be installed and maintained by the director for all telephone service to the state departments;

(4) Landscape and take care of the lawns and gardens;

(5) Direct the making of all minor repairs to and alterations of the capitol buildings and governor's mansion and the grounds of such buildings and mansion. Major repairs and alterations shall be made under the supervision of the director, subject to the direction of the board.

The offices of the assistants and employees appointed
to perform these duties shall be located where designated by the board, except that they shall not be located in any of the legislative chambers, offices, rooms or halls. Office hours shall be so arranged that emergency or telephone service shall be available at all times. The hours of employment shall be so arranged that janitorial service shall not interfere with other employment during regular office hours.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect Passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 18th day of March, 1965.

Governor