



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1891



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATION OF THE PERSONAL SCREENING SYSTEM IN THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AND AT THE STATE CAPITOL AND ALLOWING LEGISLATORS ACCESS TO THE CHAMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE USING THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Joint Committee on
2 Legislative Management shall not operate the personal screening
3 system that was instituted in the Legislative Office Building and at the
4 State Capitol in 2014 unless either: (1) The National Terrorism
5 Advisory System issues an elevated threat alert, or (2) the speaker of
6 the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate,
7 the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and
8 the majority and minority leaders of the Senate, after consultation with
9 the chief of the Office of State Capitol Police, authorize, by two-thirds
10 vote, the operation of said system on any given day and only for as
11 long as warranted.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Joint Committee on
13 Legislative Management, in consultation with the chief of the Office of

14 State Capitol Police, shall permit each member of the House of
15 Representatives to access the House chamber and each member of the
16 Senate to access the Senate chamber electronically at all times by using
17 the identification card issued to such member by the Office of State
18 Capitol Police, except during such times as the Office of State Capitol
19 Police restricts access to areas in the Legislative Office Building and the
20 State Capitol due to emergency circumstances.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit operation of the personal screening system that was instituted in the Legislative Office Building and at the State Capitol in 2014 unless certain requirements are met, and to allow legislators access to the chambers of the House of Representatives and the Senate with their identification cards.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]