

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1144

6 By: McCall

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8 An Act relating to state government; authorizing the  
9 commission of certain peace officers; providing for  
10 powers and duties; declaring jurisdiction of  
11 officers; providing for suspension or revocation of  
12 commission; declaring officers are not employees of  
13 the Department of Public Safety; providing for  
14 codification; and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 465 of Title 74, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety may  
20 commission as peace officers one member of the security team of the  
21 Oklahoma State Senate and one member of the security team of the  
22 Oklahoma House of Representatives, provided such commissioned  
23 officers must obtain and maintain certification as full-time peace  
24 officers pursuant to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
Statutes.

1 B. Any such commissioned officers are hereby declared to be  
2 peace officers of the State of Oklahoma and shall be so deemed and  
3 taken in all courts having jurisdiction of offenses against the laws  
4 of the state. Such commissioned officers shall have the powers and  
5 authority now and hereafter vested by law in other peace officers,  
6 including the power of arrest, enforcement of the criminal laws of  
7 this state, search and seizure, and the authority for serving or  
8 execution of civil process.

9 C. The jurisdiction of such commissioned officers shall include  
10 all powers of arrest granted to the sergeant at arms as set forth in  
11 Section 773 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, but the  
12 jurisdiction of such commissioned officers shall otherwise be  
13 limited to the Capitol building, grounds, and parking lots described  
14 in Sections 15.1 and 15.3 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 D. Any commission issued by the Commissioner pursuant to this  
16 section shall be subject to all requirements set forth by the  
17 Commissioner, and the Commissioner may limit the power and scope of  
18 the commission. Further, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the  
19 commission for any reason, and the commission shall be deemed  
20 terminated upon the commissioned officer's separation of service or  
21 reassignment to other position outside the security team of their  
22 respective bodies.

23 E. Such commissioned officers shall not be deemed to be  
24 officers, agents, or employees of the Department of Public Safety,

1 and no action or omission by such commissioned officers shall be  
2 deemed to be an action or omission of the Department of Public  
3 Safety.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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