

SUMMARY OF STATUTES RELATING TO THE CAPITOL POLICE

Subject	Citation	Authority
Oversight	2 V.S.A. § 70(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Creates the Capitol Police Department within the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. -Authorizes the Sergeant at Arms to appoint and remove capitol police officers. -Authorizes the Chief of Police to supervise the officer force under the direction of the Sergeant at Arms.
	2 V.S.A. § 64(c)	Authorizes training, uniforms and equipment for the capitol police, at State expense and with the approval of the Sergeant at Arms.
Employment Credentials	2 V.S.A. § 70(b)	Requires a capitol police officer to be a law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council pursuant to the provisions of 20 V.S.A. chapter 151.
Powers	2 V.S.A. § 70(b)	Provides capitol police officers with all the same powers and authority as sheriffs and other law enforcement officers anywhere in the State, which includes the authority to arrest persons and enforce the civil and criminal laws, keep the peace, provide security, and to serve civil and criminal process
Security	2 V.S.A. § 70(c)	Authorizes the Capitol Police Department to coordinate 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, as delineated in a MOU. In all other areas of the capitol complex, except the space occupied by the Supreme Court, the security, control of traffic, and coordination of law enforcement activity is under the direction of the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, with which the Capitol Police Department may assist.