

1 S.182

2 Senators White, Bray, Clarkson, Collamore and Pollina move that the bill  
3 be amended as recommended by the Committee on Government Operations  
4 and be further amended by striking out in its entirety Sec. 5 (sheriff emergency  
5 needs funding) and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 5 to read:

6 Sec. 5. COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY; COUNTY RESERVE

7 FUNDS; COUNTY SHERIFFS; FUNDING OF EMERGENCY

8 NEEDS

9 (a) Funding.

10 (1) To support the emergency needs of sheriffs due to the State's  
11 COVID-19 response, a county's operations reserve funds and capital reserve  
12 funds described in 24 V.S.A. § 133(e) may be allowed to be used for the  
13 emergency needs of the county sheriff subject to the approval of the assistant  
14 judges. "Emergency needs" means the needs to respond to COVID-19 and  
15 includes hiring deputies, dispatchers, and other personnel and purchasing  
16 equipment and supplies.

17 (2) The funding of these emergency needs under this subsection shall be  
18 in addition to the support of the sheriff's department set forth in 24 V.S.A.  
19 § 73.

1        (b) Reimbursement.

2            (1) Any sheriff who receives county reserve funds for emergency needs  
3        under subsection (a) of this section shall apply to the Federal Emergency  
4        Management Agency (FEMA) and any other applicable resources for COVID-  
5        19 relief known to the sheriff for any allowable reimbursement.

6            (2) Within 30 days of receiving any such allowable reimbursement, the  
7        sheriff shall provide those funds to the county in order to reimburse the county  
8        for the funds allocated to the sheriff under subsection (a) of this section. A  
9        sheriff shall only be responsible for reimbursing the county an amount equal to  
10       the allowable reimbursement the sheriff received under subdivision (1) of this  
11       subsection.

12           (c) Sunset. This section shall be repealed two weeks after the day the  
13        Governor terminates the state of emergency for the State of Vermont in  
14        response to COVID-19.