

SB 15 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/14/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Broadens authority of Superintendent of State Police to appoint Department of Corrections (DOC) employees who are certified corrections officers as special state police officers if necessary to assist DOC in transport functions and duties. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Discussion of types of transport functions
- SB 15 enforces current practice
- Discussion of need for appointment of DOC employees for transport functions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Superintendent of State Police is authorized to appoint employees of the Department of Corrections (DOC) as special state police officers if the superintendent determines it necessary or advisable to assist DOC in medical transport functions and duties. To be eligible for this appointment, DOC employees must be certified corrections officers. They are not entitled to additional compensation from the Department of State Police for this appointment. Senate Bill 15 expands the authority of the Superintendent to appoint DOC employees as special state police officers to assist in all DOC transport functions and duties.