

1 S.56

2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive; Agency of Public Safety

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to elevate the

7 Department of Public Safety to an agency.

8 An act relating to elevating the Department of Public Safety to an agency

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 212 is amended to read:

11 § 212. DEPARTMENTS CREATED

12 The following administrative departments are hereby created, through the
13 instrumentality of which the Governor, under the Constitution, shall exercise
14 such functions as are by law assigned to each Department respectively:

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16 (18) ~~The Department of Public Safety~~ [Repealed.]

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1 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. chapter 56 is added to read:

2 CHAPTER 56. PUBLIC SAFETY

3 § 3201. AGENCY AND SECRETARY CREATED

4 An Agency of Public Safety is created as a successor to and continuation of
5 the Department of Public Safety, and the Commissioner of Public Safety is
6 elevated to the Secretary of Public Safety and shall be a member of the
7 Governor's cabinet.

8 Sec. 3. SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY; PROPOSED PLAN FOR
9 REORGANIZATION

10 On or before January 1, 2016, the Secretary of Public Safety shall submit to
11 the Senate and House Committees on Government Operations a proposed plan
12 to reorganize the Agency of Public Safety. The plan shall articulate the goals,
13 objectives, functions, and structure proposed for the Agency.

14 Sec. 4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; STATUTORY REVISION

15 The Office of Legislative Council, in its statutory revision capacity under
16 2 V.S.A. § 424 and in accordance with Sec. 1 of this act, is directed to search
17 the Vermont Statutes Annotated and substitute the terms "Agency of Public
18 Safety" for "Department of Public Safety" and "Agency" for "Department," as
19 applicable, and substitute the terms "Secretary of Public Safety" for
20 "Commissioner of Public Safety" and "Secretary" for "Commissioner," as
21 applicable.

1 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.