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Bill Summary

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This bill amends the rules regulating the carrying of handguns in buildings in the Capitol Area by permit holders. Prior to carrying a handgun in buildings in the Capitol Area, a permit holder must provide written notice of their intent to carry their handgun in the Capitol Area to the Commissioner of Public Safety. A permit holder must re-new their notice to the Commissioner each time their permit to carry expires.

Provides a funding mechanism for Capitol Area security based on fees assessed to state agency tenants of Capitol Area buildings. Appropriates funds to improve Capitol Area security, specifically requiring an increase in the number of State Troopers to 12 and the number of non-licensed security officers to 67.