

(3) not be a Federal employee by reason of service as a special officer, except as provided under paragraph (4); and

(4) shall be an employee of the Government for purposes of chapter 171 of title 28 if that individual is acting within the scope of his office or employment in service as a special officer.

**(c) Qualifications**

Any individual appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to—

- (1) qualification requirements as the Chief of the Capitol Police determines necessary; and
- (2) approval by the Capitol Police Board.

**(d) Reimbursement agreements**

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Capitol Police from entering into an agreement for the reimbursement of services provided under this section with any Federal, State, or local agency.

**(e) Approval**

Any appointment under this section shall be subject to initial approval by the Capitol Police Board and to final approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives) and the President pro tempore of the Senate (in consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate), acting jointly.

**(f) Regulations**

Subject to approval by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (in consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives) and the President pro tempore of the Senate (in consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate), acting jointly, the Capitol Police Board may prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

**(g) Effective date**

This section shall take effect on February 20, 2003, and shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1017, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 365.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003, which is div. H of Pub. L. 108-7.

**§ 1975. Overseas travel**

**(a) Definition**

In this section, the term “United States” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

**(b) In general**

A member of the Capitol Police may travel outside of the United States if—

- (1) that travel is with, or in preparation for, travel of a Senator, including travel of a Senator as part of a congressional delegation;
- (2) the member of the Capitol Police is performing security advisory and liaison functions (including advance security liaison preparations) relating to the travel of that Senator; and
- (3) the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate gives prior approval to the travel of the member of the Capitol Police.

**(c) Law enforcement functions**

Subsection (b) shall not be construed to authorize the performance of law enforcement functions by a member of the Capitol Police in connection with the travel authorized under that subsection.

**(d) Reimbursement**

The Capitol Police shall be reimbursed for the overtime pay, travel, and related expenses of any member of the Capitol Police who travels under the authority of this section. Any reimbursement under this subsection shall be paid from the account under the heading “SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE” under the heading “CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE”.

**(e) Amounts received**

Any amounts received by the Capitol Police for reimbursements under subsection (d) shall be credited to the accounts established for the general expenses or salaries of the Capitol Police, and shall be available to carry out the purposes of such accounts during the fiscal year in which the amounts are received and the following fiscal year.

**(f) Effective date**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §12, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3171.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005, which is div. G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005.

**§ 1976. Acceptance of donations of animals**

**(a) In general**

The Capitol Police may accept the donation of animals to be used in the canine units of the Capitol Police.

**(b) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2005 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §1005, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3180.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005, which is div. G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005.

**§ 1977. Settlement and payment of tort claims**

**(a) Federal Tort Claims Act**

**(1) In general**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Chief of the Capitol Police, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Attorney General and any regulations as the Capitol Police Board may prescribe, may consider, ascertain, determine, compromise, adjust, and settle, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 171 of title 28, any claim for money damages against the United States for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of