Michigan State Capitol Commission

Security Policy for the Michigan State Capitol Building

In accordance with the Michigan State Capitol Commission’s authority under the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Act, 2013 PA 240, MCL 4.1941 to 4.1949, to operate and manage the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site, and in carrying out its authority to provide for the safety of visitors to the Capitol Building and for those who work within the Capitol Building, the Commission adopts the following policy:

1. As used in this policy:
   (a) “Capitol Building” means the Michigan State Capitol Building, including Heritage Hall, the maintenance garage, and all other indoor facilities and structures within the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site. “Capitol Building” does not include the grounds of the Michigan State Capitol Building bounded by Ottawa street on the north, Allegan street on the south, Capitol avenue on the east, and Walnut street on the west, as described in section 4(2) of the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Act, 2013 PA 240, MCL 4.1944.
   (c) “Explosives” means that term as it is defined in section 15 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949, PA 300, MCL 257.15.
   (d) “Firearm” means that term as it is defined in section 1(1)(c) of 1927 PA 372, MCL 28.421(1)(c).

2. Weapons are not permitted within the Capitol Building. Weapons include the following:
   (a) Firearms.
   (b) Explosives.
   (c) Other items identified by Capitol Security that pose a potential security threat and that are not reasonably necessary to be possessed within the Capitol Building.

3. The prohibition contained in paragraph 2 does not apply to any of the following:
   (a) Capitol Security.
   (b) Active-duty law enforcement officers licensed under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615, if the officer is in uniform or otherwise properly identified by Capitol Security.
   (c) Active duty agents from federal enforcement agencies, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as authorized by Capitol Security.
   (d) Private security personnel carrying out official business within the Capitol Building who receive pre-authorization from Capitol Security.
4. For the purpose of keeping weapons from entering the Capitol Building, all individuals and objects are subject to screening by Capitol Security upon entering the Capitol Building.

5. The Executive Director of the Commission shall arrange for the posting of a notice at all entrances to the Capitol Building that states: “No weapons are permitted within the Capitol Building. All individuals entering the Capitol Building are subject to the policies and procedures of the Michigan State Capitol Commission.”

6. This policy is effective 3 days after the Executive Director of the Commission provides written notice to the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Governor that the weapons detection system for the Capitol Building has been installed and is operational.