

SENATE FILE NO. SF0011

State parks-ranger authority.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Burns and Representative(s) Brown

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historic sites;
2 providing authority for park superintendents, assistant
3 superintendents and rangers to act as peace officers on
4 state recreation areas and archeological sites; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), 7-2-101(a)(iv)(G)
10 and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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12 **6-1-104. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in W.S. 6-1-101 through 6-10-203 unless
15 otherwise defined:

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1 (vi) "Peace officer" includes the following
2 officers assigned to duty in the state of Wyoming:

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4 (P) Any superintendent, assistant
5 superintendent or full-time park ranger of any state park,
6 recreation area, archeological site or historic site who
7 has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707,
8 when acting within the boundaries of the state park,
9 recreation area, archeological site or historic site or
10 when responding to a request to assist other peace officers
11 acting within the scope of their official duties in their
12 own jurisdiction.

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14 **7-2-101. Definitions.**

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16 (a) As used in W.S. 7-2-101 through 7-2-107:

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18 (iv) "Peace officer" means:

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20 (G) Any superintendent, assistant
21 superintendent or full-time park ranger of any state park,
22 recreation area, archeological site or historic site who
23 has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707,
24 when acting within the boundaries of the state park,

1 recreation area, archeological site or historic site, or
2 when responding to a request to assist other peace officers
3 performing their official duties;

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5 **35-7-1002. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this act:

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9 (xxiv) "Law enforcement officer" means any
10 sheriff, undersheriff or sheriff's deputy of any county of
11 this state, any duly authorized municipal policeman of any
12 city or town of this state, any member of the Wyoming
13 highway patrol, any police officer of the University of
14 Wyoming or any Wyoming community college who is a peace
15 officer, any superintendent, assistant superintendent or
16 full-time park ranger of a state park, recreation area,
17 archeological site or historic site who has qualified
18 pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting
19 within the boundaries of the state park, recreation area,
20 archeological site or historic site or when responding to a
21 request to assist other law enforcement officers acting
22 within the scope of their official duties in their own
23 jurisdiction, or any special agent employed by the
24 commissioner under this act;

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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