

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0011

State park rangers-retirement.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to retirement; providing for full-time
 2 state park ranger participation in the law enforcement plan
 3 under the Wyoming Retirement Act; making conforming
 4 amendments; authorizing election by current full-time state
 5 park rangers; specifying implementation; and providing for
 6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section** 1. W.S. 9-3-402(a)(xviii) and
 11 9-3-432(o)(intro) are amended to read:

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13 **9-3-402. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this article:

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1 (xviii) "Law enforcement officer" or "officer"
2 means any member who is a county sheriff, deputy county
3 sheriff, municipal police officer, duly authorized
4 investigator of the Wyoming livestock board meeting the
5 specifications of W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E), duly authorized
6 personnel of the Wyoming gaming commission meeting the
7 specifications of W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(P), investigator
8 employed by the Wyoming state board of outfitters and
9 professional guides meeting the specifications of W.S.
10 7-2-101(a)(iv)(J), Wyoming correctional officer, probation
11 and parole agent employed by the Wyoming department of
12 corrections, Wyoming law enforcement academy instructor,
13 full-time state park ranger, University of Wyoming campus
14 police officer, community college police officer, detention
15 officer or dispatcher for law enforcement agencies;

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17 **9-3-432. Law enforcement officers; contributions;**
18 **benefit eligibility; service and disability benefits; death**
19 **benefits; benefit options.**

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21 (o) Any peace officer as defined by W.S.
22 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), and any full-time state park ranger who
23 is employed as a full-time state park ranger before July 1,

1 2023 and who elects to continue participating in the
2 Wyoming Retirement Act as a general member, shall be
3 eligible for disability benefits and death benefits under
4 this section if the peace officer's disabilities or death
5 are duty connected. Contributions for the benefits under
6 this section shall be paid as follows:

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8 **Section 2.** Coverage of a full-time state park ranger
9 as a law enforcement member under W.S. 9-3-432, as required
10 by section 1 of this act, shall commence on July 1, 2023,
11 unless a full-time state park ranger elects to continue
12 participation in the Wyoming Retirement Act as a general
13 member. A full-time state park ranger electing to continue
14 participation in the Wyoming Retirement Act as a general
15 member shall provide notice to the Wyoming retirement board
16 of that election not later than April 30, 2023. Once an
17 election is made under this section, it shall not be
18 rescinded.

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

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