

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0179

Park rangers-peace officer status-3.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gay

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers; expanding peace officer  
 2 authority of state park rangers, park superintendents and  
 3 assistant superintendents as specified; specifying that  
 4 such persons are peace officers for purposes of the  
 5 criminal code; specifying that such persons are law  
 6 enforcement officers for the enforcement of controlled  
 7 substances offenses; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi) by creating a new  
 12 subparagraph (N) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are amended to  
 13 read:

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15 **6-1-104. Definitions.**

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

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

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7 (N) Any superintendent, assistant  
8 superintendent or full-time park ranger of any state park  
9 or historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701  
10 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the  
11 state park or historic site, or when responding to a  
12 request to assist other peace officers performing their  
13 official duties.

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15 **35-7-1002. Definitions.**

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17 (a) As used in this act:

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19 (xxiv) "Law enforcement officer" means any  
20 sheriff, undersheriff or sheriff's deputy of any county of  
21 this state, any duly authorized municipal policeman of any  
22 city or town of this state, any member of the Wyoming  
23 highway patrol, any police officer of the University of  
24 Wyoming or any Wyoming community college who is a peace

1 officer, any superintendent, assistant superintendent or  
2 full-time park ranger who is a peace officer or any special  
3 agent employed by the commissioner under this act;

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

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