

SENATE FILE NO. SF0030

Park rangers-peace officer status.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

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), 7-2-101(a)(iv)(G) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv)
13 are amended to 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 park ranger of any state park or historic
9 site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through
10 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state
11 park or historic site, or when responding to a request to
12 assist other peace officers performing their official
13 duties.

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15 **7-2-101. Definitions.**

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17 (a) As used in W.S. 7-2-101 through 7-2-105:

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19 (iv) "Peace officer" means:

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

1 state park or historic site, or when responding to a
2 request to assist other peace officers performing their
3 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 park ranger who is a peace officer or any special agent
17 employed by the commissioner under this act;

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

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