

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0124

Municipal peace officer jurisdiction.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Jones, Buchanan, Childers,  
Petersen and Simpson and Senator(s) Northrup

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers; amending the authority  
2 of municipal peace officers as specified; providing a  
3 definition; specifying legislative intent; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-2-108 is created to read:

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10 **7-2-108. Municipal peace officers; jurisdiction.**

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12 (a) Any peace officer employed by a municipal police  
13 force and qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through  
14 9-1-707 may exercise his authority as peace officer:

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1           (i) Anywhere within the corporate limits of the  
2 municipality in which the officer is employed;

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4           (ii) Outside the corporate limits of the  
5 municipality in which the officer is employed when on  
6 property owned by or under the control of the municipality;  
7 and

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9           (iii) Outside the corporate limits of the  
10 municipality in which the peace officer is employed, when  
11 in fresh pursuit of an individual. For purposes of this  
12 paragraph, "fresh pursuit" means pursuit without  
13 unnecessary delay and initiated within the corporate limits  
14 of the municipality for violation of a municipal ordinance  
15 or state law committed in view of the peace officer.

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17           **Section 2.** The common law doctrine of fresh pursuit  
18 is intended to continue as it existed prior to the  
19 effective date of this act, except as specifically modified  
20 by this act.

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22           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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