

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0272

Park rangers as peace officers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Berger and Senator(s) Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers; specifying that state
2 park superintendents, assistant superintendents and full-
3 time rangers are peace officers for the purposes of the
4 criminal code; specifying that such persons are law
5 enforcement personnel for the enforcement of controlled
6 substances provisions; making conforming amendments; and
7 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)(J), (M) and by
12 creating a new subparagraph (N) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are
13 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 (J) Any duly authorized detention officer
8 who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707,
9 when engaged in the performance of his duties while
10 supervising a detainee who has been convicted as a felon;
11 and

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13 (M) Any peace officer certified by another
14 state who has been appointed as a special deputy sheriff of
15 a Wyoming county pursuant to W.S. 18-3-602(c) ; and

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17 (N) Any superintendent, assistant
18 superintendent or full-time park ranger of any state park
19 or historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701
20 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the
21 state park or historic site, or when responding to a
22 request to assist other peace officers performing their
23 official duties.

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1 **35-7-1002. Definitions.**

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3 (a) As used in this act:

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

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1 **Section 2.** 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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