

SENATE FILE NO. SF0004

State park peace officers-definition and scope of
authority.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; amending the
2 definition of peace officer to clarify and expand the scope
3 of authority for park rangers, superintendents and
4 assistant superintendents; making conforming amendments;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), 7-2-101(a)(iv)(G),
10 7-2-106(e)(ii) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

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12 **6-1-104. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined:

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

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4 (P) Any superintendent, assistant
5 superintendent, or full-time district manager, park ranger
6 or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation
7 area, state archeological site or state historic site who
8 has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707,
9 when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state
10 recreation area, state archeological site or state historic
11 site ~~or when responding to a request to assist other peace~~
12 ~~officers acting within the scope of their official duties~~
13 ~~in their own jurisdiction~~ or when enforcing felony statutes
14 following observation or discovery of the commission of a
15 felony which was observed or discovered during the
16 performance of their official duties;

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18 **7-2-101. Definitions.**

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20 (a) As used in W.S. 7-2-101 through 7-2-107:

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22 (iv) "Peace officer" means:

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1 (G) Any superintendent, assistant
2 superintendent, ~~or full-time district manager,~~ park ranger
3 or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation
4 area, state archeological site or state historic site who
5 has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707,
6 when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state
7 recreation area, state archeological site or state historic
8 site, ~~or when responding to a request to assist other peace~~
9 ~~officers performing their official duties~~ or when enforcing
10 felony statutes following observation or discovery of the
11 commission of a felony which was observed or discovered
12 during the performance of their official duties;

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14 7-2-106. Extraterritorial authority of peace
15 officers; requests for assignment of peace officers;
16 liability; compensation.

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18 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
19 authorize a peace officer:

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21 (ii) As defined in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E) ~~or (G)~~
22 to act pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) or (iii) or subsection
23 (b) of this section; or

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2 **35-7-1002. Definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this act:

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6 (xxiv) "Law enforcement officer" means any
7 sheriff, undersheriff or sheriff's deputy of any county of
8 this state, any duly authorized municipal policeman of any
9 city or town of this state, any member of the Wyoming
10 highway patrol, any police officer of the University of
11 Wyoming or any Wyoming community college who is a peace
12 officer, any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or~~
13 ~~full-time~~ district manager, park ranger or reserve park
14 ranger of a state park, state recreation area, state
15 archeological site or state historic site who has qualified
16 pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting
17 within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation
18 area, state archeological site or state historic site or
19 ~~when responding to a request to assist other law~~
20 ~~enforcement officers acting within the scope of their~~
21 ~~official duties in their own jurisdiction~~ when enforcing
22 felony statutes following observation or discovery of the
23 commission of a felony which was observed or discovered

1 during the performance of their official duties, or any
2 special agent employed by the commissioner under this act;

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

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9 (END)