

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;~~

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

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

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19           (iv) "Peace officer" means:

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21           (G) Any superintendent, assistant  
22 superintendent, or full-time district manager, park ranger  
23 or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation

1 area, state archeological site or state historic site who  
2 has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707;  
3 ~~when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state~~  
4 ~~recreation area, state archeological site or state historic~~  
5 ~~site, or when responding to a request to assist other peace~~  
6 ~~officers performing their official duties;~~

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8 **7-2-106. Extraterritorial authority of peace**  
9 **officers; requests for assignment of peace officers;**  
10 **liability; compensation.**

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

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15 (ii) As defined in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E) ~~or (C)~~  
16 to act pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) or (iii) or subsection  
17 (b) of this section; or

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19 **35-7-1002. Definitions.**

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21 (a) As used in this act:

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

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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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