

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0179

State park peace officers-definition and scope of authority.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Niemiec, Brown, Crago, Larson, JT, Oakley, Sommers, Stith and Washut and Senator(s) Barlow, Jones, Kolb and Nethercott

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 and 7-2-106(e)(ii) 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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2 (vi) "Peace officer" includes the following
3 officers assigned to duty in the state of Wyoming:

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5 (P) Any superintendent, assistant
6 superintendent or ~~full-time~~ park ranger of any state park,
7 state recreation area, state archeological site or state
8 historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701
9 through 9-1-707; ~~when acting within the boundaries of the
10 state park, state recreation area, state archeological site
11 or state historic site or when responding to a request to
12 assist other peace officers acting within the scope of
13 their official duties 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~~ park ranger of any state park,
23 state recreation area, state archeological site or state

1 historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701
2 through 9-1-707~~;~~~~, when acting within the boundaries of the~~
3 ~~state park, state recreation area, state archeological site~~
4 ~~or state historic site, or when responding to a request to~~
5 ~~assist other peace officers performing their official~~
6 ~~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 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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