

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR BISHOP

CULT/REC/TOUR DEPARTMENT. Requires POST certification of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism security officers. (1/1/17)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:204(B)(8) and R.S. 56:1688(E), relative to the authority of the secretary
3 of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to authorize the employment
4 of law enforcement officers for state museums; to provide relative to police powers;
5 to provide for training requirements; to provide for state park warden training
6 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 36:204(B)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §204. Powers and duties of secretary of culture, recreation and tourism

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11 B. The secretary shall have authority to:

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13 **(8) Employ state museum police officers who shall, in addition to the**
14 **authority otherwise conferred by law upon such officers, be vested with the**
15 **same authority and powers conferred by law upon regular law enforcement**
16 **officers of this state while such officers are acting within the course and scope**
17 **of their duties, within the limits of their jurisdiction. Such officers may carry**

1 concealed or exposed weapons while acting within the course and scope of their
2 duties. State museum police officers shall successfully complete a basic certified
3 training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and
4 Training as provided in R.S. 40:2405 and shall fulfill all requirements for
5 annual basic firearms training. State museum police officers shall have the right
6 to exercise the power of arrest when discharging their duties on property under
7 jurisdiction of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and on all
8 streets, roads, and rights-of-way within or contiguous to the perimeter of the
9 property.

10 Section 2. R.S. 56:1688(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1688. Park wardens; powers and duties

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13 E. State park wardens shall successfully complete a basic certified
14 training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and
15 Training as provided by R.S. 40:2405 and shall fulfill all requirements for
16 annual basic firearms training.

17 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

The original instrument was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ashley Menou.

DIGEST

SB 277 Engrossed

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Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to employ law enforcement officers for state museums. Provides that in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law, the officers will be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon regular law enforcement officers when acting within the course and scope of their duties, within the limits of their jurisdiction. Also authorizes officers to carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting within the course and scope of their duties.

Proposed law requires state museum police officers to complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and to fulfill all requirements for basic firearms training.

Proposed law provides that state museum police officers shall have the right to exercise the power of arrest when discharging their duties on property under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and on all streets, roads, and rights-of-way within or contiguous to the perimeter of the property.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to appoint state park wardens to be vested with the same authority and power conferred upon regular law enforcement officers.

Present law provides that state park wardens shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and may carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting in the course and scope of their duties.

Proposed law retains present law and requires state park wardens to complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and fulfill all requirements for annual basic firearms training.

Effective January 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 36:204(B)(8) and R.S. 56:1688(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds requirement that state museum police officers complete a basic certified training program and all requirements for annual basic firearms training.
2. Adds authorization for state museum police officers to make arrests when discharging their duties on property under the jurisdiction of Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
3. Adds requirement that state park wardens complete a basic certified training program and fulfill all requirements for annual basic firearms training.
4. Changes effective date from August 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.