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A Bill

SENATE BILL 172

By: Senator Irvin
By: Representative Drown

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONFERRING STATEWIDE JURISDICTION TO A
CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE
STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
TOURISM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONFERRING STATEWIDE JURISDICTION TO A
CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
EMPLOYED BY THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-11-212. Enforcement of state law – Statewide jurisdiction.

A person designated as and employed as a law enforcement officer by the
Department of Parks and Tourism shall:

(1) Be a certified law enforcement officer under § 12-9-101 et
seq.; and

(2) Have statewide law enforcement jurisdiction and authority.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-4-103(9), concerning the power of the
State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, is amended to read as
follows:

(9) To confer on employees of the department the full authority



1 of peace officers for all land under its jurisdiction and to confer on a
2 certified law enforcement officer employed by the commission the authority to
3 enforce the laws of the state, as permitted by law, anywhere within the
4 state.