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A Bill

SENATE BILL 883

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO
9 ARREST; TO GRANT CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
10 PEACE OFFICER STATUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO
14 ARREST; AND TO GRANT CERTAIN LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PEACE OFFICER
16 STATUS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-81-106(g), concerning persons with
23 authority to arrest, is amended to read as follows:

24 (g)(1) The following persons employed as full-time law enforcement
25 officers by the federal, state, county, or municipal government who are
26 empowered to effect an arrest with or without warrant for violations of the
27 United States Code and who are authorized to carry firearms in the
28 performance of their duties shall be empowered to act as officers for the
29 arrest of offenders against the laws of this state and shall enjoy the same
30 immunity, if any, to the same extent and under the same circumstances as
31 certified state law enforcement officers:

- 32 (A) Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;
33 (B) United States Secret Service special agents;
34 (C) United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
35 special agents, investigators, and patrol officers;
36 (D) United States Marshals Service deputies;



1 (E) Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;
 2 (F) United States Postal Inspection Service postal
 3 inspectors;
 4 (G) United States Postal Police;
 5 (H) United States Customs and Border Protection special
 6 agents, inspectors, and patrol officers;
 7 ~~(H)~~(I) United States General Services Administration
 8 special agents;
 9 ~~(I)~~(J) United States Department of Agriculture special
 10 agents;
 11 ~~(J)~~(K) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
 12 special agents;
 13 ~~(K)~~(L) Internal Revenue Service special agents and
 14 inspectors;
 15 ~~(L)~~(M) Certified law enforcement officers of the United
 16 States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and the United
 17 States Fish and Wildlife Service;
 18 ~~(M)~~(N) Members of federal, state, county, municipal, and
 19 prosecuting attorneys' drug task forces;
 20 ~~(N)~~(O) Certified law enforcement officers of the United
 21 States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; and
 22 ~~(O)~~(P) United States Treasury Inspector General for Tax
 23 Administration special agents.

24 (2) If an agency described in subdivision (g)(1) of this section
 25 changes its name, the law enforcement officers described in subdivision
 26 (g)(1) of this section that are employed by the agency remain empowered to
 27 act as officers for the arrest of offenders against the laws of this state
 28 and retain the same immunity, if any, to the same extent and under the same
 29 circumstances as certified state law enforcement officers.