

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR BISHOP

CULT/REC/TOUR DEPARTMENT. Authorizes the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to employ law enforcement officers. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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10 B. The secretary shall have authority to:

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

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duties.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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DIGEST
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Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Department 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.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 36:204(B)(8))