

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATORS BISHOP AND THOMPSON

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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B. The secretary shall have authority to:

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(8) Employ state museum police officers who shall, in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law upon such officers, be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon regular law enforcement officers of this state while such officers are acting within the course and scope of their duties, within the limits of their jurisdiction. Such officers may carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting within the course and scope of their duties. State museum police officers shall successfully complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training as provided in R.S. 40:2405 and shall fulfill all requirements for annual basic firearms training. State museum police officers shall have the right to exercise the power of arrest when discharging their duties on property under jurisdiction of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and on all streets, roads, and rights-of-way within or contiguous to the perimeter of the property.

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

2 §1688. Park wardens; powers and duties

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____