

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 615 (SB 277)**

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New law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) to employ police 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.

New 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 annual basic firearms training.

New 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 DCRT and on all streets, roads, and rights-of-way within or contiguous to the perimeter of the property.

Prior law authorized the secretary of DCRT to appoint state park wardens who are vested with the same authority and power conferred upon regular law enforcement officers. Granted state park wardens the authority to enforce all rules and regulations of DCRT and all laws of the state. Additionally granted state park wardens the authority to carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting in the course and scope of their duties.

New law retains these provisions and requires state park wardens to complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and to 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))