

A bill for an act

relating to criminal justice; clarifying the professional licensing status of certain tribal peace officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.90, subdivision 3.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.90, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Peace officers.** (a) If the band complies with the requirements set forth in subdivision 2, the band is authorized to appoint peace officers, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), who have the same powers as peace officers employed by local units of government.

(b) If the band complies with the requirements set forth in subdivision 2, paragraph (a), but does not have a mutual aid/cooperative agreement in place with the Mille Lacs County sheriff, the band may continue to appoint and employ peace officers. These officers are considered to be appointed to a peace officer position and are eligible for initial or continued licensing by the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. This paragraph addresses these officers' professional licensing status only and may not be interpreted as expanding or restricting the substantive law enforcement authority of the band or its peace officers under other provisions of this section.