

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0011

ENROLLED ACT NO. 72, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to retirement; providing for full-time state park ranger participation in the law enforcement plan under the Wyoming Retirement Act; making conforming amendments; authorizing election by current full-time state park rangers; specifying implementation; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 9-3-402(a)(xviii) and 9-3-432(o)(intro) are amended to read:

9-3-402. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(xviii) "Law enforcement officer" or "officer" means any member who is a county sheriff, deputy county sheriff, municipal police officer, duly authorized investigator of the Wyoming livestock board meeting the specifications of W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E), duly authorized personnel of the Wyoming gaming commission meeting the specifications of W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(P), investigator employed by the Wyoming state board of outfitters and professional guides meeting the specifications of W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(J), Wyoming correctional officer, probation and parole agent employed by the Wyoming department of corrections, Wyoming law enforcement academy instructor, full-time state park ranger, University of Wyoming campus police officer, community college police officer, detention officer or dispatcher for law enforcement agencies;

9-3-432. Law enforcement officers; contributions; benefit eligibility; service and disability benefits; death benefits; benefit options.

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(o) Any peace officer as defined by W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), and any full-time state park ranger who is employed as a full-time state park ranger before July 1, 2023 and who elects to continue participating in the Wyoming Retirement Act as a general member, shall be eligible for disability benefits and death benefits under this section if the peace officer's disabilities or death are duty connected. Contributions for the benefits under this section shall be paid as follows:

Section 2. Coverage of a full-time state park ranger as a law enforcement member under W.S. 9-3-432, as required by section 1 of this act, shall commence on July 1, 2023, unless a full-time state park ranger elects to continue participation in the Wyoming Retirement Act as a general member. A full-time state park ranger electing to continue participation in the Wyoming Retirement Act as a general member shall provide notice to the Wyoming retirement board of that election not later than April 30, 2023. Once an election is made under this section, it shall not be rescinded.

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Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk