
HOUSE BILL 1983

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By Representatives Finn, Appleton, and Kirby

1 AN ACT Relating to providing training for park rangers employed by
2 the state parks and recreation commission; and amending RCW 79A.05.160.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.160 and 1965 c 8 s 43.51.170 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The members of the state parks and recreation commission and
7 such of its employees as the commission may designate shall be vested
8 with police powers to enforce the laws of this state.

9 (2) An applicant for a park ranger position must be a citizen of
10 the United States of America who can read and write the English
11 language. All park rangers hired after the effective date of this
12 section must successfully complete the basic law enforcement academy
13 course, known as the basic course, sponsored by the criminal justice
14 training commission, or the basic law enforcement equivalency
15 certification, known as the equivalency course, provided by the
16 criminal justice training commission. The criminal justice training
17 commission may charge the state parks and recreation commission for the
18 costs of providing this training.

1 (3) Park rangers are peace officers. However, nothing in this
2 section or RCW 10.93.020 confers membership to such officers in the
3 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement
4 system under chapter 41.26 RCW.

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