

1 AN ACT relating to tourism.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 148.056 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The commissioner of parks, in his ***or her*** discretion, may employ and commission
5 park rangers as the commissioner deems necessary to secure the parks and property
6 of the Department of Parks and to maintain law and order and such employees,
7 when so commissioned, shall have all of the powers of peace officers and shall have
8 on all parks property and on public highways ***traversing*** [~~transversing~~] such
9 property in all parts of the state the same powers with respect to criminal matters
10 and enforcement of the laws relating thereto as sheriffs, constables and police
11 officers in their respective jurisdictions, and shall possess all the immunities and
12 matters of defense now available or hereafter made available to sheriffs, constables
13 and police officers in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in
14 the course of their employment.
- 15 (2) The designation of any such employee as a peace officer shall be governed by the
16 provisions of KRS 61.300 except that he ***or she*** shall not be required to have
17 resided in the county wherein he ***or she*** is to serve for a period of at least two (2)
18 years, and he ***or she*** shall be required to file his ***or her*** photograph and affidavit
19 only with the Franklin county clerk.
- 20 (3) Any employee so commissioned shall be required to execute bond, subject to the
21 provisions of KRS 62.170, for the faithful and lawful performance of his ***or her***
22 duties.