

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 transversing such property in all parts  
9 of the state the same powers with respect to criminal matters and enforcement of the  
10 laws relating thereto as sheriffs, constables granted peace officer powers, 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 and police  
13 officers in any suit brought against them in consequence of acts done in the course  
14 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.