

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2669

By: Hilliard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal procedure; authorizing National Park Service rangers to make arrests under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 36.2 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A National Park Service ranger who, in the official capacity as park ranger, is authorized by law to make arrests shall, when making an arrest in this state for a nonfederal offense, have the same legal status and immunity from suit as a state or local law enforcement officer if the arrest is made under the following circumstances:

1. The Park Service ranger reasonably believes that the person arrested has committed a felony in the presence of the ranger or is committing a felony in the presence of the ranger;

2. The Park Service ranger reasonably believes the person arrested has committed a misdemeanor that amounts to a breach of the peace in the presence of the ranger or is committing a misdemeanor that amounts to a breach of the peace in the presence of the ranger;

or

3. The Park Service ranger is rendering assistance to a law enforcement officer of this state in an emergency or at the request of such officer or pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the state or a political subdivision of the state and the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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