

## CHAPTER 291

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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## SENATE BILL 16-111

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS AS CERTIFIED RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-116 as follows:

**24-33.5-116. Peace officer authority Colorado mounted rangers study task force - repeal.** (1) THERE IS CREATED A PEACE OFFICER AUTHORITY COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS STUDY TASK FORCE, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE", CONVENED TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS. THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF:

(a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

(b) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(c) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

(d) A COUNTY SHERIFF APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;

(e) THE CHIEF OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

(f) THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OR HIS OR HER

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

DESIGNEE;

(g) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

(h) THE COLONEL OF THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS.

(2) THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE BY JUNE 1, 2016. THE TASK FORCE SHALL SCHEDULE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2017.

(3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS TO RECEIVE P.O.S.T. PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION, AND IF SO:

(a) THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION;

(b) THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO HOUSE THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS;

(c) THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PEACE OFFICER AUTHORITY OF THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS;

(d) THE STATUS OF A COLORADO MOUNTED RANGER WHEN THE RANGER IS NOT ON DUTY; AND

(e) ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS.

(4) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PEACE OFFICER STATUS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-2.5-201, C.R.S.

(5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 10, 2016