

CHAPTER 386

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 23-163

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 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Jodeh and Lynch, Armagost, Bacon, Bird, Bockenfeld, Catlin, Duran, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Marshall, Parenti, Sharbini, Snyder, Taggart, Titone, Weinberg, McCluskie.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE WHO ARE CERTIFIED BY THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD AS STATE TROOPERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION SERVICE RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-101, **amend** (46) as follows:

24-51-101. Definitions. As used in this article 51, unless the context otherwise requires and except as otherwise defined in part 17 of this article 51:

(46) "State trooper" means an employee of the Colorado state patrol, Colorado bureau of investigation, or successors to these agencies, who is vested with the powers of peace officers as provided for in section 24-33.5-409. In addition, for members who were not members, inactive members, or retirees on December 31, 2019, "state trooper" includes a county sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, noncertified deputy sheriff, or detention officer hired by a local government division employer on or after January 1, 2020, and a corrections officer classified as I through IV hired by a state division employer on or after January 1, 2020. Beginning July 1, 2020, "state trooper" also includes an employee of the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety who is classified in the firefighter I through firefighter VII class titles. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, "STATE TROOPER" ALSO INCLUDES A WILDLIFE OFFICER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-2.5-116 (1), AND A PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-2.5-117 (1), WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE IN THE

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAS HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2011.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$404,434 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation consists of \$236,364 from the wildlife cash fund created in section 33-1-112 (1)(a), C.R.S., and \$168,070 from the parks and outdoor recreation cash fund created in section 33-10-111 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) \$236,364 from the wildlife cash fund for wildlife operations; and

(b) \$168,070 from the parks and outdoor recreation cash fund for state park operations.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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