

## CHAPTER 249

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**


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**SENATE BILL 24-169**

BY SENATOR(S) Exum, Bridges, Buckner, Coleman, Cutter, Danielson, Ginal, Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis, Marchman, Michaelson Jenet, Priola, Sullivan, Fenberg;  
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Snyder, Amabile, Bird, Boesenecker, Brown, Clifford, Daugherty, Duran, English, Hamrick, Jodeh, Joseph, Kipp, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Lukens, Lynch, Marshall, Marvin, Mauro, Ortiz, Parenti, Ricks, Titone, Velasco, Vigil, Weinberg, Weissman, Willford, Woodrow, Young.

**AN ACT**
**CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION JOB CLASSIFICATIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE DUTIES RELATE TO WILDFIRE MITIGATION.**

*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 department of natural resources and was hired on or after January 1, 2011. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, "STATE TROOPER" ALSO INCLUDES A DULY SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND

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CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WHOSE DUTIES INCLUDE STRUCTURAL OR WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT, WILDFIRE RESPONSE, LIVE-FIRE TRAINING, OR WILDFIRE LEADERSHIP, AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 24, 2024