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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE COLORADO RANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARED
102 RESERVE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The Colorado rangers law enforcement shared reserve, commonly known as the Colorado rangers (CLER), is a statewide law enforcement agency that has been established as a political subdivision of the state through the execution of an intergovernmental agreement for the public purpose of promoting the safety, security, and general welfare of all Coloradans by establishing a peace officers standards and training board

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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(P.O.S.T. board) certified statewide shared peace officer reserve force.

Sections 1 through 4 of the bill update laws relating to civil defense workers and peace officers to clarify the status of the CLER as a governmental entity created by intergovernmental agreement rather than as a volunteer organization, as it was prior to 2018, the requirement that a Colorado ranger be a P.O.S.T. board certified peace officer, and the scope of a Colorado ranger's authority.

Section 5:

- Authorizes the board of the CLER to establish policies to allow compensation to be paid to a Colorado ranger if the Colorado ranger:
 - Is deployed as a peace officer to a jurisdiction for an extended period, as defined or described in the policies; or
 - Is deployed as a peace officer outside the state as authorized by a specified interstate compact for any length of time; and
- Authorizes the CLER to accept gifts, grants, and donations.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 16-2.5-102
3 as follows:

4 **16-2.5-102. Certified peace officer - P.O.S.T. certification**
5 **required.** The following peace officers shall meet all the standards
6 imposed by law on a peace officer and shall be certified by the peace
7 officers standards and training board, referred to in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE
8 2.5 as the "P.O.S.T. board": A chief of police; a police officer; a sheriff;
9 an undersheriff; a deputy sheriff; a Colorado state patrol officer; a town
10 marshal; a deputy town marshal; a reserve police officer; a reserve deputy
11 sheriff; a reserve deputy town marshal; a police officer or reserve police
12 officer employed by a state institution of higher education; a Colorado
13 wildlife officer; a Colorado parks and recreation officer; a Colorado
14 police administrator or police officer employed by the Colorado mental
15 health institute at Pueblo; an attorney general criminal investigator; a

1 community parole officer; a public transit officer; a municipal court
2 marshal; ~~and~~ the department of corrections inspector general; AND A
3 COLORADO RANGER.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 16-2.5-153 as
5 follows:

6 **16-2.5-153. Colorado rangers.** A COLORADO RANGER IS A PEACE
7 OFFICER DEFINED AS A RESERVE POLICE OFFICER IN SECTION 16-2.5-110
8 WHOSE DUTIES ARE LIMITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-802 AND WHO
9 MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE P.O.S.T. BOARD.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-802, **add**
11 (3.3) and (3.5) as follows:

12 **24-33.5-802. Definitions.** As used in this part 8, unless the
13 context otherwise requires:

14 (3.3) "COLORADO RANGER" MEANS A PEACE OFFICER ACTING
15 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AN AGENCY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM
16 THE COLORADO RANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARED RESERVE THROUGH
17 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT OR AS
18 OTHERWISE GRANTED BY LAW.

19 (3.5) "COLORADO RANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARED RESERVE"
20 MEANS THE STATEWIDE SHARED RESERVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
21 THAT IS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THROUGH THE EXECUTION
22 OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 29-1-203.

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-822, **amend**
25 (6) as follows:

26 **24-33.5-822. County sheriff - local government - local**
27 **emergency planning committee - memorandum of understanding**

1 **with volunteer organizations.** (6) The executive director of the
2 department of public safety created in section 24-33.5-103, the director
3 of the Colorado bureau of investigation created in section 24-33.5-401,
4 the executive director of the department of corrections created in section
5 24-1-128.5, the division of emergency management created by part 21 of
6 this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 33.5, the division of homeland security created in
7 section 24-33.5-1603, and a county sheriff, police chief, town marshal, or
8 any other law enforcement organization certified pursuant to the
9 provisions of article 2.5 of title 16, ~~C.R.S., who~~ THAT enters into a
10 ~~memorandum of understanding pursuant to this section~~ AN
11 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT with the
12 Colorado ~~mounted~~ rangers LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARED RESERVE or a
13 ~~member of the Colorado mounted rangers~~ RANGER is solely responsible
14 for, and in direct control of, the performance of any Colorado ~~mounted~~
15 ~~ranger~~ RANGER, including incurring any and all liabilities for misconduct
16 OF THE COLORADO RANGER, and is responsible for addressing any
17 misconduct as if the Colorado ~~mounted ranger~~ RANGER was a full-time
18 employee of the organization.

19 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-822.5
20 as follows:

21 **24-33.5-822.5. Colorado rangers law enforcement shared**
22 **reserve - additional authority of board to authorize compensation for**
23 **extended or out-of-state service - acceptance of gifts, grants, and**
24 **donations authorized - sunrise application required - definition -**
25 **repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
26 REQUIRES, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF THE COLORADO RANGERS LAW
27 ENFORCEMENT SHARED RESERVE AS COLLECTIVELY APPOINTED PURSUANT

1 TO, AND BY THE MAYORS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMISSIONERS OF
2 ANY COUNTIES THAT ARE PARTIES TO, THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
3 AGREEMENT THAT GOVERNS THE COLORADO RANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 SHARED RESERVE.

5 (2) (a) THE BOARD MAY ESTABLISH POLICIES TO ALLOW
6 COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO A COLORADO RANGER IF THE COLORADO
7 RANGER:

8 (I) IS DEPLOYED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, AS DEFINED OR
9 DESCRIBED IN THE POLICIES, AS A PEACE OFFICER FOR A MEMBER
10 JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR
11 FOR A NONMEMBER JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO A MUTUAL AID
12 AGREEMENT; OR

13 (II) IS DEPLOYED AS A PEACE OFFICER OUTSIDE THE STATE AS
14 AUTHORIZED BY THE "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE
15 COMPACT", PART 29 OF ARTICLE 60 OF THIS TITLE 24.

16 (b) COMPENSATION PAID TO A COLORADO RANGER PURSUANT TO
17 BOARD POLICIES ADOPTED AS AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS
18 SECTION MAY BE PAID TO THE COLORADO RANGER EITHER DIRECTLY BY
19 THE BOARD OR BY A MEMBER JURISDICTION OR A NONMEMBER
20 JURISDICTION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
21 AGREEMENT, A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, OR A MEMORANDUM OF
22 UNDERSTANDING, AS APPLICABLE.

23 (3) THE COLORADO RANGERS LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARED
24 RESERVE MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS
25 FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR ANY OF ITS PURPOSES AUTHORIZED
26 BY LAW, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, OR A MUTUAL AID
27 AGREEMENT.

1 (4) (a) THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A SUNRISE APPLICATION
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-2.5-201 BY JULY 1, 2025, TO DETERMINE IF ANY
3 CHANGE IN PEACE OFFICER STATUS IS NECESSARY.

4 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,
5 2026.

6 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
9 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
10 institutions.