

CHAPTER 268

GOVERNMENT - SPECIAL DISTRICTS

SENATE BILL 15-221

BY SENATOR(S) Cooke, Guzman, Todd;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Danielson and Priola, Fields, Garnett, Kagan, Young.

AN ACT

CONCERNING PUBLIC TRANSIT OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 16-2.5-146 as follows:

16-2.5-146. Public transit officer - definitions. (1) A public transit officer who is employed by a public transportation entity ~~as defined in section 42-4-1416 (5) (b), C.R.S.,~~ and is specifically designated a peace officer by the public transportation entity is a peace officer while engaged in the performance of his or her duties IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ENTITY. A public transit officer's authority ~~shall be limited to~~ INCLUDES the enforcement of all laws of the state of Colorado. ~~and the provision of security for passengers, employees, and property of the public transportation entity on public transportation vehicles, as defined in section 42-4-1416 (5) (c), C.R.S.,~~ and at public transportation facilities. A public transit officer's authority shall include the power of arrest based upon probable cause while engaged in the performance of his or her duties. A public transit officer shall be certified by the P.O.S.T. board.

(2) As used in this section, "public transportation ~~facilities~~ ENTITY" means ~~any movable or fixed facility operated by a transit authority and used primarily for mass transportation purposes, including but not limited to fixed guideway systems, parking lots, parking buildings, bus stops, transit stations, garages, and offices~~ A MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT, A MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY, OR ANY PUBLIC ENTITY AUTHORIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE TO PROVIDE MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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

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 (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: June 3, 2015