

CHAPTER 147

AN ACT concerning the law enforcement powers of certain Department of Environmental Protection personnel and amending P.L.1977, c.167 and P.L.1983, c.324.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.167 (C.13:1A-6.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.13:1A-6.1 Power to arrest without warrant; law enforcement training program.

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection shall have the power to vest in the conservation officers of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the park rangers and law enforcement operation officers of the Division of Parks and Forestry at all times the power to arrest without warrant any person violating any law of this State committed in their presence and bring the offender before any court having jurisdiction to receive the complaint of such violation. The Department of Environmental Protection, with the approval of the Attorney General, shall establish and maintain a suitable law enforcement training program for such personnel.

2. Section 21 of P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-21) is amended to read as follows:

C.13:1L-21 Power to arrest without warrant; authorization to carry firearm; law enforcement training program.

21. The commissioner of the department shall have the power to vest in State Park Rangers and other personnel of the department at all times the power to arrest without warrant any person violating any law of the State committed in their presence and bring the offender before any court having jurisdiction to receive the complaint of such violation. These personnel are hereby authorized to carry firearms at all times. The department, with the approval of the Attorney General, shall establish and maintain a law enforcement training program for such personnel.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 15, 2003.