

CHAPTER 42

AN ACT concerning law enforcement powers of United States Park Police, supplementing chapter 154 of Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes, and amending P.L.1983, c.268.

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

C.2A:154-6 Powers of United States Park Police relative to arrest of offenders.

1. Full-time law enforcement officers employed by the Department of the Interior as park police who are empowered to effect an arrest with or without a warrant for violations of the United States Code and who are authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their duties shall be empowered to act as an officer for the arrest of offenders against the laws of this State:

a. where the person reasonably believes that a crime of the first, second, or third degree is or is about to be committed or attempted in his presence; and

b. where the person reasonably believes that a crime of the fourth degree, a disorderly persons offense, a petty disorderly persons offense, or a violation of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is or is about to be committed or attempted in his presence on Ellis Island or in Liberty State Park within 500 feet of the ferry terminal serving passengers bound for the Statue of Liberty National Monument or Ellis Island or in Liberty State Park within 500 feet of the access bridge to Ellis Island while that officer is in performance of his official duties.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.268 (C.2A:154-5) is amended to read as follows:

C.2A:154-5 Empowerment of federal law enforcement officers.

1. The following persons employed as full-time law enforcement officers by the Federal Government, who are empowered to effect an arrest with or without warrant for violations of the United States Code and who are authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their duties, shall be empowered to act as an officer for the arrest of offenders against the laws of this State where the person reasonably believes that a crime of the first, second or third degree is or is about to be committed or attempted in his presence:

Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;

United States Secret Service special agents;

Immigration and Naturalization Service special agents, investigators and patrol officers;

United States Marshal Service deputies;

Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;

United States Postal inspectors;

United States Postal police officers while in the performance of their official duties;

United States Customs Service special agents, inspectors and patrol officers;

United States General Services Administration special agents;

United States Department of Agriculture special agents;

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms special agents;

Internal Revenue Service special agents and inspectors;

Department of the Interior special agents, investigators, and park rangers;

Federal Reserve law enforcement officers while in the performance of their official duties;

and

United States Department of Defense police officers.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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