

HOUSE BILL 1134

By Sherrell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 8; Title 11 and Title 58, relative to park  
rangers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-206, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g) and by redesignating subsequent subsections accordingly:

(g) The longevity pay required in this section for state employees applies to park rangers employed by the division of parks and recreation in the department of environment and conservation in the same manner that this section applies to wildlife officers of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-210(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

"First responder" also includes capitol police officers and employees of the Tennessee highway patrol, Tennessee bureau of investigation, and Tennessee wildlife resource agency.

and substituting instead:

"First responder" also includes capitol police officers, employees of the Tennessee highway patrol, Tennessee bureau of investigation, and Tennessee wildlife resources agency, and park rangers employed by the division of parks and recreation in the department of environment and conservation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-35-101(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "a wildlife officer" and substituting instead "a wildlife officer, a park ranger

employed by the division of parks and recreation in the department of environment and conservation".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-35-105(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "wildlife officers" and substituting instead "wildlife officers, park rangers employed by the division of parks and recreation in the department of environment and conservation".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "wildlife officers" wherever it may appear and substituting instead "wildlife officers, park rangers,".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-210, is amended by deleting the language "wildlife officer" and substituting instead "wildlife officer, park ranger".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-713(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "wildlife officers" and substituting instead "wildlife officers, park rangers".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-715(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "wildlife officer" and substituting instead "wildlife officer, park ranger".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-210(a)(4), is amended by deleting the semi-colon at the end of the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

, including park rangers employed by the division of parks and recreation in the department of environment and conservation;

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.