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SENATE FILE 2362
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2065)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the appointment of law enforcement officers at
2 state parks.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 2362

1 Section 1. Section 456A.13, Code 1999, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 456A.13 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- PEACE OFFICER STATUS.

4 The director shall employ the number of assistants,
5 including a professionally trained state forester, that are
6 necessary to carry out the duties imposed on the commission;
7 and, under the same conditions, the director shall appoint the
8 number of full-time officers and supervisory personnel that
9 are necessary to enforce all laws of the state and rules and
10 regulations of the commission. The full-time officers and
11 supervisory personnel have the same powers that are conferred
12 by law on peace officers in the enforcement of all laws of the
13 state of Iowa and the apprehension of violators. A person
14 appointed as a full-time officer shall be at least twenty-one
15 years of age on the date of appointment and shall not be
16 employed as a full-time officer after attaining the age of
17 sixty-five. "Full-time officer" means any person who is
18 appointed by the director to enforce the laws of this state
19 and who is a certified law enforcement officer pursuant to
20 chapter 80B or has received a training extension pursuant to
21 section 80B.17.

22 Sec. 2. Section 461A.3, Code 1999, is amended by adding
23 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

24 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The commission shall provide
25 that each state park shall have the same number of full-time
26 officers assigned to enforce state laws and rules of the
27 department on and after January 1, 2001, that were assigned to
28 the state park on January 1, 1999.

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EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides that the state conservation commission
32 shall provide that each state park shall have the same number
33 of full-time officers assigned to enforce state laws and rules
34 of the department on and after January 1, 2001, that were
35 assigned to the state park on January 1, 1999.

**SENATE FILE 2362
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Senate File 2362** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

SUMMARY

Senate File 2362 requires the Department of Natural Resources to have the same number of full-time officers in State parks on and after January 1, 2001, that were assigned to State parks on January 1, 1999.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. As of January 1, 1999, there were 48 State parks staffed with full-time peace officers. Currently, there are 23 full-time peace officers. This would require 25 additional full-time officers.
2. The average cost for salary and benefits for a full-time officer is \$44,000.
3. The average cost for training and equipment expenditures for a full-time peace officer is \$12,500 in the first year and \$2,800 in subsequent years.
4. The average cost for a law enforcement vehicle is \$21,000 and the average life of a vehicle is five years. Vehicle depreciation would be \$4,200 per vehicle for each year over the five-year period.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated fiscal impact of Senate File 2362 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$1.9 million and an increase of 25.0 FTE positions in FY 2001. Expenditures in subsequent years are expected to be approximately \$1.3 million annually.

SOURCE

Department of Natural Resources

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