

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 787**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member McDonald**

February 22, 1995

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An act to amend Section 830.6 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 787, as introduced, McDonald. Peace officers: park rangers.

Existing law provides that certain persons who have been deputized or appointed by the proper authority as, among other things, a reserve police officer of a regional park district or of a transit district, are designated as peace officers with the full powers and duties of a peace officer.

This bill would designate reserve park rangers as peace officers with the powers and duties authorized pursuant to a specified provision of law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 830.6 of the Penal Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 830.6. (a) (1) Whenever any qualified person is  
4 deputized or appointed by the proper authority as a  
5 reserve or auxiliary sheriff or city police officer, a reserve  
6 deputy sheriff, a reserve deputy marshal, a reserve police

1 officer of a regional park district or of a transit district, *a*  
2 *reserve park ranger*; a reserve harbor or port police  
3 officer of a county, city, or district as specified in Section  
4 663.5 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, a reserve  
5 deputy of the Department of Fish and Game, a reserve  
6 special agent of the Department of Justice, a reserve  
7 officer of a community service district which is  
8 authorized under subdivision (h) of Section 61600 of the  
9 Government Code to maintain a police department or  
10 other police protection, a reserve officer of a school  
11 district police department under Section 35021.5 of the  
12 Education Code, or a reserve officer of a police protection  
13 district formed under Part 1 (commencing with Section  
14 20000) of Division 14 of the Health and Safety Code, and  
15 is assigned specific police functions by that authority, the  
16 person is a peace officer, if the person qualifies as set forth  
17 in Section 832.6. The authority of a person designated as  
18 a peace officer pursuant to this paragraph extends only  
19 for the duration of the person's specific assignment. A  
20 *reserve park ranger or a* transit, harbor, or port district  
21 reserve officer may carry firearms only if authorized by,  
22 and under those terms and conditions as are specified by,  
23 his or her employing agency.

24 (2) Whenever any qualified person is deputized or  
25 appointed by the proper authority as a reserve or  
26 auxiliary sheriff or city police officer, a reserve deputy  
27 sheriff, a reserve deputy marshal, *a reserve park ranger*,  
28 a reserve police officer of a regional park district, transit  
29 district, or a school district, a reserve harbor or port police  
30 officer of a county, city, or district as specified in Section  
31 663.5 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, a reserve  
32 officer of a community service district that is authorized  
33 under subdivision (h) of Section 61600 of the  
34 Government Code to maintain a police department or  
35 other police protection, or a reserve officer of a police  
36 protection district formed under Part 1 (commencing  
37 with Section 20000) of Division 14 of the Health and  
38 Safety Code, and is so designated by local ordinance or,  
39 if the local agency is not authorized to act by ordinance,  
40 by resolution, either individually or by class, and is



1 assigned to the prevention and detection of crime and the  
2 general enforcement of the laws of this state by that  
3 authority, the person is a peace officer, if the person  
4 qualifies as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)  
5 of Section 832.6. The authority of a person designated as  
6 a peace officer pursuant to this paragraph includes the  
7 full powers and duties of a peace officer as provided by  
8 Section 830.1. A transit, harbor, or port district reserve  
9 police officer, or a city or county reserve peace officer  
10 who is not provided with the powers and duties  
11 authorized by Section 830.1, has the powers and duties  
12 authorized in Section 830.33, *or in the case of a reserve*  
13 *park ranger, the powers and duties that are authorized in*  
14 *Section 830.31*, and a school district reserve police officer  
15 has the powers and duties authorized in Section 830.32.

16 (b) Whenever any person is summoned to the aid of  
17 any uniformed peace officer, the summoned person is  
18 vested with the powers of a peace officer that are  
19 expressly delegated to him or her by the summoning  
20 officer or that are otherwise reasonably necessary to  
21 properly assist the officer.

