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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1289

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5 By: Representative Unger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS WATERWAYS
10 COMMISSION; TO CREATE AN ARKANSAS WATERWAYS
11 COMMISSION POLICE FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS
16 WATERWAYS COMMISSION; AND TO CREATE AN
17 ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION POLICE
18 FORCE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-23-202, concerning the duties of the
23 Arkansas Waterways Commission, is amended to add an additional subsection to
24 read as follows:

25 (c) The Arkansas Waterways Commission may:

26 (1) Protect and police the property of the commission, in
27 cooperation with the law enforcement agencies and officers having
28 jurisdiction in the area where the property of the commission is located; and

29 (2) Appoint one (1) or more persons to be designated by the
30 commission as an Arkansas Waterways Commission law enforcement officer to aid
31 and supplement the law enforcement agencies of this state in the protection
32 of the persons and property of the commission subject to § 15-23-201 et seq.
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 23, Subchapter 2, is
35 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

36 15-23-206. Jurisdiction and powers.



1 (a) An Arkansas Waterways Commission law enforcement officer may:

2 (1) Arrest a person, whether on or off the Arkansas Waterways
3 Commission's property, for the violation of a law on the commission's
4 property, under § 16-81-106(b) and (c); and

5 (2) Carry weapons for the reasonable purposes of carrying out
6 the duties of a law enforcement officer of the commission.

7 (b) A law enforcement officer of the commission shall be a certified
8 law enforcement officer under § 12-9-101 et seq.

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