

Public Law 106-437
106th Congress

An Act

Nov. 6, 2000
[H.R. 4404]

To permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MEDICAL PAYMENTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (e) of the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act (39 Stat. 718, as amended by 71 Stat. 394) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding the previous sentence, in the case of any member of the United States Park Police, payment shall be made by the National Park Service upon a certificate of the Chief, United States Park Police, setting forth the necessity for such services or treatment and the nature of the injury or disease which rendered the same necessary."

(b) **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT.**—Section 6 of the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act Amendments of 1957 (71 Stat. 399) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: "Such sums are authorized to be appropriated to reimburse the National Park Service, on a monthly basis, for medical benefit payments made from funds appropriated to the National Park Service in the case of any member of the United States Park Police."

SEC. 2. INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 10(c) of the Act of August 18, 1970 (Public Law 91-383; 16 U.S.C. 1a-6(c)), is amended—

- (1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (2);
- (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and
- (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) mutually waive, in any agreement pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection or pursuant to subsection (b)(1) with any State or political subdivision thereof where State law requires such waiver and indemnification, any and all civil claims against all the other parties thereto and, subject to available appropriations, indemnify and save harmless the other parties to such agreement from all claims by third parties for property damage or personal injury, which may arise out of the parties' activities outside their respective jurisdictions under such agreement; and"

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (5) of section 10(c) the Act of August 18, 1970 (Public Law 91-383; 16 U.S.C. 1a-6(c)) (as redesignated by subsection (a)(2)), is further amended—

- (1) by striking “(5) the” and inserting “The”; and
- (2) by moving the text flush and 2 ems to the left.

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