

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 883

By: Senator K. Ingram  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO  
ARREST; TO GRANT CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
PEACE OFFICER STATUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO  
ARREST; AND TO GRANT CERTAIN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PEACE OFFICER  
STATUS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-81-106(g), concerning persons with authority to arrest, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) The following persons employed as full-time law enforcement officers by the federal, state, county, or municipal government who are empowered to effect an arrest with or without warrant for violations of the United States Code and who are authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their duties shall be empowered to act as officers for the arrest of offenders against the laws of this state and shall enjoy the same immunity, if any, to the same extent and under the same circumstances as certified state law enforcement officers:

- (A) Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;
- (B) United States Secret Service special agents;
- (C) United States Citizenship and Immigration Services special agents, investigators, and patrol officers;



(D) United States Marshals Service deputies;  
(E) Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;  
(F) United States Postal Inspection Service postal inspectors;  
(G) United States Postal Police;  
(H) United States Customs and Border Protection special agents, inspectors, and patrol officers;  
~~(H)~~(I) United States General Services Administration special agents;  
~~(I)~~(J) United States Department of Agriculture special agents;  
~~(J)~~(K) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special agents;  
~~(K)~~(L) Internal Revenue Service special agents and inspectors;  
~~(L)~~(M) Certified law enforcement officers of the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;  
~~(M)~~(N) Members of federal, state, county, municipal, and prosecuting attorneys' drug task forces;  
~~(N)~~(O) Certified law enforcement officers of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; and  
~~(O)~~(P) United States Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration special agents.

(2) If an agency described in subdivision (g)(1) of this section changes its name, the law enforcement officers described in subdivision (g)(1) of this section that are employed by the agency remain empowered to act as officers for the arrest of offenders against the laws of this state and retain the same immunity, if any, to the same extent and under the same circumstances as certified state law enforcement officers.

*/s/K. Ingram*