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Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

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**SENATE BILL 16-111**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS AS**  
102 **CERTIFIED RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The Colorado mounted rangers (rangers) are an all-volunteer, self-funded auxiliary, full-time, nonprofit law enforcement governmental unit organized to provide support and assistance to municipal governments and local, county, and state law enforcement agencies in the state. The rangers are created within the division of homeland security and emergency management (division) in the department of public safety.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

The division shall employ a person to act as the interface between the division and the rangers, to exercise control over the peace officers, to maintain standards and training, and to evaluate the rangers' suitability for duty. The salary and benefits costs for the employee shall be paid by gifts, grants, and donations to the division. The rangers are supervised by a board of directors. The board of directors is comprised of 3 elected individuals and shall provide oversight and management of the rangers subject to the division.

The bill creates reserve peace officer category II status and confers that status to the Colorado mounted rangers.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-33.5-115** as  
3 **follows:**

4 **24-33.5-115. Peace officer authority Colorado mounted**  
5 **rangers study task force - repeal.** (1) **THERE IS CREATED A PEACE**  
6 **OFFICER AUTHORITY COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS STUDY TASK FORCE,**  
7 **REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE", CONVENED TO STUDY**  
8 **AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PEACE OFFICER**  
9 **CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS.**

10 **THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF:**

11 **(a) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC**  
12 **SAFETY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE**  
13 **TASK FORCE;**

14 **(b) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;**

15 **(c) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEFS OF POLICE APPOINTED BY**  
16 **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;**

17 **(d) A COUNTY SHERIFF APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
18 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;**

19 **(e) THE CHIEF OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL OR HIS OR HER**  
20 **DESIGNEE;**

1           (f) THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
2           OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

3           (g) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
4           EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; AND

5           (h) THE COLONEL OF THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS.

6           (2) THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST  
7           MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE BY JUNE 1, 2016. THE TASK FORCE SHALL  
8           SCHEDULE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE  
9           AND SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF  
10          THIS SECTION PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2017.

11          (3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
12          REGARDING WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTED  
13          RANGERS TO RECEIVE P.O.S.T. PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION, AND IF SO:

14          (a) THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION FOR  
15          THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE  
16          AMOUNT OF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION;

17          (b) THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO HOUSE THE COLORADO  
18          MOUNTED RANGERS;

19          (c) THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PEACE OFFICER AUTHORITY OF THE  
20          COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS;

21          (d) THE STATUS OF A COLORADO MOUNTED RANGER WHEN THE  
22          RANGER IS NOT ON DUTY; AND

23          (e) ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS.

24          (4) THE TASK FORCE SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
25          JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE,  
26          OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PEACE  
27          OFFICER STATUS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-2.5-201, C.R.S.

1           (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

2           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
3 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.