



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 126

Introduced by: **Senator Frye-Mueller**

1 **An Act to expand the availability of emergency services in state parks.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 41-15-10.1 be AMENDED:**

4 **41-15-10.1.** Any conservation officer, who is certified pursuant to §§ 23-3-39 to  
5 23-3-45, inclusive, or has been appointed on a temporary or probationary basis as  
6 permitted by § 23-3-41, shall ~~enforce~~:

7 (1) Enforce every state statute that:

8 ~~(1)(a) Which is~~Is a crime under ~~Title~~ title 22;

9 ~~(2)(b) Which pertains~~Pertains to game, fish, parks, forestry, or boating;

10 ~~(3)(c) Which pertains~~Pertains to driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, or eluding an  
11 officer;

12 ~~(4)(d) Which is~~Is a crime under §§ 35-1-9.1 and ~~or~~ 35-9-2 and occurs on property  
13 owned, managed, or leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks;

14 ~~(5)(e) Which is~~Is a crime under § 32-5-84.2;

15 ~~(6) Which is a crime under § 32-20-6.6;~~

16 ~~(7)(f) Which is~~Is a crime under chapter 32-20A; and

17 ~~(8)(g) Which is~~Is a crime under chapter 34A-7; and

18 (2) Investigate any accident that involves a vehicle and occurs on property owned,  
19 managed, or leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and file any report  
20 required in accordance with chapter 32-34.

21 While performing any duty pursuant to this section, a conservation officer is a law  
22 enforcement officer with the same authority as any other law enforcement officer.

23 **Section 2. That chapter 41-17 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

24 During the period beginning May fifteenth and ending September thirtieth, the  
25 Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall ensure the availability of twenty-four-hour

1     emergency services, including dispatch, law enforcement, ambulance, and search and  
2     rescue services, within the boundaries of each state park.

3             To meet the requirements of this section, the department may employ and train  
4     necessary personnel or contract for the provision of the services with:

5     (1)     The sheriff of any county in which some or all of the state park is located; or

6     (2)     Any other public agency or private entity.

7             Nothing in this section removes the obligation of a law enforcement agency to  
8     provide services on public highways or private property located within the boundaries of  
9     a state park.