

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee

February 6, 2012  
Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB12-072 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:
- 3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general  
4 assembly hereby finds and declares that:
- 5 (a) The Colorado mounted rangers, also known as the Colorado  
6 rangers, have served and protected the territory and the state of Colorado  
7 since 1861;
- 8 (b) The Colorado rangers comprised the first law enforcement  
9 agency in the new territory of Colorado;
- 10 (c) The Colorado rangers were called upon by the state's  
11 governors to protect the state during the mining strikes and the  
12 prohibition period;
- 13 (d) In 1923, the Colorado rangers were disbanded, leaving  
14 Colorado without a statewide law enforcement organization until the  
15 Colorado state patrol was formed;
- 16 (e) In 1941, by request of former Governor Teller Ammons, a  
17 volunteer group in Bailey, Colorado, formed the Colorado mounted  
18 rangers;
- 19 (f) Today, the Colorado mounted rangers are available to assist the  
20 division of emergency management within the department of local affairs;  
21 may train with and assist the office of preparedness, security, and fire  
22 safety; may provide security in emergency situations such as airline  
23 disasters, search-and-rescue operations, and forest fires; and provide  
24 assistance to local, state, and federal authorities upon request;

1 (g) The Colorado mounted rangers have assisted in natural  
2 disasters such as the Big Thompson flood, the Black Ridge fire, and the  
3 Hayman fire;

4 (h) While conducting search-and-rescue efforts during the past  
5 seventy years, the Colorado mounted rangers have saved the lives of  
6 many lost and injured mountain climbers and bikers; and

7 (i) During the past year, the Colorado mounted rangers  
8 volunteered more than fifty thousand hours of devoted service to the  
9 people of Colorado.

10 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that the Colorado  
11 mounted rangers should be established as an all-volunteer, unpaid  
12 auxiliary unit for the purpose of lending assistance to emergency  
13 management, fire-fighting, emergency medical service, search-and-rescue  
14 agencies, and law enforcement agencies in the state.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-2222, **amend**  
16 (1), (2) (a), (2) (b), (2) (c), and (2) (d); and **add** (5) as follows:

17 **24-32-2222. County sheriff - local government - local**  
18 **emergency planning committee - memorandum of understanding**  
19 **with volunteer organizations.** (1) Any county sheriff, the director of  
20 any local government, any local emergency planning committee, or any  
21 state agency may develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding  
22 with one or more volunteer organizations, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
23 TO THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS, to assist the county sheriff, local  
24 government, local emergency planning committee, or state agency in  
25 providing services ~~in the event of a disaster~~ AS REQUIRED.

26 (2) A memorandum of understanding between a county sheriff, a  
27 local government, a local emergency planning committee, or a state  
28 agency and a volunteer organization may include the following  
29 information:

30 (a) The circumstances under which the county sheriff, local  
31 government, local emergency planning committee, or state agency may  
32 request the services of the volunteer organization; ~~in a disaster;~~

33 (b) The circumstances under which the volunteer organization  
34 may accept or refuse the request for assistance by the county sheriff, local  
35 government, local emergency planning committee, or state agency; ~~in a~~  
36 ~~disaster;~~

37 (c) The party that will be responsible for any costs incurred by the  
38 volunteer organization in the course of assisting the county sheriff, local  
39 government, local emergency planning committee, or state agency; ~~in a~~  
40 ~~disaster;~~

41 (d) The specific training or certification required for volunteers  
42 who are members of the volunteer organization to be authorized to assist

1 the county sheriff, local government, local emergency planning  
2 committee, or state agency; ~~in a disaster~~;

3 (5) A MEMBER OF THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS AND ANY  
4 OTHER VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION LENDING ASSISTANCE TO A COUNTY  
5 SHERIFF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE,  
6 OR STATE AGENCY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS AN AUTHORIZED  
7 VOLUNTEER FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 10 OF THIS TITLE.

8 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
11 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a  
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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