

74-8807. Law enforcement powers, certain employees; duties of KBI. (a) Employees of the commission designated by the executive director, with the approval of the commission, are hereby vested with the power and authority of law enforcement officers in the execution of the duties imposed upon the commission by the provisions of this act.

(b) Employees designated pursuant to subsection (a) shall have the authority to:

(1) Make arrests, conduct searches and seizures and carry firearms while investigating violations of this act and during routine conduct of their duties as determined by the executive director;

(2) make arrests, conduct searches and seizures and generally enforce all criminal laws of the state as violations of such laws are encountered by such employees during the routine performance of their duties; and

(3) issue notices to appear pursuant to K.S.A. 22-2408 and amendments thereto.

(c) No employee of the commission shall be certified to carry firearms under the provisions of this section without having first successfully completed the firearms training course or courses prescribed for law enforcement officers under subsection (a) of K.S.A. 74-5604a and amendments thereto. The commission may adopt rules and regulations prescribing other training required for such employees.

(d) It shall be the duty of the Kansas bureau of investigation to conduct, or assist the security division of the commission or other law enforcement agencies in conducting, investigations of criminal violations of this act and violations of the rules and regulations adopted hereunder. Such duty may be performed independently of or in conjunction with employees of the commission designated pursuant to this section. Employees of the commission shall report immediately any criminal violations of this act or other suspected criminal activity at a racetrack facility to the Kansas bureau of investigation. Employees of the Kansas bureau of investigation shall report any violations or suspected violations of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this act to the executive director or to employees of the commission designated pursuant to this section.

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