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# Circular Letter

**TO:** ALL CONTRACTING PUBLIC AGENCIES

**SUBJECT:** NEW OPTIONAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS-JANUARY 1, 2002

Assembly Bill 179, Chapter 149, effective January 1, 2002, provides that contracting public agencies may request amendments to their contracts to place officers or employees of a sheriff's office performing active law enforcement services in a new member category of local sheriffs. Other employees classified as county peace officers (such as constables, probation officers, and bailiffs) remain in the county peace officer member category.

Assembly Bill 1082, Chapter 787, effective January 1, 2002, provides that contracting public agencies may request amendments to their contracts to reclassify park rangers as local safety members. Park rangers who qualify as peace officers under section 830.31 of the Penal Code, whose primary responsibility is maintaining the peace and who are employed by an agency which contracts for the reclassification of park rangers, will be placed in the local police member or county peace officer group.

The legislation made no changes with regard to social security coverage status. Park rangers subject to social security coverage prior to the reclassification continue to be subject to social security coverage.

Amendment valuations will be needed to determine the employer costs of the new benefit. Please submit your request for valuations to the above address and include copies of the position duty statements and a diskette listing the names and social security numbers of each member to be reclassified.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the Contracts Representative assigned to your agency.

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