

SB 920 -- STATE WATER PATROL

This bill expands the jurisdiction of the State Water Patrol from only the state's waterways and adjacent land to the power to arrest a person anywhere in the state when they witness a crime. In addition, when there is probable cause to believe that a person has committed a crime within the water patrol's jurisdiction, the officer may arrest that person anywhere in the state. If practicable, the officer must notify local law enforcement prior to making the arrest. Water patrol officers are allowed to request search warrants anywhere in the state, provided they notify the sheriff in the county where the warrant will be served.

The bill also expands the definition of "peace officer" as it relates to searches and seizures to include members of the water patrol.