

# HOUSE BILL 1399

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By: **Delegates Gaines and DeBoy**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Police Officer Certification – Exception for Natural Resources Police Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain exception for certain nonfull–time police  
4 officers of the Natural Resources Police Force to the prohibition against a law  
5 enforcement agency employing an individual as a certain police officer for a  
6 certain period of time unless the individual is certified by the Police Training  
7 Commission; and generally relating to the certification of nonfull–time police  
8 officers of the Natural Resources Police Force.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Public Safety  
11 Section 3–216  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 3–216.

18 (a) A law enforcement agency may not employ an individual as a police  
19 officer for a period not exceeding 1 year unless the individual is certified by the  
20 Commission.

21 (b) (1) In this subsection, “nonfull–time police officer” means an  
22 individual who does not work in the law enforcement field at least 7 months during  
23 the calendar year.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (2)    The certification requirements of subsection (a) of this section do  
2 not apply to the nonfull-time police officers of:

3                            (I)    a law enforcement agency that:

4                                    [(i)]   1.    employs, during a calendar year, at least 70 full-time  
5 sworn police officers; and

6                                    [(ii)] 2.    employs at least 100 nonfull-time police officers; **OR**

7                                    **(II)   THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE FORCE WHO**  
8 **PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN**  
9 **OFFICER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION.**

10                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2013.