

SENATE BILL 823

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Annual State Park Pass – Discounts for Law Enforcement**
3 **Officers and First Responders**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to provide a certain
5 discount on annual State park passes for certain first responders and law
6 enforcement officers; and generally relating to discounts on State park passes.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 1–407

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 **1–407.**

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
17 INDICATED.

18 (2) “ANNUAL STATE PARK PASS” MEANS A PASS ISSUED BY THE
19 DEPARTMENT THAT ALLOWS THE HOLDER UNLIMITED DAY–USE ENTRY TO ALL
20 STATE PARKS AND STATE PARK FACILITIES FOR 1 YEAR.

21 (3) “FIRST RESPONDER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1–301 OF
22 THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) “LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
2 **1-101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

3 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A DISCOUNT OF AT LEAST \$40 ON**
4 **ANNUAL STATE PARK PASSES FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**
5 **OFFICERS WHO ARE MARYLAND RESIDENTS.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2023.