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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Forest and Park Rangers - Salary, Step, and Grade Increases - In Relationship to**  
3 **Natural Resources Police**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that whenever Natural Resources police officers receive a  
5 salary increase, Forest and Park Rangers in the State Forest and Park Service shall  
6 receive a salary increase in the same percentage as the salary increase received by  
7 Natural Resources police officers; providing that whenever Natural Resources  
8 police officers receive a grade or step increase, Forest and Park Rangers in the  
9 State Forest and Park Service shall receive an equal grade or step increase; and  
10 generally relating to salary, step, and grade increases for Forest and Park Rangers  
11 in the State Forest and Park Service.

12 BY renumbering

13 Article - Natural Resources  
14 Section 5-206(f)  
15 to be Section 5-206(g)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article - Natural Resources  
20 Section 5-206(f)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-206(f) of Article - Natural Resources of the Annotated  
25 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-206(g).

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
27 read as follows:

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1           **Article - Natural Resources**

2 5-206.

3           (F) (1) WHENEVER NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE A  
4 SALARY INCREASE, FOREST AND PARK RANGERS IN THE STATE FOREST AND PARK  
5 SERVICE SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE  
6 SALARY INCREASE RECEIVED BY NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS.

7           (2) WHENEVER NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE A  
8 GRADE OR STEP INCREASE, FOREST AND PARK RANGERS IN THE STATE FOREST  
9 AND PARK SERVICE SHALL RECEIVE AN EQUAL GRADE OR STEP INCREASE.

10           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 1997.