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CHAPTER ____

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~~ based on the same percentage as that provided to
8 the Natural Resources Police officers so that the differences in salaries remain the
9 same on a percent basis; providing that whenever Natural Resources police officers
10 receive a grade or step increase, Forest and Park Rangers in the State Forest and
11 Park Service shall receive an equal grade or step increase; providing that the
12 Natural Resources Police officers shall be entitled to salaries as provided in a salary
13 plan that are identical to comparable ranks in the salary plan provided to State
14 officers; and generally relating to salary, step, and grade increases of Forest and
15 Park Rangers in the State Forest and Park Service.

16 BY renumbering

17 Article - Natural Resources

18 Section 5-206(f)

19 to be Section 5-206(g)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

23 Article - Natural Resources

24 Section 5-206(f)

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1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

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

8 **Article - Natural Resources**

9 5-206.

10 (F) (1) WHENEVER NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE A
11 SALARY INCREASE, FOREST AND PARK RANGERS IN THE STATE FOREST AND PARK
12 SERVICE SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE ~~IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE~~
13 ~~SALARY INCREASE RECEIVED BY NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS~~ BASED
14 ON THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THAT PROVIDED TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES
15 POLICE OFFICERS SO THAT THE DIFFERENCES IN SALARIES REMAIN THE SAME ON A
16 PERCENT BASIS.

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

20 (3) NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO
21 SALARIES AS PROVIDED IN A SALARY PLAN, INCLUDING GRADES, STEPS, AND
22 INCREMENTS BASED UPON LENGTH OF SERVICE, THAT ARE IDENTICAL TO
23 COMPARABLE RANKS IN THE SALARY PLAN, INCLUDING GRADES, STEPS, AND
24 INCREMENTS, BASED ON LENGTH OF SERVICE, PROVIDED TO STATE OFFICERS
25 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 88B, §§ 22 AND 23 OF THE CODE.

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