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**ENROLLED BILL**  
*-- Appropriations/Budget and Taxation --*

Introduced by **Delegates James, Conway, and Edwards**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consolidation of State Forest and Park Rangers and Natural Resources**  
3 **Police ~~Classification~~**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of Natural Resources to use the~~  
5 ~~Natural Resources Police classification and salary to classify certain employees~~  
6 ~~of the State Forest and Park Service; requiring certain employees to be placed in~~  
7 ~~a certain classification and salary grade; authorizing the Superintendent of the~~  
8 ~~State Forest and Park Service to use titles and ranks that are different from~~  
9 ~~certain classifications; requiring certain Superintendents to approve the~~  
10 ~~transfer of certain employees; requiring certain classifications to be used in~~  
11 ~~certain promotions; establishing that certain employees are eligible for certain~~  
12 ~~promotions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to~~  
13 ~~the classification of law enforcement employees in the consolidation of the State~~  
14 ~~Forest and Park Rangers and the Natural Resources Police confirming the~~  
15 ~~status of certain employees as police officers and preserving those officers' law~~  
16 ~~enforcement commissions; making this Act an emergency measure; and~~  
17 ~~generally relating to the status and commissions of certain police officers.~~

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (a) ~~In the implementation of the consolidation of the Natural Resources Police~~  
4 ~~and the State Forest and Park Rangers, the Department of Natural Resources shall~~  
5 ~~use the Natural Resources Police classification and salary grades to classify the law~~  
6 ~~enforcement officers of the State Forest and Park Service.~~

7 (b) (1) ~~The law enforcement employees of the State Forest and Park Service~~  
8 ~~shall be placed in the Natural Resources Police classification and salary grade which~~  
9 ~~most closely corresponds to the employee's current pay grade.~~

10 (2) ~~The placement of a law enforcement employee of the State Forest and~~  
11 ~~Park Service in the Natural Resources Police classification may not result in a loss of~~  
12 ~~pay grade.~~

13 (c) ~~The Superintendent of the State Forest and Park Service may use titles~~  
14 ~~and ranks for State Forest and Park Service Rangers that are different than the~~  
15 ~~Natural Resources Police classifications.~~

16 (d) ~~The Superintendent of the Natural Resources Police and the~~  
17 ~~Superintendent of the State Forest and Park Service shall approve the transfer of an~~  
18 ~~employee from the State Forest and Park Service to the Natural Resources Police.~~

19 (e) (1) ~~The Natural Resources Police classification and salary grade shall be~~  
20 ~~used for promotions of law enforcement employees within the State Forest and Park~~  
21 ~~Service.~~

22 (2) ~~Law enforcement employees of the State Forest and Park Service~~  
23 ~~shall be considered eligible for any promotional opportunities in the Natural~~  
24 ~~Resources Police.~~

25 (a) This section applies to the implementation of the consolidation of the  
26 Natural Resources Police and the Forest and Park Service Rangers in the Forest and  
27 Park Service or any successor organization Department of Natural Resources.

28 (b) All employees commissioned as law enforcement officers of the Forest and  
29 Park Service pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 2 of the Natural Resources Article shall  
30 retain their law enforcement officer commission and certification for the duration of  
31 their employment with the Department of Natural Resources Forest and Park Service  
32 or any successor organization.

33 (c) (1) The classification title of the position of law enforcement officer of the  
34 Forest and Park Service at the rank of sergeant and above shall reflect the status of  
35 the position as a law enforcement officer.

36 (2) Use of the words sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant  
37 colonel, or colonel in the classification title meets the requirements of this paragraph.

1 (d) (1) A law enforcement officer of the Forest and Park Service shall be  
2 eligible and considered for any promotional opportunities for positions in the Forest  
3 and Park Service, and if selected for a position, shall assume the appropriate law  
4 enforcement officer classification title and rank of the officer who most recently held  
5 that position.

6 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to applications for  
7 employment or promotional opportunities in the Natural Resources Police. A law  
8 enforcement officer of the Forest and Park Service who wishes to apply for a position  
9 in the Natural Resources Police shall comply with the hiring requirements of the  
10 Natural Resources Police.

11 (e) Except as provided for herein, nothing in this section shall be construed to  
12 limit the authority of the Secretary or other official of the Department of Natural  
13 Resources to control and manage the Forest and Park Service.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
15 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
16 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
17 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
18 effect from the date it is enacted.