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A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

17 (a) In the implementation of the consolidation of the Natural Resources Police
18 and the State Forest and Park Rangers, the Department of Natural Resources shall
19 use the Natural Resources Police classification and salary grades to classify the law
20 enforcement officers of the State Forest and Park Service.

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

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

27 (c) The Superintendent of the State Forest and Park Service may use titles
28 and ranks for State Forest and Park Service Rangers that are different than the
29 Natural Resources Police classifications.

1 (d) The Superintendent of the Natural Resources Police and the
2 Superintendent of the State Forest and Park Service shall approve the transfer of an
3 employee from the State Forest and Park Service to the Natural Resources Police.

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

7 (2) Law enforcement employees of the State Forest and Park Service
8 shall be considered eligible for any promotional opportunities in the Natural
9 Resources Police.

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