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EMERGENCY BILL

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consolidation of State Forest and Park Services Rangers and Natural**
3 **Resources Police - Exemption from Probationary Status**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an exemption for certain employees of the State
5 Forest and Park Service from the probationary time period for a Natural
6 Resources police officer; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for
7 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to Natural Resources police
8 officers.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 1-203(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 1-203.

18 (e) (1) [All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
19 ALL Natural Resources police officers, including persons appointed for training prior
20 to regular assignment as a Natural Resources police officer, shall remain in a
21 probationary status for a period of 2 years from the date of initial appointment to the

1 Natural Resources Police Force. The Secretary may discharge an employee in
2 probationary status for any cause which is deemed sufficient in the sole discretion of
3 the Secretary.

4 (2) A PERSON SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PROBATIONARY STATUS
5 AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE PERSON:

6 (I) WAS A SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE
7 FOREST AND PARK SERVICE ON MARCH 24, 2004; AND

8 (II) WAS APPOINTED AS A NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICER
9 ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2004.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
11 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
12 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
13 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
14 the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective until January 1, 2006, and with no
15 further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no
16 further force and effect.