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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 ~~FOR the purpose of establishing certain classification titles in the transfer of position~~
5 ~~identification numbers for certain sworn law enforcement employees in the~~
6 ~~implementation of the consolidation of the State Forest and Park Rangers and~~
7 ~~Natural Resources Police; making this Act an emergency measure; and~~
8 ~~generally relating to the classification title and position identification numbers~~
9 ~~in the consolidation of the State Forest and Park Rangers and the Natural~~
10 ~~Resources Police.~~

11 FOR the purpose of confirming the status of certain employees as police officers and
12 preserving those officers' law enforcement commissions; making this Act an
13 emergency measure; and generally relating to the status and commissions of
14 certain police officers.

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 position identification numbers under the~~
19 ~~State personnel system shall be transferred as follows:~~

1 (1) Park Ranger II shall be transferred to the position identification
2 number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources Police Officer
3 First Class;

4 (2) Park Service Specialist shall be transferred to the position
5 identification number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources
6 Police Corporal;

7 (3) Park Ranger Supervisor and Park Service Supervisor shall be
8 transferred to the position identification number associated with the classification
9 title of Natural Resources Police Sergeant;

10 (4) Park Ranger Manager I shall be transferred to the position
11 identification number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources
12 Police 1st Sergeant;

13 (5) Park Ranger Manager II shall be transferred to the position
14 identification number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources
15 Police Lieutenant, and Park Ranger Manager III shall be transferred to the position
16 identification number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources
17 Police Captain;

18 (6) Park Regional Administrator shall be transferred to the position
19 identification number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources
20 Police Major; and

21 (7) Park Administrator shall be transferred to the position identification
22 number associated with the classification title of Natural Resources Police Lieutenant
23 Colonel.

24 (b) A sworn law enforcement employee of the State Forest and Park Service on
25 March 24, 2004, shall be transferred within each position identification number as
26 stated in paragraph (a) of this section.

27 (c) The Natural Resources Police classification series and salary schedule
28 shall be utilized for promotions of law enforcement employees within the Maryland
29 Park Service. Those law enforcement employees of the Maryland Park Service shall
30 be eligible and considered for any promotional opportunities in the Maryland Park
31 Service management and if selected for those positions, shall assume the Natural
32 Resources Police classification of the law enforcement officer who most recently held
33 that position.

34 (a) This section applies to the implementation of the consolidation of the
35 Natural Resources Police and the State Forest and Park Service Rangers in the
36 Department of Natural Resources Forest and Park Service or any successor
37 organization Department of Natural Resources.

38 (b) All employees commissioned, as of March 24, 2004, as law enforcement
39 officers of the State Forest and Park Service pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 2 of the
40 Natural Resources Article shall retain their law enforcement officer commission and

1 certification for the duration of their employment with the Department of Natural
2 Resources Forest and Park Service or any successor organization.

3 (c) (1) The classification title of the position of law enforcement officer of the
4 Maryland Forest and Park Service at the rank of sergeant and above shall reflect the
5 status of the position as a law enforcement officer.

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

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

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

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

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