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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Park Services Associates – Parking Citations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a park services associate who is not commissioned as a law
4 enforcement officer to issue a citation for a parking violation on certain property in
5 the State; and generally relating to the authority of park services associates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Natural Resources
8 Section 5–206
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2018 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 26–301(a) and (b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 5–206.

20 (a) The Secretary may commission any person to act as a forest or park warden,
21 subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Secretary. While holding office, a
22 warden has and may exercise the authority and power of a Natural Resources police officer
23 or a law enforcement officer as provided in his commission so far as arresting and
24 prosecuting persons for violations of any forest or park laws or of the laws, rules and
25 regulations enacted for the protection of the State forestry reservations, State parks,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 historic monuments, recreation areas, or for the protection of fish and game.

2 (b) The Secretary shall, within the limits of any appropriation made for this
3 purpose, commission forest, park, and wildlife rangers as the Secretary deems necessary
4 for the enforcement of laws and regulations as provided in this subsection. All
5 appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons prepared in accordance with the
6 provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. An employee so commissioned and
7 assigned law enforcement duties has and may exercise the powers of a Natural Resources
8 police officer or a law enforcement officer of the State. These powers may be exercised upon:

9 (1) Properties owned by the State and managed by the Department;

10 (2) Railroad rights-of-way and utility properties which are not owned by
11 the State, but which traverse properties owned by the State and managed by the
12 Department;

13 (3) All public and private properties which are within the boundaries of
14 State properties managed by the Department;

15 (4) All waters of the State within one mile of the shoreline of all properties
16 owned by the Department;

17 (5) All public and private property adjoining property owned by the State
18 and managed by the Department;

19 (6) All park property in Maryland owned by the federal government;

20 (7) All roadways within the boundaries of or that portion of roadway
21 adjoining properties owned by the State and managed by the Department; and

22 (8) Any property in Maryland for the purpose of executing a warrant that
23 has resulted from law enforcement activities on property on which a forest, park, and
24 wildlife ranger may exercise law enforcement powers.

25 (C) **A PARK SERVICES ASSOCIATE WHO IS NOT COMMISSIONED AS A LAW**
26 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY ISSUE A**
27 **CITATION FOR A PARKING VIOLATION ON:**

28 (1) **PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE AND MANAGED BY THE**
29 **DEPARTMENT;**

30 (2) **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS WITHIN THE**
31 **BOUNDARIES OF STATE PROPERTY MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

32 (3) **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT ADJOINS PROPERTY**
33 **OWNED BY THE STATE AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

1 (2) Provide for the impounding of vehicles parked in violation of the
2 ordinances or regulations;

3 (3) Regulate the towing of vehicles from publicly owned and privately
4 owned parking lots; and

5 (4) Provide for the issuance of a citation by an officer for a violation of an
6 ordinance or regulation that is adopted under this section.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
8 1, 2019.