

authorizing the Secretary to appoint "wildlife technicians, biologists, scientists, or other employees" is proposed for deletion. The Natural Resources Police Force does not employ such persons but rather technical work is performed by the technicians and engineers in other departmental units. Other provisions in this article give the Secretary sufficient authority to employ persons with talents needed by the department. The reference to compensation and expenses is proposed for deletion because these are allocated for in the State budget. The reference to the merit system also is proposed for deletion as superfluous and it duplicates the provisions in Article 64A, sections 1 and 3 of the Code.

Subsections (b), (c) and (d) presently appear as Article 66C, sections 117 and 119, as amended by Chapter 181, Acts of 1972. The reference to "deputy wildlife officers", which previously were appointed by the governor, is proposed for deletion because appointments are no longer made. The provision requiring transmission of wildlife officer badges to the clerk of the circuit court is proposed for deletion. The inland division of the Natural Resources Police Force will be commissioned and sworn in by the Superintendent as the Marine Police are now. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wicomico County have stated that they have no objection to this change. Presently, the clerks receive \$1 to cover recording costs. The reference to the Director's badge is proposed for deletion because it is obsolete. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 348, Acts of 1972, the Secretary would receive this badge although it is highly unlikely that he would ever personally exercise his police powers. The penalty provision of section 119 is proposed for deletion in light of the penalty provision of this subtitle.

The only other changes made are in style.