

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 9–503(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article – Labor and Employment**

9–503.

(d) [(1)] A paid law enforcement employee of the Department of Natural Resources who is a covered employee under § 9–207 of this title is presumed to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty and is compensable under this title if the employee:

(i) is suffering from Lyme disease; AND

(ii) was not suffering from Lyme disease before assignment to a position that regularly places the employee in an outdoor wooded environment[; and

(iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, demonstrates that the employee had any Lyme disease vaccination required or made available to the employee by the Department of Natural Resources.

(2) The requirement imposed by paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection does not apply to an individual who objects to immunization because it conflicts with the individual's bona fide religious beliefs and practices].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

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**CHAPTER 271**

**(Senate Bill 766)**

AN ACT concerning

**Hunting – Exemptions from License and Stamp Requirement**

FOR the purpose of altering the list of individuals eligible for exemptions from a certain requirement for a hunting license and stamp; including certain additional stamps in the exemption; defining a certain term; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the exceptions to the hunting license and stamp requirement.

BY renumbering