

~~Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article - Natural Resources~~

~~1-203.~~

~~(e) (1) [All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ALL Natural Resources police officers, including persons appointed for training prior to regular assignment as a Natural Resources police officer, shall remain in a probationary status for a period of 2 years from the date of initial appointment to the Natural Resources Police Force. The Secretary may discharge an employee in probationary status for any cause which is deemed sufficient in the sole discretion of the Secretary.~~

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the requirements of § 1-203(e) of the Natural Resources Article, a person shall be exempt from a probationary status if the person was a sworn law enforcement employee of the State Forest and Park Service on March 24, 2004, and was appointed as a Natural Resources police officer during the period beginning July 1, 2004, through the end of December 31, 2005.

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

Approved May 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 478

(Senate Bill 386)

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Law - Extortion by Government Officer or Employee - Penalties
and Persons Subject to Offense**