

(b) All employees commissioned, as of March 24, 2004, as law enforcement officers of the State Forest and Park Service pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 2 of the Natural Resources Article shall retain their law enforcement officer commission and certification for the duration of their employment with the Department of Natural Resources Forest and Park Service or any successor organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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April 8, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 401 - *International Trade Agreement - Procurement Rules - General Assembly Approval*. I believe that the legislation exceeds the General Assembly's constitutional power to the extent that it purports to invalidate the effect of past legal actions of an executive branch official. Furthermore, this legislation makes a mockery of the three distinct branches of government. The provisions of this legislation also clearly encroach on executive branch prerogatives.