

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are severable.

SECTION 7. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 9 of this Act, the provisions of this Act relating to registration, permitting, or statement filings shall take effect October 1, 1997.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act relating to the registration or permitting of a person that owns and operates a bona fide religious, nonprofit cemetery and sells preneed goods shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

SECTION 8. 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 7 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 676

(House Bill 560)

AN ACT concerning

Forest and Park Rangers – Salary, Step, and Grade Increases – In Relationship to Natural Resources Police

FOR the purpose of providing that whenever Natural Resources police officers receive a salary increase, Forest and Park Rangers in the State Forest and Park Service shall receive a salary increase in the same percentage as the salary increase received by Natural Resources police officers; providing that whenever Natural Resources police officers receive a grade or step increase, Forest and Park Rangers in the State Forest and Park Service shall receive an equal grade or step increase; and generally relating to salary, step, and grade increases for Forest and Park Rangers in the State Forest and Park Service.

BY renumbering

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–206(f)

to be Section 5–206(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–206(f)

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