

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-206(f) of Article - Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-206(g).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-206.

(F) (1) 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.

(2) 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.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 677

(House Bill 562)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - Right to Farm Law

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to adopt an ordinance to protect the right to farm and to engage in agricultural or forestry operations; authorizing the County Commissioners to provide for persons who engage in agricultural or forestry operations to be immune from private nuisance actions involving agricultural or forestry operations in certain circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to establish a grievance committee to arbitrate disputes involving agricultural or forestry operations; authorizing the County Commissioners to require a person claiming a nuisance involving agricultural or forestry operations to seek and obtain relief from the grievance committee; authorizing the County Commissioners to require a person claiming a nuisance to pay reasonable expenses, including attorney fees, in certain circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to require a transferor of real property to provide certain information to the transferee in certain circumstances; ~~modifying a certain provision in the Real Property Article concerning contracts for sale of real property;~~ and generally relating to the authority of the County Commissioners to protect agricultural or forestry operations in Dorchester County.