

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Natural Resources  
Section 5-206  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

5-206.

(a) The Secretary may commission any person to act as a forest or park warden for a term of two years, subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Secretary. While holding office, a warden has and may exercise the authority and power of a Natural Resources police officer or a law enforcement officer as provided in his commission so far as arresting and prosecuting persons for violations of any forest or park laws or of the laws, rules and regulations enacted for the protection of the State forestry reservations, State parks, historic monuments, recreation areas, or for the protection of fish and game.

(b) The Secretary shall, within the limits of any appropriation made for this purpose, commission forest, park, and wildlife rangers as the Secretary deems necessary for the enforcement of laws and regulations as provided in this subsection. All appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons prepared in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. An employee so commissioned and assigned law enforcement duties has and may exercise the powers of a Natural Resources police officer or a law enforcement officer of the State. These powers may be exercised upon:

- (1) Properties owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (2) Railroad rights-of-way and utility properties which are not owned by the State, but which traverse properties owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (3) All public and private properties which are within the boundaries of State properties managed by the Department;
- (4) All waters of the State within one mile of the shoreline of all properties owned by the Department;
- (5) All public and private property adjoining property owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (6) All park property in Maryland owned by the federal government;
- (7) All roadways within the boundaries of or that portion of roadway adjoining properties owned by the State and managed by the Department; [and]