

park, and wildlife rangers in Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties. The expanded jurisdiction includes all roadways traveled by a uniformed ranger in a marked vehicle during work hours when the ranger is traveling from one property owned by the State and managed by the Department of Natural Resources to another, or to and from court on official business.

Senate Bill 247, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 566.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 566

AN ACT concerning

Natural Resources – Forest, Park, and Wildlife Rangers – Jurisdiction – Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of expanding, for a certain time, the law enforcement jurisdiction of certain forest, park, and wildlife rangers to include all roadways owned by the State that are utilized by forest, park, and wildlife rangers during work hours to travel from one property owned by the State and managed by the Department to another, or to and from court on official business certain roadways at certain times; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report on the implementation of this Act by a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the law enforcement jurisdiction of forest, park, and wildlife rangers.

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