

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]
- (8) Any property in Maryland for the purpose of executing a warrant that has resulted from law enforcement activities on property on which a forest, park, and wildlife ranger may exercise law enforcement powers; AND

(9) IN ALLEGANY, FREDERICK, GARRETT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, ALL ROADWAYS OWNED BY THE STATE THAT ARE UTILIZED BY FOREST, PARK, AND WILDLIFE RANGERS TRAVELED BY A UNIFORMED FOREST, PARK, AND WILDLIFE RANGER IN A MARKED LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE DURING WORK HOURS TO TRAVEL WHEN THE RANGER IS TRAVELING:

(I) FROM ONE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER, OR, OR

(II) TO AND FROM COURT ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

(c) In exercising the powers granted under subsection (b) of this section, the law enforcement officer shall make every attempt to minimize delay of the operations of railroads and all utilities.