

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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 13, 2004.

CHAPTER 21

(Senate Bill 65)

AN ACT concerning

Environment - Water Quality - Penalties

FOR the purpose of altering certain criminal penalties for knowingly making certain false statements or falsifying certain devices in violation of certain water quality laws.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section 9-343

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

9-343.

(a) (1) A person who violates any provision of or fails to perform any duty imposed by this subtitle, or who violates any provision of or fails to perform any duty imposed by a rule, regulation, order, or permit adopted or issued under this subtitle, is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to:

(i) For a first offense, a fine not exceeding \$25,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both; or