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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission Park Police –**
3 **Workers’ Compensation – Lyme Disease Presumption**

4 **MC/PG 113–07**

5 FOR the purpose of applying the occupational disease presumption under the workers’
6 compensation law to park police officers employed by the Maryland–National
7 Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) who contract Lyme disease
8 under specified circumstances; providing that park police officers who are
9 eligible for benefits under this Act shall receive the benefits in addition to
10 certain retirement benefits, subject to a certain adjustment; and generally
11 relating to the occupational disease presumption for Lyme disease under the
12 workers’ compensation law.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Labor and Employment
15 Section 9–503 (d) and (e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



20 **Article – Labor and Employment**

21 9–503.

22 (d) A paid law enforcement employee of the Department of Natural
23 Resources who is a covered employee under § 9–207 of this title **AND A PARK POLICE**
24 **OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING**
25 **COMMISSION** is presumed to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the
26 line of duty and is compensable under this title if the employee:

27 (1) is suffering from Lyme disease; and

28 (2) was not suffering from Lyme disease before assignment to a
29 position that regularly places the employee in an outdoor wooded environment.

30 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, any paid
31 firefighter, paid fire fighting instructor, sworn member of the Office of the State Fire
32 Marshal, paid police officer, paid law enforcement employee of the Department of
33 Natural Resources, **A PARK POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND–NATIONAL**
34 **CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**, deputy sheriff of Montgomery
35 County, deputy sheriff of Baltimore City, Montgomery County correctional officer,
36 deputy sheriff of Prince George’s County, or Prince George’s County correctional officer
37 who is eligible for benefits under subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section shall
38 receive the benefits in addition to any benefits that the individual is entitled to receive
39 under the retirement system in which the individual was a participant at the time of
40 the claim.

41 (2) The benefits received under this title shall be adjusted so that the
42 weekly total of those benefits and retirement benefits does not exceed the weekly
43 salary that was paid to the paid law enforcement employee of the Department of
44 Natural Resources, **A PARK POLICE OFFICER OF THE MARYLAND–NATIONAL**
45 **CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**, firefighter, fire fighting instructor,
46 sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, police officer, deputy sheriff, or
47 Prince George’s County or Montgomery County correctional officer.

48 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
49 October 1, 2007.