

HOUSE BILL 1177

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By: ~~Delegate Reilly~~ **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sheriff of Harford County – Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County; providing
4 for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of
5 Harford County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 2–326(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

11 BY repealing
12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 2–326(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
18 Section 2–326(b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 2–326.

5 (a) This section applies only in Harford County.

6 [(b) (1) Beginning December 1, 2018, the Sheriff of Harford County shall
7 receive an annual salary of \$136,000, thereafter to be adjusted annually on July 1 in
8 accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.

9 (2) (i) 1. On July 1, 2019, and each July 1 thereafter, the annual
10 salary of the Sheriff shall be adjusted annually to reflect the annual change in the
11 “Consumer Price Index” for “All urban consumers” for the expenditure category “All items
12 not seasonally adjusted”, and for all regions.

13 2. The Annual Consumer Price Index for the period ending
14 each December, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of
15 Labor, shall be used to adjust the annual salary of the Sheriff while in office.

16 (ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the
17 adjustment to the annual salary of the Sheriff may not exceed 3 percent in any fiscal year.]

18 **(B) (1) THE SALARY FOR THE SHERIFF OF HARFORD COUNTY IS EQUAL**
19 **TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT**
20 **THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A LIEUTENANT COLONEL UNDER THE**
21 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN EFFECT ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE**
22 **DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF OFFICE.**

23 **(2) ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF**
24 **STATE POLICE PAY PLAN DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAY NOT**
25 **APPLY TO THE INCUMBENT SHERIFF, BUT THE CHANGED RATE SHALL TAKE EFFECT**
26 **AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF OFFICE.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35
28 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary
29 or compensation of the Sheriff of Harford County while serving in a term of office beginning
30 before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or
31 compensation of the Sheriff of Harford County shall take effect at the beginning of the next
32 following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected
33 after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

34 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 October 1, 2020.