

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1372 (Delegate Conway)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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Wicomico County - Sheriff - Salary

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This bill increases the salary of the Wicomico County Sheriff from \$58,000 in calendar 1998 to \$63,800 in calendar 1999; \$70,180 in calendar 2000; \$77,198 in calendar 2001; and \$79,900 annually thereafter. The salaries do take effect until the beginning of the next term of office.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** State expenditures would increase by a minimal amount as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** Wicomico County expenditures would increase by \$3,200 in FY 1999; \$9,900 in FY 2000; \$17,300 in FY 2001; \$22,600 in FY 2002; and \$24,100 annually thereafter. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the Wicomico County Sheriff. Based on the State's fiscal 1998 employer contribution rate of 8.21% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$238 in fiscal 1999; \$738 in fiscal 2000; \$1,288 in fiscal 2001; \$1,687 in fiscal 2002; and \$1,798 annually thereafter. Actual increases will depend upon the contribution rate in effect for any given year.

**Local Effect:** The bill increases the Wicomico County Sheriff's salary by varying amounts from calendar 1999 through calendar 2001. Beginning in calendar 2002, the salary is fixed at \$79,000 annually. Since the salaries are based on calendar years, the effect on a fiscal year basis reflects salary increases covering two calendar years. As a result, expenditures would increase by \$3,190 in fiscal 1999, which reflects the salary increase for six months and fringe benefits at 10% of the salary. Future increases would be \$9,889 in fiscal 2000; \$17,258 in fiscal 2001; and \$22,604 in fiscal 2002. Beginning in fiscal 2003, expenditures would increase by \$24,090 annually over fiscal 1998 levels.

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