By: **Delegates Eckardt, Schisler, and Cane** Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2001 Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 3	Dorchester County - Chief Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs - Employment Status				
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of establishing that a chief deputy sheriff appointed by the Sheriff of Dorchester County shall serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff; prohibiting the Sheriff of Dorchester County from refusing to reappoint a deputy sheriff without just cause; and generally relating to the employment status of a chief deputy sheriff and deputy sheriffs in Dorchester County.				
9 10 11 12 13	1 Section 2-309(k) 2 Annotated Code of Maryland				
14 15	4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 5 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
16	Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings				
17	2-309.				
	(k) (1) The Sheriff of Dorchester County shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000 and be allowed the actual operating costs of the Sheriff's office, including the maintenance of automobiles.				
21 22	(2) (i) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SHERIFF.				
25	(ii) If an employee of the Sheriff's office is appointed as chief deputy sheriff and is subsequently removed from the chief deputy sheriff's position for other than cause, the person may resume the employment status held prior to the appointment to the chief deputy sheriff's position.				
27	(iii) The chief deputy sheriff shall:				

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1		1.	Perform all duties assigned by the Sheriff; and		
2 3	vacancy in the office of the S	2. heriff, pe	If the Sheriff is temporarily incapacitated or there is a rform all legal functions of the Sheriff.		
4 5 6	deputy sheriff is vacant, the County Commissioners shall appoint an acting chief				
7 8	(v) deputy sheriff.	The Co	ounty Commissioners shall approve the salary of the chief		
	 (3) (i) The Sheriff may appoint probationary deputy sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, investigators, communications officers, secretaries, supervisors, administrators, and other staff as approved in the county budget. 				
12 13	(ii) staff appointed by the Sherif		ounty Commissioners shall approve the salaries for all		
14 15	()		HERIFF MAY NOT REFUSE TO REAPPOINT A DEPUTY		
16	16 SECTION 2 AND DE IT ELIDTHED ENACTED. That this Act shall take affect				

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 17 October 1, 2001.

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