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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County - Sheriff of Kent County - Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Kent County,  
4 beginning with a certain calendar year; providing that this Act does not apply to  
5 the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Kent County; and  
6 generally relating to the annual salary of the Sheriff of Kent County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 2-309(p)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 2-309.

16 (p) (1) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of:

17 (i) \$48,000 for the calendar year 2003;

18 (ii) \$50,000 for the calendar year 2004;

19 (iii) \$52,000 for the calendar year 2005; [and]

20 (iv) \$54,000 for the calendar year 2006; AND

21 (V) \$65,000 PLUS A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE  
22 CALENDAR YEAR 2007 and each calendar year thereafter.

23 (2) At the discretion of the County Commissioners, the Sheriff shall  
24 receive county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's  
25 department.

1                   (3)    (i)    The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff, or the  
2 managerial equivalent, who shall:

3                                   1.       Receive a salary of at least \$8,000; and

4                                   2.       Serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

5                   (ii)    The Sheriff may not refuse to reappoint a deputy sheriff without  
6 just cause.

7                   (4)    The Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies shall be paid allowances as the  
8 Commissioners may deem necessary.

9                   (5)    The County Commissioners may authorize additional deputies as  
10 necessary and shall set their compensation at the time of their appointment.

11                   (6)    The County Commissioners may authorize the Sheriff to appoint as  
12 part-time deputies individuals employed in specific plants, schools, hospitals,  
13 institutions, business enterprises, and land development tracts situated within Kent  
14 County who are limited to service only within the particular facility where they are  
15 employed, and who may not be compensated by Kent County for their services.

16       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §  
17 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to  
18 the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Kent County in office on the effective date  
19 of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the  
20 Sheriff of Kent County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of  
21 office.

22       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2005.