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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 475

(Senator Jacobs, *et al.*)

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**Harford County - State's Attorney - Annual Salary**

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This bill increases the annual salary for the Harford County State's Attorney to \$125,000 through calendar year 2016, and to \$130,000 for calendar year 2017 and subsequent years. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary increase takes effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County expenditures increase by approximately \$6,600 in FY 2015 and by approximately \$14,000 annually beginning in FY 2016. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The Harford County State's Attorney's salary was last adjusted by Chapter 184 of 2005, when it was increased from \$90,000 to \$98,500 effective January 1, 2007. Chapter 184 also established that the salary is to be adjusted annually every July 1 to reflect the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as long as the adjustment to the State's Attorney's salary does not exceed 3% in any fiscal year. Salary adjustments for public officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Harford County State's Attorney begins in January 2015. The current salary of the Harford County State's Attorney is \$112,044.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Harford County expenditures increase by \$6,633 in fiscal 2015, which accounts for the salary increase going into effect in January 2015. This estimate assumes a fringe benefit rate of 17.65% and a CPI of 1.54% for the previous calendar year (2014). Expenditures increase by approximately \$14,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2016. This estimate assumes a constant fringe benefit rate and is based on projected CPI. To the extent that CPI differs from the current projections, the salary increase may be higher or lower.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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