

Chapter 736

**(House Bill 1500)**

AN ACT concerning

**Sheriff of Harford County – Salary**

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County beginning on a certain date; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–309(n)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2–309.

(n) (1) (i) **[The] BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE** Sheriff of Harford County shall receive **[a] AN ANNUAL** salary **[of:**

1. \$90,000 in 2004; and

2. \$98,500 commencing January 1, 2007,**] OF \$136,000,** thereafter to be adjusted annually on July 1 in accordance with subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph.

(ii) 1. On and after July 1, **[2007] 2019,** the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County shall be adjusted annually to reflect the annual change in the “Consumer Price Index” for “All urban consumers” for the expenditure category “All items not seasonally adjusted”, and for all regions. The Annual Consumer Price Index for the period ending each December, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, shall be used to adjust the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County while in office.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph, the adjustment to the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County may not exceed 3 percent in any fiscal year.

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.**