

## Chapter 439

**(Senate Bill 599)**

AN ACT concerning

**Sheriff of Harford County – Salary**

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–326(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–326(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–326(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 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**

2–326.

(a) This section applies only in Harford County.

[(b) (1) Beginning December 1, 2018, the Sheriff of Harford County shall receive an annual salary of \$136,000, thereafter to be adjusted annually on July 1 in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) (i) 1. On July 1, 2019, and each July 1 thereafter, the annual salary of the Sheriff 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.

2. 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 while in office.

(ii) Notwithstanding subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the adjustment to the annual salary of the Sheriff may not exceed 3 percent in any fiscal year.]

**(B) (1) THE SALARY FOR THE SHERIFF OF HARFORD COUNTY IS EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A LIEUTENANT COLONEL UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN EFFECT ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF OFFICE.**

**(2) ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAY NOT APPLY TO THE INCUMBENT SHERIFF, BUT THE CHANGED RATE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF OFFICE.**

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, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**