

# HOUSE BILL 1197

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HB 713/23 – ENT

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Sheriff – Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be equal  
4 to the salary of a Department of State Police lieutenant colonel, at the highest  
5 available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan;  
6 and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 2–324(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
14 Section 2–324(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 2–324.

21 (a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

22 (b) **(1)** The **SALARY FOR THE** Sheriff of Frederick County [shall receive an  
23 annual salary of \$125,000] **IS EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A  
2 LIEUTENANT COLONEL UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN  
3 EFFECT ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF  
4 OFFICE.

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

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

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2025.