

# SENATE BILL 626

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CF HB 1197

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By: ~~Senator Folds~~ **Frederick County Senators**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 stop for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan~~  
6 a certain amount for a certain calendar year; altering the annual salary of the Sheriff  
7 of Frederick County to be a certain percentage of the salary of the State's Attorney  
8 for Frederick County for certain subsequent calendar years; and generally relating  
9 to the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
12 Section 2–324(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
17 Section 2–324(b)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2 2–324.

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

4 (b) (1) The ~~SALARY FOR THE~~ Sheriff of Frederick County ~~shall receive an~~  
 5 annual salary of ~~[\$125,000] IS EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE~~  
 6 ~~POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A~~  
 7 ~~LIEUTENANT COLONEL UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN~~  
 8 ~~EFFECT ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF~~  
 9 ~~OFFICE:~~

10 (I) \$187,313 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025; AND

11 (II) 82.5% OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR FREDERICK  
 12 COUNTY’S ANNUAL SALARY INCLUDING ANY INCREMENTS AND SALARY  
 13 ADJUSTMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 15–411(B)(2) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
 14 ARTICLE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR.

15 (2) ~~ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF~~  
 16 ~~STATE POLICE PAY PLAN TO THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR FREDERICK COUNTY~~  
 17 ~~DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAY NOT APPLY TO THE INCUMBENT~~  
 18 ~~SHERIFF DURING THE SHERIFF’S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, BUT THE CHANGED~~  
 19 ~~RATE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF~~  
 20 ~~OFFICE.~~

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

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