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Chairman Kumar Barve
House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

House Bill 794 Carroll County – Sheriff - Salary

Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

House Bill 794 would increase the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County. The salary increase would be in a series of two installments of \$15,000. The increase would be as follows:

- \$110,000 to \$125,000 beginning December 6, 2022
- \$125,000 to \$140,000 beginning December 5, 2023

The primary reasons for increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County are:

- The salary increase would put the Carroll County Sheriff on a more level pay grade with the sheriffs of surrounding counties of similar size
- It will also attract qualified candidates to show interest in the position as typically those that are qualified and willing to be sheriff are making more at their current employment. In fact, the Carroll County Sheriff has a number of current employees in his command structure who make more than he.
- The Carroll County Sheriff is also responsible for providing police protection for the courts of Carroll County as well as providing service to about 70% of the entire county.

The Carroll County Delegates voted in favor of House Bill 794 7-0. I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 794.