



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony in Support of HB668**  
**Anne Arundel County – Sheriff - Salary**

Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski  
March 8, 2024 – Environment and Transportation Committee

**What the Bill Does:**

This bill would require Anne Arundel County to set the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 on the pay scale.

**Why the Bill is Important:**

The salary of the Sheriff in Anne Arundel County is set at a static level since 2015. This bill provides the Sheriff with a needed raise to coincide with today's economy and the responsibilities that the Sheriff holds. The current salary is long outdated and is currently lower than members of the Sheriff's team. This bill would provide a salary increase for the first time in 12 years (when implemented after the 2026 election). By matching the Sheriff's salary to that of a captain at step 20 on the pay scale, it would remove the need for future legislative action to increase the Sheriff's salary.

Also note, in accordance to existing Maryland Code, this pay raise would not go into effect until after the 2026 election. The Fiscal Note would not have a state impact. This bill has the support of the Anne Arundel County Delegation, as shown by their letter.

**Why the Committee Should Vote Favorably:**

The Sheriff's salary is in need of an update and **on behalf of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, we urge a favorable report on HB668.**