

SENATE BILL 965

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CF HB 1060

By: **Carroll County Senators**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Sheriff – Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Carroll 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 beginning in a certain year; providing for a certain change in the annual salary of
7 the Sheriff of Carroll County under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
8 the salary of the Sheriff of Carroll County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 2–320(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
16 Section 2–320(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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 2-320.

2 (a) This section applies only in Carroll County.

3 (b) (1) The Sheriff of Carroll County shall receive an annual salary of[:

4 (1) \$110,000 beginning December 3, 2019;

5 (2) \$125,000 beginning December 6, 2022; and

6 (3)] \$140,000 beginning December 5, 2023[, and thereafter].

7 (2) **BEGINNING IN 2026, THE SALARY FOR THE SHERIFF SHALL BE**
8 **EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT**
9 **COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AT THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN EFFECT ON THE DAY BEFORE THE DAY**
11 **THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS THE NEW TERM OF OFFICE.**

12 (3) **BEGINNING IN 2030 AND EVERY 4 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE**
13 **SALARY OF THE SHERIFF OF CARROLL COUNTY SHALL BE THE LESSER OF:**

14 (i) **THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE**
15 **LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A LIEUTENANT**
16 **COLONEL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN EFFECT ON THE DAY**
17 **BEFORE THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF OFFICE IN THAT YEAR; OR**

18 (ii) **A 110% OF THE SALARY OF THE SHERIFF ON THE DAY**
19 **BEFORE THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A NEW TERM OF OFFICE.**

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

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

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2024.