

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 37 (o) (1) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Replacement Volume), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

37.

(o) (1) The Sheriff of Montgomery County shall receive an annual salary of **[\$7,500]** *twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000)* per year, and such allowances for expenses, commencing on January 1, 1959, as the County Council of said county shall provide from its annual budget. The County Council of Montgomery County shall provide an automobile for the use of the said Sheriff and his deputies for the general public work of the office; the said automobile to be operated and maintained by the said Sheriff and his deputies at the expense of said Montgomery County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1967.

Approved April 8, 1965.

CHAPTER 399

(House Bill 555)

AN ACT to add new Section 19 (e) to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Method of Assessment," to follow immediately after Section 19 (d) thereof, to provide for special assessment and taxation of property used as a country club under the terms of agreements with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, to provide for the assessment on and taxation of such property upon expiration of agreements or on other contingencies, to provide for the computation of taxes due, with exceptions, and to provide for transfer of obligations under such agreements.

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that the assessment of lands used for country clubs shall be maintained at levels compatible with the continued use of such property for country clubs and shall not be adversely affected by neighboring uses of a more intensive and different nature; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly hereby declares it to be in the general public interest that such uses should be encouraged in order to provide open spaces and provide recreational facilities and to prevent the forced conversion of such country clubs to more intensive or different uses as a result of economic pressures caused by the assessment of country club land and improvements at a rate or level incompatible with the practical use of such property for country clubs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 19 (e) be and it is hereby added to Article 81