of Cecil County to appoint four additional deputies and specifying the rate of compensation to be paid them, increasing the salary of the present deputies, authorizing and directing the County Commissioners to furnish and maintain automobiles for the Sheriff and deputies, and relating generally to the compensation and duties of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Cecil County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland. That Section 37(g) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

Commencing with the beginning of the next term of office, the Sheriff of Cecil County shall receive an annual salary of \$6,500 and no allowance for expenses except as hereinafter provided. The Sheriff shall appoint four eight deputy sheriffs, one of whom he shall name as chief deputy. The salary of the chief deputy shall be [\$4,500.00] \$5,900.00 annually with annual increments, subject to approval of the Sheriff of \$200.00, subject to a maximum annual salary of [\$5,300] \$6,900.00. The remaining [three] seven deputies shall receive annual salaries of [\$4,200.00] \$5,600.00 each with annual increments, subject to the approval of the Sheriff of \$200.00, subject to a maximum annual salary of [\$5,000.00] \$6,600.00. The Sheriffs and all deputies shall be furnished, prior to July 1, 1970, with automobiles suitable for the performance of their duties by the County Commissioners, at no expense to the Sheriff and deputies. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH FOUR AUTOMOBILES, TWO OF THEM TO BE FURNISHED BY JULY 1, 1968, AND TWO MORE BY JULY 1, 1969. The County Commissioners shall pay all necessary operating expenses, including but not limited to, gasoline, oil, insurance and repairs., AND SHALL REPLACE THESE AUTOMOBILES WITH NEW ONES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. The deputy sheriffs shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the constables to the trial magistrates' courts of Cecil County. From and after the appointment of one or more of such deputy sheriffs, any references to constables, as applied to Cecil County, in any law shall be construed to apply to deputy sheriffs. The Sheriff and deputy sheriffs shall be entitled to an expense allowance for travel at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per mile actually traveled, to be paid monthly upon vouchers submitted by the Sheriff to the County Commissioners of Cecil County in such form as they that he also submit specify, provided shall may such vouchers an affidavit sworn to by him upon personal knowledge showing for each day of the month just passed the number of miles each vehicle used by him and his deputies has been driven in the performance of the duties of his or their office, as determined by him from a daily check of the speedometer readings of the respective vehicles **[.1]**, except such mileage allowance shall not be allowed in the event automobiles are furnished to the Sheriff and deputies by the County Commissioners. The Sheriff's office shall also receive an appropriation of \$1,500, to be used for special investigations and employees, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners.