

## CHAPTER 91

(House Bill 1119)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 378(d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Sheriff," to provide for salaries of the deputy sheriffs of Charles County set by the schedule of salaries for the Maryland State Police eliminating any action by the Board of Public Safety.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 378(d) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County (1969 Edition, being Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Charles County," subtitle "Sheriff," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(d) The salary of the Sheriff is fixed by Section 37(h) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code, as amended from time to time. [The salaries of the deputy sheriffs shall be set by action of the Board of Public Safety and confirmed by the approval of the appropriation of budget funds for these salaries by the County Commissioners.] *The salaries of the deputy sheriffs, based on rank and length of service, shall correspond to the salary schedule of the Maryland State Police employees as set forth in Section 23 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. As of July 1, 1970, all deputy sheriffs shall continue their position with the following ranks: patrolmen are within rank I; privates first class are within rank II; corporals are within rank III; sergeants are within rank IV; lieutenants are within rank V. Ranks VI to X of the schedule of Section 23 of Article 88B shall not be applicable to the deputy sheriffs of Charles County. Any change or amendment in the salary schedule in Section 23(a) of Article 88B shall apply to the deputy sheriffs of Charles County. As of July 1, 1970, each deputy sheriff shall be placed in the rank that corresponds to his position. He shall be placed in the first step of that rank unless his present salary is more than that step, then his step shall correspond to his present salary, but he shall not receive a lesser salary, nor shall he be demoted as a result of the implementation of their salary schedule. All deputy sheriffs shall receive the salary for the next step within his rank upon each anniversary date which means (1) July first, as to all persons who are deputy sheriffs on July 1, 1970, or (2) the date of employment as to all other deputies. Upon promotion, a deputy sheriff shall be entitled to the pay specified for the new rank in the same step as that occupied before promotion, except that if such step is higher than that held by any employee who (1) is already in the rank and (2) has equal or higher total service time, a deputy sheriff upon promotion shall be entitled only to the pay specified for the new rank in the step next lower than that occupied before promotion. The Board of County Commissioners shall make such appropriations for these salaries.*