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NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF A SELF-FUNDED GROUP INSURANCE PLAN FORMED BY ANY ORDER, SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS A MAIN OFFICE LOCATED IN THE STATE OR WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN THE STATE, OR COVERS PERSONS WHO RESIDE OR WORK WITHIN THE STATE, NO SUCH PLAN PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY SERVICE WHICH IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIANS, A DENTIST OR DENTISTS, AND/OR A PODIATRIST OR PODIATRISTS, MAY PROHIBIT ANY PERSON COVERED BY SUCH PLAN FROM OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICE WHETHER THE SERVICE IS PERFORMED BY A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, A DENTIST, OR A PODIATRIST. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL SUCH PLANS, ISSUED, RENEWED, MODIFIED, ALTERED, AMENDED, REVISED, OR REISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1972.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 353

(House Bill 1502)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37(k) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," to provide in Garrett County for the employment of certain deputies.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 37(k) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

(k) The Sheriff of Garrett County shall receive an annual salary of not less than seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) on and after January 1, 1971, and a sum as may be set from time to time in the discretion of the County Commissioners, for expenses. He shall [appoint] EMPLOY not more than eight deputies, with the approval of the County Commissioners, each of whom shall receive an annual salary of not less than five thousand two hundred dollars (\$5,200) and one of whom shall act as warden of the jail. The deputy sheriffs shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the constables of the trial magistrates' courts of Garrett County. The Sheriff, in his discretion may [appoint] EMPLOY additional special deputies whose compensation shall be approved by the County Commissioners. The Sheriff and the deputy sheriffs shall be allowed extra car mileage and out-of-county mileage at the rate of fourteen cents (\$.14) per mile. This mileage allowance shall not be payable if the Sheriff's office is furnished with automobiles. The Sheriff shall be allowed compensation necessary for the boarding of prisoners committed to the county jail, to be paid monthly upon vouchers