SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved April 13, 1982.

## CHAPTER 79

(House Bill 1309)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Sheriff

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Kent County; and specifying that the salary increase does not affect the incumbent.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 2-309(p) Annotated Code of Maryland (1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(p) (1) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of \$20,000, [an annual cost-of-living increase] COST OF LIVING INCREMENTS APPROVED-BY--THE--COUNTY--COMMISSIONERS AND--AS--ESTABLISHED THAT ARE SET BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, and, at the discretion of the County Commissioners, and county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff who shall receive a salary of at least \$8,000. He also may appoint not more than two assistant deputies who shall receive salaries of at least \$7,000. The Sheriff and his deputies shall receive an allowance set by the County Commissioners for mileage traveled in the course of their duties. It shall be paid at the same rate as other county officials and employees are paid. They shall also be paid any additional allowances as the Commissioners may deem necessary.