SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 499

(House Bill 937)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Sheriff's Salary

FOR the purpose of increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Kent County for certain ealendar years; and <u>and</u> providing that this Act does not affect the salary of the incumbent Sheriff of Kent County; and providing for a delayed effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

- (p) (1) (I) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive †a salary of \$35,000 and, at AN ANNUAL SALARY AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1. \$40,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999;
 - 2: \$41,000 FOR CALENDAR-YEAR 2000:
 - 3. \$42,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001; AND
 - 4: \$43,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2002 AND THEREAFTER.
- (II) AT the discretion of the County Commissioners, THE-SHERIFF MAY RECEIVE county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department.
- (HH) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff who shall receive a salary of at least \$8,000.
- (IV) The Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies shall be paid allowances as the Commissioners may deem necessary.