\$45,000 beginning in January 2003, and will increase by \$1,000 in each of the next three calendar years.

Senate Bill 84, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 147.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 147

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Sheriff's Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Kent County for certain calendar years; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Kent County; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 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) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of:
 - (I) [\$40,000] \$45,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2003;
 - (II) \$46,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2004;
 - (III) \$47,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2005; AND
- (IV) \$48,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2006 AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER.
- (2) [and, at] AT the discretion of the County Commissioners, THE SHERIFF SHALL RECEIVE county—owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department.
- (3) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff who shall receive a salary of at least \$8,000.