

receive such salary and have such assistants, employees and professional consultants as provided in the State budget. *All assistant secretaries and professional consultants shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary. All other employees, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of this Code.* The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 1, 1970

CHAPTER 31

(Senate Bill 609)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 37 (v) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," to increase the annual salary of the Sheriff of Wicomico County and that the provisions of this Act shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 37 (v) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Sheriffs," subtitle "Compensation and Duties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

37.

(v) The Sheriff of Wicomico County shall receive an annual salary of [seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00)] *eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00)* to be paid to him in equal monthly installments. He shall appoint a chief deputy who shall receive an annual salary as determined by the Wicomico County Council, but not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), payable in equal monthly installments. He shall serve during the tenure of office of the Sheriff subject to removal by the Sheriff. The Sheriff may appoint such additional deputies as he and the County Council of Wicomico County shall deem necessary, which additional deputies shall receive such compensation as may be prescribed by the personnel regulations and rules of said county. In addition thereto the Sheriff of Wicomico County shall be allowed such additional sums as may be necessary to defray all expenses of his office, including necessary automobile mileage allowance at the rate of not less than six cents (6¢) per mile for automobiles used by him and his deputies in the discharge of their official duties, except such mileage shall not be allowed in the event automobiles are furnished to the Sheriff by the County Council of Wicomico County, actual carfare or other transportation expense necessary in the discharge of said duties, necessary telephone and telegraph expense, necessary expense for clerical assistants when the engaging of such assistants or hiring of such assistants is done with the approval of the County Council