

fixtures and stock in trade for the business for which said license is applied for, for the calendar year next preceding the year in which said license is applied for. Said receipt or certificate shall also show that there are no unpaid taxes due the incorporated city or town or county in which the licensed activity is carried on or to the State of Maryland on the merchandise, fixtures and stock in trade as aforesaid. In determining the value of the merchandise, fixtures and stock in trade for the purpose of issuing all traders' licenses, the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the counties and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in the City of Baltimore shall accept as prima facie evidence thereof the values as shown on the receipt or certificate required to be exhibited to said Clerks as provided in this section. All licenses granted or issued by said Clerks shall expire the first day of May next thereafter, except licenses for fisheries and horseracing.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 702.

(House Bill 84)

AN ACT to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay certain retired employees of the Police Department of Baltimore City certain sums of money to compensate them for payments not received in 1945 due to inadvertent repeal of Chapter 767 of 1943, as of June 1, 1945, instead of January 1, 1946.

WHEREAS, Chapter 767 of the Acts of 1943 increased pension payments on account of length of service; and

WHEREAS, it was intended that the increased pensions due to longevity service be continued until the increased salaries provided for by Chapter 513 of 1945 became effective; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 931 of 1945, repealing Chapter 767 of 1943, through an oversight, was made effective June 1, 1945 and Chapter 513 made effective January 1, 1946; and

WHEREAS, through this oversight or inadvertence, said retired officers did not receive the increased pensions author-