

hold good for four years, unless sooner annulled by his dismissal from the force; provided, however, that if any officer of police, policeman or detective, shall be incapacitated from performing duty by reason of sickness or disability incurred in the line of his duty for six consecutive months, he may, at the expiration of that time, be dismissed from the force; provided further, however, that the said board shall have the power to dismiss said officer of police, policeman or detective before that time, if in their judgment they may deem it proper."

After "Maryland," in line 54, the end of section, add: "And it shall be part of the duty of the Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants, whenever a policeman, officer of police or detective is absent from duty, to report such absence to the board, and the cause of the same, and if said report shows that said absence is on account of sickness, such report shall be *prima facie* evidence of such sickness, and if any officer of police, policeman or detective shall absent himself from duty, under plea of sickness, when he is not sick, such plea or absence shall be official misconduct, for which said officer shall be discharged by the said Board of Police Commissioners, if they shall deem proper so to do."

Which were adopted.

The said bill, as amended, was then passed by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Knight,
Blake,	McCulloh,
Brewer,	Phelps,
Billingsley,	Stevens,
Brattan,	Steiner,
Davis,	Spencer,
Denson,	Williams,
Fields,	Walsh—16.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal section 179 of Article IV. of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Sheriff," and to amend and re-enact the same,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Davis moved to take up

The House bill relating to Public Highways in Baltimore county.

Mr. Stevens moved to amend the motion so as to take up