

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 756 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Police Commissioners," as repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1898, as amended by Chapter 233 of the Acts of 1900, as amended by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1902, as amended by Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments; and that the following additional section be added thereto, to follow section 756, and to be known and designated as section 756A, so as to read as follows.

SEC. 756. In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund in the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City and known and accounted for as a special fund; the said Board of Police Commissioners are empowered whenever, in their opinion, the efficiency of the service may require it, to retire any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey appointed by them and pay him in monthly instalments out of said special fund for life a sum of money equal to one-half of the amount of money monthly paid to such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey as provided by law; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than twenty years as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey; and the said Board of Police Commissioners shall in all cases before making such retirement procure and file away among their records a certificate signed by a majority of the police physicians of Baltimore City that the person proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by them, and that he is incapable of performing active duty; and it shall be the duty of such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired to perform such police duties and at such times as the said Board of Police Commissioners shall deem proper, said terms of service not to exceed seven days during any year, and for such services no extra compensation shall be allowed by said board; and the said board shall have the power in their discretion to suspend payment to any such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey for a term not to exceed three months for the first offense; for the second offense, for a term not to exceed six months, and for the third offense, any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey shall be subject to dismissal upon proof given that the said officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or