

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 777 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1898, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Police," as the same was repealed and re-enacted by Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1910, be and the same is hereby repealed, and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

777. In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund as above constituted and designated, 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 the said Board of Police Commissioners shall pay to such officers of police, policemen, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired, in monthly instalments, out of said fund, for life, a sum of money equal to one-half the amount of money currently paid monthly to an officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, as provided by law; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than sixteen 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. In the event at any time of an increase in the pay of officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, every officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey who shall have been or shall subsequently be retired by the said Board of Police Commissioners shall be entitled to and the said Board of Police Commissioners shall pay to him in the manner and at and for the length of time provided in this section for the pay of the members of the police force who shall be retired or shall have been retired, a sum equal to one-half of the remuneration of the active members of the police department holding the same rank or grade at the time of their retirement, to the end and effect that every retired officer of police, policeman, etc., shall receive the same remuneration as every other retired officer of police, policeman, etc., of like grade or rank, and no less. The provisions of this section shall extend to and include all members of the police force of Baltimore City heretofore retired by the said Board of Police Commissioners, including those members retired prior to January 1st, 1907, and the said Board of Police Commissioners shall in all cases, before retiring any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, procure and file among their records a certificate signed by a majority of the physicians appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners as physicians of the police department, that the person proposed to be retired has