

ized by Chapter 767 of 1943, although the funds for this had been included in the Ordinance of Estimates for the year 1945; and

WHEREAS, it seems only fair and equitable that these retired officers should be compensated for the amounts which they would have received but for the inadvertent repeal of Chapter 767 of 1943 to become effective June 1, 1945, instead of January 1, 1946; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is hereby authorized and directed to pay the retired officers of the Police Department of said City the amounts which said officers would have received had Chapter 931 of the Acts of 1945 repealing Chapter 767 of 1943 been made to take effect January 1, 1946, instead of June 1, 1945.

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

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 703.

(House Bill 87)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 946 of Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Special Fund", as amended by Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1943, relating to the retirement of employees of the Police Department of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 946 of Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Special Fund", as amended by Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

946. 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 Police Commissioner is empowered whenever, in his opinion, the efficiency of the service may require it, to retire any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk