

appointment and organization to appoint a Superintendent of Police and two (2) Sergeants of Police and additional officers up to the number of police officers authorized herein to serve temporarily until such time as it may be possible to make permanent appointments under the provisions hereof, such temporary officers, however, not to serve more than four (4) months. Such officers shall be clothed with all the power and authority of permanent officers provided for herein but shall be subject to removal at any time in the discretion of the Police Commissioners and shall receive the same salaries provided for regular police officers herein.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts or any public general or public local laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That should any section or part of section of this Act, including those preceding or those succeeding this section be found to be invalid or inoperative by reason of any constitutional prohibition, then such sections or parts of sections shall be considered severable from the balance of said Act, and the remainder of said Act shall be held and considered as a valid and subsisting Act notwithstanding such inoperative or invalid section or parts of sections herein.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed upon the yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 17, 1937.

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## CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 763 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", increasing the leave of absence, with pay, of officers of the police force of Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 763 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-