

which are now in, or which may hereafter come into, the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore under and by virtue of the provisions of existing laws, except such sums as may come into their hands under and by virtue of the provisions of section eight hundred and twelve of chapter three hundred and sixty-seven, of the acts passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall constitute a fund to be known and accounted for as the special fund.

Special funds.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund so as above constituted and designated, the said Board of Police Commissioners are hereby empowered, whenever in their opinion the efficiency of the service may require it, to retire any officer of Police, Policeman or Detective and pay him, in monthly instalments out of the said fund, for life, a sum of money not to exceed one-third of the amount of money monthly paid to him as such officer of Police, Policeman or Detective at the time of his said retirement; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than sixteen years as such officer of Police, Policeman or Detective, or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as such officer of Police, Policeman or Detective; and the said Board shall, in all cases before making such retirement, procure and file among their records a certificate of a competent and reputable physician, that the person proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by him and that he is incapable of performing active police duty; provided, however, that the said Board shall have power, in their discretion, to suspend payment to any such officer of Police, Policeman or Detective for a term not to exceed three months for the first offence, for the second offense a term not to exceed six months, and for the third offense shall be subject to

To retire officers.

Proviso.