

this act shall prove, to the satisfaction of the justice of the peace, that the said stock did not go at large from negligence or want of care on his part, and that due diligence was used to prevent it, the owner shall have return of the property, on paying all expenses of keeping and proving the same, and one dollar for taking up each of said stock.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all moneys arising from the execution of this act, the justice of the peace shall collect and pay to the officer taking up and impounding said stock, a fair compensation for his services, and the balance to the owner or owners, who may establish his or their claim to said property; and in event of no such claimant appearing within thirty days, then the balance, after deducting costs, shall be paid into the school fund for Calvert county. Disposition of proceeds.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 27th, 1896.

CHAPTER 108.

AN ACT to authorize the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city to increase the pension of Perry W. Ruth, a retired policeman of the Police Force of Baltimore city.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay to Perry W. Ruth, a retired policeman of the Police Force of Baltimore city, who was permanently disabled in the discharge of his duties, as such policeman, out of the fund in the hands of said Board of Police Commissioners, known and accounted for as the special fund, the sum of twelve dollars per week for his life, in lieu of the sum of six dollars per week now paid to the said Perry W. Ruth by said Board of Police Commissioners, under and by authority of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, chapter four hundred and fifty-nine, Laws of Maryland, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled "an Act to define a fund of money now in the hands, or which, under existing laws, may come into the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore, and to provide for its application," approved April 7th, eighteen hundred and eighty-six. Pension increased.