

CHAPTER 222.

AN ACT to repeal Section 756 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub title "Special Fund," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section 756 of article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Special Fund," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

May retire policemen on half pay. SEC. 756. 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 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 pay him in monthly instalments out of said fund, for life, a sum of money not to exceed one-half of the amount of money monthly paid to him as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey 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, detective, clerk, turnkey, or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as such officer of police, police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey ; and the said board shall in all cases, before making such retirement, 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 been thoroughly examined by them and that he is incapable of performing active police duty ; and the said Board of Police Commissioners shall have power, in their discretion, to suspend payment to any such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey for a term not to exceed three months for the first offence, for the second offence for a term not to exceed six months, and for the third offence, any such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey shall be subject to dismissal, upon proof given that the said officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, is living an improper or immoral life.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.