

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, 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.

778. The Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore are authorized to pay out of the special fund mentioned in section 776 of this Article, the cost of the maintenance and operation of the police patrol boat recently built and manned by said Board under authority conferred by law on said Board, including therein the wages of engineers and firemen of said boat; and said Board are authorized to appoint on its force two officers for said boat, who shall be styled commander and first officer, respectively, of the police patrol boat, and shall have the rank and pay of Lieutenants of Police of the City of Baltimore.

779. The Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore are hereby authorized, out of the special fund mentioned in section 776 of this Article, to pay the purchase money of the ground needed for the erection of station-houses hereafter required for the uses of said Board, and also the cost of the erection and repair of said station-houses.