

years to the first grade, without competitive examination, if their services in the second grade have been satisfactory. Patrolmen of the third and second grades to be known as probation officers and they shall not be advanced as aforesaid except after examination by said Board of Police Commissioners as to their records, efficiency and conduct, and unless they are certified to said Board by the police physicians as physically qualified to continue to discharge the duties of a patrolman.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That until January 1st, 1919, the officers and men in this act mentioned shall continue to receive the pay heretofore provided for them by law, but the Board of Police Commissioners, in the estimate to be certified by them to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore of the expenses of their department for the next ensuing fiscal year, shall include an item sufficient to cover the increases in pay by this Act provided for the period from the first day of June 1918, to the 31st. day of December, 1918, inclusive, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to include the same in the next levy made by it for the expenses of the Police Department of Baltimore City, and to collect the same as part of the Police Tax, and to pay the same on January 1st, 1919, upon proper requisition, to the Police Board; and thereupon the Police Board shall pay to the officers and men the increase in their pay hereby authorized for the period from the first day of June 1918, to the 31st day of December 1918, inclusive; and beginning with the first day of January 1919, the compensations herein specified shall be regularly paid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 130.

AN ACT to repeal Section 56 of Article 35 of the Code (Bagby's) of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Evidence," sub-title "Public Statutes and Office Copies and Official Certificates," and to reenact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 56 of Article 35 of the Code (Bagby's) of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Evidence," sub-title