

## CHAPTER 213.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City or its successor in office to reopen and retry the case of Gerhard Hauptman, an ex-Patrolman of the Police Force of Baltimore City, and to reinstate the said Gerhard Hauptman as a member of the said Police Force if, in its judgment, it shall deem the same proper or expedient.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City, or the Board which is to succeed it in office, be and it or its successors is hereby empowered and authorized to reopen and retry the case of Gerhard Hauptman, an ex-Patrolman of the Police Force of Baltimore City, and authority is hereby conferred upon the said Board or its successor in office to reinstate Gerhard Hauptman as a Patrolman of the Police Force of the City of Baltimore, if the said Board or its duly qualified successor shall deem the same proper or expedient.

Approved April 11th, 1916.

## CHAPTER 214.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 335 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Murder."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 335 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Murder," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

335. Every person convicted of murder in the first degree, his or her aiders, abettors and counsellors, shall suffer death, or undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of the State for the period of their natural life, in the discretion of the Court before whom such person may be tried; provided, however, that the jury in a murder case who render a verdict of murder in the first degree, may add thereto the words "without capital punishment," in which case the sentence of the court shall be imprisonment for life, and in no case where a jury shall have rendered a verdict in manner and form as hereinbefore pre-