

added to Section 6 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Charter," to be numbered 20B and to follow immediately after Paragraph 20A, headed "Pensions," of said Section 6 of Article 4 (said Section 6 being a part of the Charter of Baltimore City), and to read as follows:

20B. To establish and maintain in connection with the system of pensions and retirements for the benefit and advantage of the officers, agents, servants and employees of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore established by Ordinance No. 553 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved February 1st, 1926, or any other system which hereafter may be established under the authority of the foregoing paragraph known as 20A and headed "Pensions," a system of allowances and payments to be made to the beneficiaries and dependents of such officers, agents, servants and employees, after the death of such officers, agents, servants and employees (whether accidental or otherwise and/or whether occurring in the actual performance of duty, or otherwise); with full power and authority to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to make such exceptions, conditions, limitations, restrictions and classifications as it may deem proper and expedient.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to provide that the said system of allowances and payments to the beneficiaries and dependents of officers, agents, servants and employees, in the event of death (whether accidental or otherwise and/or whether occurring in the actual performance of duty or otherwise) shall be retroactive to January 1st, 1926, the effective date of said Ordinance No. 553, approved February 1st, 1926.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Ordinance No. 553 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved February 1st, 1926, and all acts done and awards heretofore made by the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of the City of Baltimore under the supposed or assumed authority of said Ordinance be, and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and validated to the same extent and as fully as if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore prior to the passage of said ordinance had been expressly empowered by Act of the General Assembly of Maryland to ordain an