

8. On the death of a pensioner, such reasonable funeral expenses shall be paid as the Local Board of the County or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City may direct; provided that the estate of the deceased is insufficient to defray these expenses.

Upon the death of a pensioner, the total amount paid on such pension, together with three per cent. interest, shall be deducted and allowed out of the proceeds of the property of such pensioner as a preferred claim against the estate, ranking in order and priority after funeral expenses as provided in Section 5 of Article 93 of the Code of Public General Laws, and prior to all other claims and expenses of whatsoever nature.

9. (1) During the continuance of the pension no pensioner shall receive any other relief from the State or from any political sub-division thereof except for medical and surgical assistance.

(2) If the pensioner is, on the testimony of at least two reputable witnesses, found incapable of taking care of himself or his money, the Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City may direct the payment of the pension installments to any responsible person or corporation for his benefit or may suspend payment for such period as the Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City shall deem advisable.

10. All pensions shall be exempt from any tax levied by the State or by any sub-division thereof, and exempt from levy and sale, garnishment, attachment or any other process whatsoever and shall be inalienable in any form and not subject to anticipation.

11. If at any time the Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City or the Administrator of Pensions and Relief believe that a pension has been improperly obtained, the said Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City or the Administrator of Pensions and Relief shall cause special inquiry to be made and may suspend payment of any installment pending the inquiry. If upon inquiry it appears that the pension was improperly obtained, it shall be cancelled; but if it appears that the pension was properly obtained, the suspended installments shall be payable in due course.

12. Any person who by means of a wilfully false statement or representation, or by impersonation, or other