

CHAPTER 862.

(Senate Bill 301)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 38 of Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Cumberland", sub-title "Police and Fire", as said section was amended by Chapter 34 of the Acts of 1937, and to add a new section to said Article, said new section to be known as Section 38A and to follow immediately after Section 38 of said Article, relating to the compensation and sick leave of members of the police force of the City of Cumberland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38 of Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Cumberland", sub-title "Police and Fire", as said section was amended by Chapter 34 of the Acts of 1937, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that a new section be and it is hereby added to said Article 1A, said new section to be known as Section 38A, to follow immediately after Section 38 of said Article; and all to read as follows:

38. The Police and Fire Commissioner, with the sanction of the Mayor and City Council, shall have power to organize the Fire Department of the City of Cumberland on the basis of a two-platoon system, with the hours of duty of each of said platoons to be prescribed by the Mayor and City Council, who shall have the power to prescribe the rules and regulations for the shifting of said platoons.

The Police and Fire Commissioner shall organize the Police Department of said City on the basis of a three-platoon system, with the hours of each of said platoons to be prescribed by the Mayor and City Council, and said Mayor and City Council shall have the power to prescribe such rules and regulations for the shifting of said platoons as it may deem necessary; and the assignment of members of the Police Department to the various Platoons or shifts shall be based upon the seniority of the members, the said members of the Police Department shall have the right to select or designate the particular Platoon or Shift they are entitled to in accordance with their length of service in the Department, provided, however, that the said Police and Fire Commissioner shall have the power to call the members of the police department for longer hours in cases of emergency or unusual conditions or circumstances; ; provided, further, that each member of the Police Force shall be granted an annual vacation or leave of absence of fifteen days with pay after one year of service.