

The Attorney General also points out typographical errors in the measure. While other objections have been voiced to this Bill, based upon the contention that if it is signed only employers would be eligible to serve on the Board, practical and skilled plumbers would be eliminated under the new law. However, it is unnecessary to pass on this latter contention, as the invalidity of the Act is passed upon by the State Law Department.

POLICE BILLS.

Chapter 309 (House Bill 300). A similar Bill, which was Chapter 622 (House Bill 382) of the 1939 Session, was passed and vetoed by me.

In exercising my right of veto, the official statement was made as follows:

“This Bill would make possible an appeal from the decision of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City on the dismissal or suspension of members of the Police Department. This would be a drastic change in the system which has obtained and under which the discipline of the Police Department has been maintained for years.

“I consider that the provision of this Bill would seriously interfere with the powers of the Police Commissioner to enforce discipline among the members of the force and would deprive him of the necessary authority to regulate the conduct of his subordinates.

“As I am firmly convinced that this measure would be detrimental to the interests of the Police Department of Baltimore City, I am compelled to exercise my veto.”

Inasmuch as the same reasons which prompted my action two years ago still hold good, I feel again compelled to veto this proposal. The Police Commissioner states that he “unhesitatingly recommends” that the measure be disapproved.

As is usual at each session of the General Assembly, proposals were acted on to grant pension allowances to former members of the Police Department of Baltimore City, or to their widows. In all of the cases, the circumstances have not justified the allowance of pension, under the established rules of the system which have been in force for many years.

The Police Commissioner of Baltimore City has expressed his disapproval of the measures in question. The fact is that the Bills were introduced without his approval. Written statements of fact, based upon the official records of the Police