

ment and purchase new vehicles and equipment; and all equipment, automobiles, or motorcycles purchased under this sub-title shall be and remain the property of Anne Arundel County, and shall be returned by the members of the police department to whom said equipment may be issued, upon separation, for any cause, from said department, and the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall provide for the maintenance and repair of said motor vehicles and equipment and for the operation of said motor vehicles and equipment including gasoline, oil, tires, batteries, and accessories for the same.

429. Retirement.

(a) The Board of Police Examiners of Anne Arundel County are hereby authorized to retire any member of the Anne Arundel County Police Force who shall become permanently disabled while in the active performance of police department duties and the member so retired shall receive an annual pension equivalent to fifty per cent. (50%) of his salary at the time of his retirement.

(b) The Board of Police Examiners is hereby authorized to retire any member of the Anne Arundel County Police Force who has performed faithful service in the department for a period of not less than twenty (20) consecutive years and place the member so retired upon a pension roll and he shall receive an annual pension equivalent to forty per cent. (40%) of his last yearly salary or fifty per cent. (50%) at the expiration of twenty five (25) years of active service or sixty per cent. (60%) after thirty (30) or more years of active service; and provided that the members of the police force in service under the provisions of this sub-title shall be credited with the amount of time which they shall have served as paid police officers of Anne Arundel County prior to the enactment of this Act to the same extent as though they had served such period of time as police officers in the said department after June 1, 1949.

(c) Whenever any member of the Police Force dies after retirement, the amount of his annual pension shall be paid to his widow, or in the case of her death or remarriage, to his minor children in equal shares for five (5) years.

(d) Whenever any member of the Police Force dies as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of a police department duty or dies before retirement, though eligible therefor, benefit payments equal to one-half of the regular monthly salary of such member shall be paid to his widow,