

given meritorious service as such employee for a period of at least 15 continuous years prior to the date of such retirement, he shall be paid by The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension per month equal to one-half of the compensation being paid to him at the date of his retirement.

(b) Whenever any such driver, tiller or chauffeur shall have given meritorious service as such employee for a period of at least 15 continuous years, he shall be retired upon the recommendation of the Chief Marshal of said fire department, provided that after a physical examination given by three physicians to be selected by said Chief Marshal and acceptable to the Mayor and Council, it shall be found that such employee is physically incapable of properly performing the duties or services required of him, and that such disability is permanent in its nature, whereupon such employee shall be paid by The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension per month equal to one-half of the compensation being paid to him at the date of his retirement.

(c) Whenever, after a physical examination given by three physicians to be selected by said Chief Marshal and acceptable to the Mayor and Council, it shall be found that any such driver, tiller or chauffeur shall be physically incapable of properly performing the duties or services required of him and that such disability is permanent in its nature and is the direct result of an accident or injury occurring in the course of duty while actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or coming from a fire, then such employee shall be retired and he shall be paid by The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension per month equal to one-half of the compensation being paid to him at the date of his retirement.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 219

(Senate Bill 142)

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 74 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Hours and Days for Sale", said new sub-section to be known