

Baltimore City (1949 Ed.), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Police Commissioner", heading "Miscellaneous", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

553. The Police Commissioner shall cause to be kept [by his secretary,] a full report of his proceedings, and also cause all his receipts and disbursements of money to be faithfully entered in books to be provided for that purpose; and said books, journals and all other documents in the possession of said Commissioner, shall always be open to inspection by the General Assembly, or any committee appointed by it for that purpose; and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner to report to the General Assembly at each regular session, or as may hereafter be directed by said General Assembly, the number and expense of the police force employed by him under this sub-division of this Article, and all such other matters as may be of public interest in connection with the duties assigned to him; and said books, journals and other documents, and the vouchers for all payments by said Police Commissioner shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor and City Treasurer, or either of them; and it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore to examine all bills and accounts presented by said Police Commissioner and the vouchers therefor; *provided, however, that whenever the Police Commissioner maintains permanently for such inspections photographic, photocopied or microphotographed copies of any of said books, journals, vouchers, reports or other said documents in compliance with the provisions of Section 127B of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland as enacted by Chapter 518 of the Acts of 1949, then the originals thereof more than three years old may be destroyed, with the written approval of the Board of Public Works, in compliance with the provisions of Sections 127A and 127C of the Annotated Code of Maryland as enacted by Chapter 755 of the Acts of 1949.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 20, 1951.