

*the office, but if the fees are insufficient, the cost thereof shall be borne by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.*

Approved March 14, 1951.

## CHAPTER 38

(Senate Bill 20)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", said new section to be known as Section 130A, to follow immediately after Section 130 of said Article and to be under the new sub-title "Commandeered Motor Vehicles", fixing upon the State or any political sub-division the responsibility for paying for any damages or injuries caused by the operator of a motor vehicle which has been commandeered by a police officer to give chase to another motor vehicle.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", said new section to be known as Section 130A, to follow immediately after Section 130 of said Article, to be under the new sub-title "Commandeered Motor Vehicles", and to read as follows:*

### *Commandeered Motor Vehicles*

*130A. If any police officer of this State, or of any political sub-division of the State, while acting within the scope of his authority in the enforcement of any law of this State or of the particular political sub-division, directs the operator of any motor vehicle (other than a police vehicle) within the limits of this State to assist him in the enforcement of such law or in apprehending any person suspected of having or known to have committed a violation thereof, the State or the political sub-division, as the case may be, shall be liable for damages or injuries proximately caused by the negligence of such police officer; provided, however, that the defenses of contributory negligence and "last clear chance" shall be available to such*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.