

146. (a) If any police officer of this State, or of any political sub-division of this 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 state or political sub-division. For purposes of this section, the Baltimore City police shall be considered police officers of Baltimore City, and the term "police officer" shall be deemed to include all persons charged with law enforcement. The fiscal officers of the State or political sub-division, as the case may be, shall forthwith or as soon as possible pay all just claims made or judgments entered pursuant to this section from funds within their control and available for such purpose.

(b) *If any police officer of this State, or of any political sub-division of this 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 participate in a road block 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 directly resulting from or directly attributable to the participation in said road block; provided, however, that the defenses of contributory negligence and "last clear chance" shall be available to such state or political sub-division. For purposes of this section, the Baltimore City police shall be considered police officers of Baltimore City, and the term "police officer" shall be deemed to include all persons charged with law enforcement. The fiscal officers of the State or political sub-division, as the case may be, shall forthwith or as soon as possible pay all just claims made or judgments entered pursuant to this section from funds within their control and available for such purpose.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.*

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 706

(House Bill 847)

AN ACT to transfer from the Department of Mental Hygiene to the University of Maryland the property located in Howard County

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.