

174B. Any person who makes a false statement or report of the commission of a crime or of the existence of any condition imminently dangerous to public health or safety, or causes such a false statement or report to be made, to any official or agency of this State, or of any county, city or other political subdivision of this State, knowing the same, or any material part thereof, to be false and with intent that such official or agency investigate, consider or take action in connection with such statement or report, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned not more than six (6) months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any part, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this sub-title shall be held unconstitutional or void for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this sub-title, it being the legislative intent that this Act shall be considered severable.

SEC. 3. *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 ye 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 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 550

(House Bill 250)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (a) of Section 540 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", heading "Appointment and Promotions", exempting the Secretary to the Chief Inspector from being required to take competitive examinations, and requiring that before a candidate may appear on the graded list for appointment or promotion, he must achieve the minimum passing grade on the written examination fixed by the examining authority.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (a) of Section 540 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", heading "Appointment and Promotions", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

540. (a) The Examining Authority shall ascertain by competitive examinations the relative qualifications of all candidates for appoint-

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.