

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 548 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Police Commissioner," subtitle "Miscellaneous," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

THAT NEW SECTION 548A BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF BALTIMORE CITY (1949 EDITION, BEING ARTICLE 4 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND), TITLE "BALTIMORE CITY," SUBTITLE "POLICE COMMISSIONER," SUBHEADING "MISCELLANEOUS," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 548 THEREOF, AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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It shall be his duty to estimate annually what sum of money will be necessary for each current fiscal year to enable him to discharge the duty imposed on him, and he shall forthwith certify the same to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, who are required without delay, specifically to assess and levy such amount as shall be sufficient to raise the same clear of all expenses and discounts upon all the assessable property in the City of Baltimore, and cause the same to be collected as all other city taxes; and it is made the duty of the Treasurer of Baltimore, and he is required to collect said tax, to be denominated the police tax; and the said Police Commissioner, upon and after qualifying as such is authorized to make requisitions from time to time upon the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore, or other proper disbursing officer of the corporation, for such sums of money as he may from time to time deem necessary for the purpose of carrying out the objects and intentions of this subdivision of this Article; provided, the same shall not exceed in any one year the amount so as aforesaid certified, or which may thereafter be certified for that year, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore aforesaid; and in case the said disbursing officer shall not forthwith pay over the amount of each requisition as made, it shall be the duty of the said Commissioner, and he is authorized and required to issue certificates of indebtedness, in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in such sum as he may deem advisable for the amount of such requisitions, respectively, bearing interest at six per cent, per annum, payable at not more than twelve months after date, and signed by the said Commissioner, and to raise the money on said certificates by pledging or disposing of the same, which certificates shall be receivable at par in payment of city taxes, and be as binding on said corporation and as recoverable against it as if the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore had themselves issued the same; and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have no power or authority to levy or collect any tax or appropriate any money for the payment of any police force other than that organized and employed under this subdivision of this Article; and no officer or other employee of the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall disburse any money therefor; and the power of said Mayor and City Council to levy and collect taxes and appropriate and disburse money for the payment of the police force organized and employed under this subdivision of this Article shall be exercised as herein directed, and not otherwise; and in case the amount so as aforesaid to be estimated