

CHAPTER 650

(Senate Bill 358)

AN ACT to add new Section 551A to the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", sub-heading "Miscellaneous", to follow immediately after Section 551 thereof, authorizing the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to expend certain funds under his control and jurisdiction to defray legal expenses incurred by police officers of the Police Department of Baltimore City charged with crime as a consequence of acts done by them in the course of their official duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 551A be and it is hereby added to the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Police Commissioner", sub-heading "Miscellaneous", to follow immediately after Section 551 thereof, and to read as follows:

551A.

In any case where a police officer of the Baltimore City Police Department is charged with the commission of any crime in consequence of any act done in the course of his official duty, the Police Commissioner may, when in his sole judgment the best interests of the public, and/or the Department, and/or the police officer so charged would appear to warrant it, expend any funds under his control and jurisdiction which may have been appropriated either by the City Council of Baltimore or by the General Assembly of Maryland for the express purpose of reimbursing such officers for legal expenses incurred in defending against such charge of a criminal offense; and provided further that said Police Commissioner is authorized to expend for this purpose any other funds, not restricted to specific uses and purposes, which said Police Commissioner may have under his jurisdiction and control, though not appropriated either by the City Council of Baltimore or by the General Assembly of Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 651

(Senate Bill 380)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00), the proceeds thereof to be used exclusively for the purpose of assisting the counties, municipalities or any agency thereof in this State, on an equal matching basis to be reduced