

*Police officers—defense against charges—payment of legal fees and expenses.*

538.

In any case, civil or criminal, where a police officer of the Baltimore City Police Department is charged with the Commission of any wrong, in consequence of an 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 charges; 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. No such fees or expenses shall be paid by the Commissioner until the Attorney General has approved the same for payment.

*Administrative Procedure Act—application of.*

539.

Except as provided in Section 536 of this subtitle, none of the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act of Maryland shall be applicable to the Police Department or Police Commissioner of Baltimore City and the Commissioner shall not be required, when promulgating or adopting any rule, regulation or order, to comply with the provisions of Section 9 of Article 41 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland* (1965 Replacement Volume).

*Attorney General.*

540.

The Attorney General of the State shall be the attorney for and represent the Police Department and Police Commissioner of Baltimore City.

*Special Police Officers.*

541.

The Police Commissioner of Baltimore City is hereby authorized, in the exercise of his discretion, upon the application of any corporation, association, firm or person in the City of Baltimore that the said Commissioner may deem responsible, to appoint suitable persons as special police officers to serve without pay from the said City or the State of Maryland, and the corporation, association, firm or person applying for such appointment shall be liable for the official misconduct, wrongful or negligent acts of the officer appointed on such application. Every special police officer appointed under the provisions of this section shall, upon the premises of the corporation, association, firm or person for which he may have been appointed, but not elsewhere, have power to preserve the public peace, prevent