

## CHAPTER 400

(Senate Bill 317)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 156 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Fire—False Alarm," providing certain ~~additional~~ INCREASED penalties in situations where any person receives serious bodily injury or suffers death as the result of the giving of false alarm of fire.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 156 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Fire—False Alarm," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

156.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire by means of the telegraph box connected with any fire alarm telegraph or by means of telephone or telegraph system, or by any other means or method. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ~~five FIFTY~~ dollars, nor more than ~~five hundred~~ TWO THOUSAND dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding ~~twelve~~ TWENTY-FOUR months, or to both fine and imprisonment ~~[.]~~; *provided, however, that where as a result of the false alarm any person receives serious bodily injury or suffers death the punishment imposed shall be not less than ninety days nor more than two years imprisonment and a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1967.

Approved April 21, 1967.

## CHAPTER 401

(Senate Bill 671)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 591 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 "Baltimore City", subtitle "Police Department of Baltimore City", subheading "Special Fund", to permit the retirement of certain members of the Police Department of Baltimore City either at the age of 60 years or after 30 years of service.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 591 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 "Baltimore City", subtitle "Police Department of Baltimore City", subheading "Special Fund", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: