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In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund as above constituted and designated, the said Police Commissioner is empowered whenever, in his opinion, the efficiency of the service may require it, to retire any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk, or turnkey appointed by him; and the said Police Commissioner shall pay to such officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired, in monthly installments, out of said fund, for life, a sum of money equal to one-half the amount of money currently paid monthly to an officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, as provided by law; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than sixteen years as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey. Provided, however, that no officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey appointed after June 1, 1943, shall be retired until he shall have served not less than twenty years or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duties. Provided further, that on and after June 1, 1947, any employee of the Police Department, who is a member of the special fund of said department may, on his own application, be retired at the age of sixty (60) without the necessity of a physical examination, [provided] or when he has served a minimum of thirty (30) years, and shall be retired upon reaching the age of seventy (70). In the event at any time of an increase in the pay of officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, every officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, who shall have been or shall subsequently be retired by the said Police Commissioner shall be entitled to and the said Police Commissioner shall pay to him in the manner and at and for the length of time provided in this section for the pay of the members of the police force who shall be retired or shall have been retired, a sum equal to one-half of the remuneration of the active members of the Police Department holding the same rank or grade at the time of their retirement, to the end and effect that every retired officer of police, policeman, etc., shall receive the same remuneration as every other retired officer of police, policeman, etc., of like grade or rank, and no less. The provisions of this section shall extend to and include all members of the police force of Baltimore City heretofore retired by the said Police Commissioner, including those members retired prior to January 1st, 1907, and the said Police Commissioner shall in all cases before retiring any officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, procure and file among their records a certificate signed by a majority of the physicians appointed by the Police Commissioner as physicians of the Police Department, that the person proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by them, and that he is incapable of performing active police duty; and it shall be the duty of any such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired to perform such police duties, and at such times as the Police Commissioner shall deem proper, said terms of service not to exceed seven days during any year, and for such services no extra compensation shall be allowed by said Commissioner; and the said Police Commissioner shall have the power, in his discretion, to suspend payment to any such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey for a term not to exceed three months for the first offense; for the second offense for a term not to exceed six months, and for the third offense any