

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 301

(House Bill 421)

AN ACT to repeal Section 559 of 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 Department of Baltimore City," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 560 of said Article and subtitle amending the laws concerning the Police Department of Baltimore City in order to repeal an obsolete section concerning disability retirement of certain members of the Police Department and to amend and clarify a section concerning the retirement of certain members of the Police Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 559 of 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Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department of Baltimore City," be and the same is hereby repealed; and that Section 560 of said Article and subtitle be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

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In addition to the sums of money now authorized by law to be paid out of the fund in the hands of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City and known and accounted for as a special fund, 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 pay him in monthly installments out of said special fund for life a sum of money equal to one-half of the amount of money monthly paid to such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey as provided by law; provided, however, he shall have served faithfully not less than twenty 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; and the said Police Commissioner shall in all cases before making such retirement procure and file away among his records a certificate signed by a majority of the police physicians of Baltimore City that the person proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by him, and that he is incapable of performing active duty; and it shall be the duty of such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey so retired to perform such police duties and at such times as the said 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 Commissioner shall have the power in his discretion to suspend payment to any