

CHAPTER 673

(Senate Bill 365)

AN ACT to add new Section 18-27 to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 18-26 thereof, as last enacted by Chapter 42 of the Acts of 1968, to provide for the authority to establish, maintain, operate, appropriate and expend, a fund OR PROCURE AN APPROPRIATE INSURANCE POLICY to provide for certain legal fees and expenses of ~~police officers or police employees of the Police Department~~ COUNTY EMPLOYEES of Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18-27 be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 18-26 thereof, as last enacted by Chapter 42 of the Acts of 1968, and to read as follows:

Prince George's County Police Department

18-27. *Legal fees and expenses.*

~~(a)~~ *Authorized.* *The County Commissioners for Prince George's County are hereby authorized and empowered to establish, maintain, and operate a fund OR PROCURE AN APPROPRIATE INSURANCE POLICY which may be appropriated and levied for in the annual budget of said County or from any other general or contingency funds available for appropriation by the said Board of County Commissioners to provide for legal fees and expenses of police officers or police employees* ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES who, in a civil or criminal case, other than a disciplinary proceeding or an appeal therefrom, are wrongfully charged with the commission of any wrong or crime as a result of any act done in the normal and natural course of his official duties, AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT. Such fund may be expended upon order of the Board of County Commissioners to pay ~~that portion~~ ALL OR PART of the legal expenses of such ~~police officer or police employee~~ COUNTY EMPLOYEE upon a determination that such expenditure is in the best interests of the *Police Department, the public, and the police officer or police employee who has been accused.* THE COUNTY, THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE CHARGED.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 21, 1970.