

CHAPTER 444

(Senate Bill 862)

AN ACT to add new Section 16-16A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City, (1969 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department," to follow immediately after Section 16-16 thereof: to ~~require~~ allow the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to appoint ~~police~~ special sanitary enforcement officers to issue summonses on building, public health and sanitation ordinance violations and summonses on reported violations of State laws and regulations in this area, and ~~to allow the Commissioner to promulgate the composition, duties, functions and procedures of these officers.~~ generally relating to such officers and their status and functions.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 16-16A be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City, (1969 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Baltimore City," subtitle "Police Department," to follow immediately after Section 16-16 thereof and to read as follows:

16-16A.

(A) THE COMMISSIONER ~~SHALL APPOINT POLICE OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT AS SPECIAL SANITARY OFFICERS~~ MAY APPOINT PERSONS AS SPECIAL SANITARY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF AGENCIES OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE DESIGNATED BY ORDINANCE, AND THE ORDINANCES ALSO MAY PROVIDE FOR THEIR DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES AS SPECIAL OFFICERS HEREUNDER. THE OFFICERS APPOINTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY ISSUE SUMMONSES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN CASES OF VIOLATION OF ANY CITY ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING CODE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SANITATION.

(B) THESE OFFICERS SHALL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATE ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCES IN SUBSECTION (A), AND ALSO ALL VIOLATIONS REPORTED TO THEM BY ANY STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY ~~IF~~ OF ANY STATE LAW OR REGULATION CONCERNING BUILDINGS, PUBLIC HEALTH OR SANITATION.

~~THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE THE COMPOSITION, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR THESE OFFICERS.~~ THE OFFICERS MAY NOT ARREST OR TAKE INTO CUSTODY ANY VIOLATOR OF SUCH ORDINANCES OR OTHERWISE HAVE THE POWER OF ARREST IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY. A RECORD OF APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS SHALL BE KEPT BY THE COMMISSIONER AND ANY APPOINTMENT MAY BE REVOKED BY HIM AT ANY TIME. THE FORM OF BADGE AND THE TYPE OF UNIFORM THAT MAY BE WORN BY THE SPECIAL SANITARY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE POLICE COMMISSIONER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.