

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Special Enforcement Officers

FOR the purpose of authorizing special enforcement officers of Baltimore City to issue and serve summonses in proceedings for the enforcement of certain municipal codes; and relating generally to such officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City
Section 16-16A
Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1969 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16-16A of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City being Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland (1969 Edition, as amended) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 4

16-16A.

(a) The Commissioner may appoint persons as special [sanitary] enforcement officers [of agencies] of the City of Baltimore [designated by ordinance, and the ordinances also] WHICH may provide BY ORDINANCE for their duties, functions, and procedures as special officers [hereunder]. The officers [appointed under this section] may issue AND SERVE summonses to appear before the appropriate division of the District Court in PROCEEDINGS FOR ENFORCEMENT [cases of violation] of any City ordinance pertaining to [the] ITS building [code], HOUSING, ZONING, FIRE, public health and sanitation CODES.

(b) These officers shall MAY 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 of any state law or regulation concerning buildings, public health, FIRE, or sanitation.

(c) 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.