

or problem is under consideration may not participate in the consideration or decision of such matter without the permission of such person; and a provision that twelve members of the board shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of nine members is required to take any action authorized by this section. The board may recommend disciplinary action against any member of the Department whose conduct before the board violates any Departmental rule.

16-13.

In any case, civil or criminal, where a police officer of the Baltimore City Police Department is charged with the Commission of any wrong, in consequence of an act done in the course of his official duty, the Police Commissioner may, when in his sole judgment the best interest of the public, and/or the Department, and/or the police officer so charged would appear to warrant it, expend any funds under his control and jurisdiction which may have been appropriated either by the City Council of Baltimore or by the General Assembly of Maryland for the express purpose of reimbursing such officers for legal expenses incurred in defending against such charges; and provided further that said Police Commissioner is authorized to expend for this purpose any other funds, not restricted to specific uses and purposes, which said Police Commissioner may have under his jurisdiction and control, through not appropriated either by the City Council of Baltimore or by the General Assembly of Maryland. [No such fees or expenses shall be paid by the Commissioner until the Attorney General has approved the same for payment.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 32A - Department of Law

2.

The Attorney General has general charge, supervision and direction of the legal business of the State, except as provided in § 12 of this article and any other provision of law. The Attorney General, his deputies, and his assistants shall perform the duties now or hereafter prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State. In addition, the Attorney General shall be the legal adviser and representative of and perform all legal work for the Board of supervisors of elections of Baltimore City, The board of liquor commissioners of Baltimore City, [The police commissioner of Baltimore City,] The Sheriff of Baltimore City, and all other boards, commissions, departments, officers or institutions of the State government, except as provided in § 12 of this article, or as otherwise provided by law.