

Article 41 - Governor-Executive and Administrative
Departments

Section 140(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1978 gave the Department of General Services' Special Police Officer force the status of a regular police unit; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 295 made the Department of General Services' Special Police Officer force subject to the regulations and requirements of the Maryland Police Training Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Training Commission has a requirement that a person over the age of 35 years may not be hired or promoted as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, This age restriction constitutes a barrier to advancement for approximately 50 watchmen and guards who were employed at the Department of General Services prior to the effective date of Chapter 295; and

WHEREAS, Legislation is needed to correct the resulting inequity which exists for a small class of State employees who, through no fault of their own, are prevented from full participation in the Maryland State employment system; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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140.

(e) (1) The Superintendent of Baltimore Public Buildings and Grounds and the Superintendent of Annapolis Public Buildings and Grounds shall provide and maintain a security force for the facilities and properties which each is responsible for maintaining and guarding. The purpose of each force is to protect persons and property; to disperse assemblages which are unlawful, dangerous, or obstruct full and free passage; to control pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and otherwise to preserve and to protect the public peace, health, and safety. For these purposes, a member of one of these forces is a peace and police officer and has the same powers as sheriffs, constables, police, and peace officers in their respective jurisdictions.