

ACT No. 2.

An Act, to better define the Special Fund in the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore, and to provide for its application.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the balance of such sums as may have come into the hands of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore, under the provisions of the Act of 1867, Chapter 347, Section 815, and of the Act of 1876, Chapter 28, Section 628, together with the future additions thereto under the said Acts, shall constitute a fund to be known and accounted for as the Special Fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the sums heretofore directed by law to be paid out of the fund so as above constituted, the said Board of Police Commissioners be and are hereby authorized, whenever in their opinion the efficiency of the service requires it, to retire any member of the Force, and pay him annually in monthly instalments out of the said fund, a pension for life, not exceeding one-third of the annual amount paid him at the time of such retirement; provided that such member shall have served faithfully not less than fifteen consecutive years on the Force, or have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty; and further provided, that the Board shall first notify such member of the force of that intention to retire him and give him reasonable opportunity to show cause why he should not be retired. And the Board shall in all cases, before retiring any member of the Force, procure and file amongst their records, a certificate of a responsible physician, showing that the member proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by him, and is incapable of performing active duty on the force.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Board of Police Commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized to pay out of the said fund, for the construction, equipment and maintenance of such Telephone, Alarm and Patrol-Wagon