

the discharge of his duty as such officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey." The effect of this provision of law, as it stood prior to the Act of 1910, was clearly to enable the Board of Police Commissioners to retire the officers designated in the Act under the conditions therein stated and to pay to them one-half of the salary which they were receiving at the time of their retirement.

By Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1910, Section 756, is repealed and re-enacted in the very language above quoted and the following is added thereto, by way of amendment; "and after the passage of this act, in the event of an increase in the pay of officers of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey by the General Assembly of Maryland, every officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey, who shall be retired by said Board of Police Commissioners shall be entitled to and the said Board of Police Commissioners shall pay to him in the manner and at and for the length of time provided in this section for the pay of the members of the Police Force enumerated who shall be retired by said Board of Police Commissioners, the sum of money over and above that which said officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey shall be paid at the time of his retirement by said Board of Police Commissioners; and the provisions of this Act shall extend to and include all members of the Police Force of Baltimore City heretofore retired by the said Board of Police Commissioners." It will be observed by careful reading of the language which purports to be an amendment to Section 756 that it only applies to officers who shall be retired by said Board of Police Commissioners after the passage of the Act. when it says that the said Board of Police Commissioners shall pay to such officers in the manner and at and for the length of time provided in this section for the pay of members of the police force enumerated who shall be retired by said Board of Police Commissioners, " the sum of money over and above that which said officer of police, policeman, detective, clerk or turnkey shall be paid at the time of his retirement by said Board of Police Commissioners." The language of the Act which I have last underscored in order to direct special attention to it, is unintelligible as applied to police officers who may be retired after the passage of the Act for the reason that there can be no