

sum of money under any possible circumstances paid over and above that which said officer of police, policeman, etc., is entitled to be paid at the time of his retirement.

The last clause of the amendment which reads, "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", does not throw any additional light upon the interpretation of the Act. It was manifestly the purpose of the draftsman of the Act to provide for an increase of the pension of retired police officers so as to enable such officers as were retired prior to January 1st., 1907, on one-half of the salary which they were then receiving, to obtain the benefit of any subsequent increase in the salaries of officers who had not been retired. If this was the purpose, then it is not expressed in the act with sufficient clearness and definiteness either to accomplish that purpose or to enable the Legislature passing the act to find such intention, and it is therefore obnoxious to Section 29 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland which provided that, every law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject and that shall be described in its title; and no law, or section of law, shall be revived or amended by reference to its title or section only; nor shall any law be construed by reason of its title to grant powers or confer rights which are not expressly contained in the body of the Act." In my judgment, if it were the purpose of the Legislature to increase the pensions of retired police officers, such purpose has not been expressed either in the title to or in the body of Chapter 391 of the Acts of 1910.

Chapter 471 of the Act of 1910 repeals and reenacts Section 2, of Chapter 129, of the Acts of 1906. Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1906 provided for the increase of salaries of said Police officers and section 2 of the act provided, among other things, that "it is hereby expressly and distinctly understood and declared that this act in no manner, shape or form increases or affects the pensions of the retired members of said police force who were retired or will be retired prior to January 1, 1907, but that they shall continue to receive the same amount or same