

for the sale of said bonds as a whole or in parts, reserving unto itself the right to reject any and all bids. Said bids together with such certified checks as may be required shall be filed with the City Clerk and at the time and place advertised shall be opened by him in the presence of the said Mayor and City Council, and if said bids be satisfactory to the said Mayor and City Council, it shall sell said bonds or any part thereof to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, of whose ability to comply with the terms of sale the said Mayor and City Council, in its discretion, is satisfied. In the event that the bonds be sold, the proceeds thereof shall be placed in a separate fund and shall be used for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing such works of any kind or character within or without the City Limits or within or without the State of Maryland as may be necessary to protect the City of Cumberland and the inhabitants thereof from floods occurring in Wills Creek and/or the Potomac River, and for the payment of all expenses incident to carrying out said work.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland be and is hereby authorized and empowered to accept from any Federal or State agency grants for or in aid of flood protection for said City, and to make such contracts containing such terms, provisions and conditions as in the discretion of the Mayor and City Council may seem necessary, proper or advisable for the purpose of obtaining or securing grants, engineering or financial assistance from any Federal or State agency willing to extend the same in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any and all Acts or parts of Acts or any part or parts of the Charter of the City of Cumberland, Maryland, conflicting in any way herewith, is or are repealed insofar and to the extent that the same shall so conflict, and none of the limitations or restrictions on the power of the said Mayor and City Council to borrow money or issue and sell bonds contained in the Charter of said municipality or in any other law which limits, restricts or in any other way affects the powers herein granted, nor any of the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Acts of 1939 of the General Assembly of Maryland, shall be applicable hereto.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assmby of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved November 10, 1947.