

CHAPTER 144.

(House Bill 65)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Debt—Public", sub-title "Public Works", as said section was amended by Chapter 798 of the Acts of 1941, extending the time during which bonds may be issued for public works by the several political sub-divisions of the State and the purpose for which said political sub-divisions of the State may accept assistance of any agency of the Federal Government to include the construction or acquisition of public works made necessary by the war effort.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 20 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Debt—Public", sub-title "Public Works", as said section was amended by Chapter 798 of the Acts of 1941, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

20. The powers conferred by this sub-title shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law, and bonds, interim certificates or other obligations may be issued hereunder for any project notwithstanding that any other law may provide for the issuance of bonds, interim certificates or other obligations for like purposes and without regard to the requirement, restrictions or other provisions contained in any other law. Bonds may be issued under this sub-title notwithstanding any debt, or other limitation prescribed by any other law, and the mode and method of procedure for issuance of bonds under this sub-title need not conform to the provisions of any other law. Any proceedings heretofore taken under any other law by any municipality relating to the subject matter of this sub-title, may be continued under such other law or under this sub-title, or at the option of the governing body may be discontinued and new proceedings instituted under this sub-title. Except in pursuance of any contract or agreement theretofore entered into by and between any municipality and any Federal agency, no municipality shall borrow any money or issue any bonds pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title after June 1, 1945. It is the purpose of this sub-title to enable municipalities to secure the benefits of any agency of the Federal Government engaged in a works program, to encourage public works, to reduce unemployment and thereby to assist in the national recovery and promote the public welfare, and it is also the purpose of this sub-title to enable municipalities to accept and secure the