

and charged to the expenses of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

SEC. 2. *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 being passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 30, 1943.

CHAPTER 348.

(House Bill 351)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 14 of the Charter of the Town of Fairmount Heights, as enacted by Chapter 657* of the Acts of 1939, authorizing an increase in the town tax rate and providing for referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 14 of the Charter of the Town of Fairmount Heights, as enacted by Chapter 657* of the Acts of 1939, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

14. (1) The Mayor and Common Council shall have power to levy, on or before the first Monday of June in each year, the tax year commencing on the first day of July, a tax not to exceed twenty-five (25¢) cents per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed value based upon the State and County assessments on all real and personal property as the needs of the town may require, but twenty per cent. (20%) of the proceeds from such tax shall be used for the maintenance of the Fire Department. Provided, however, that the Mayor and Common Council shall have the power by ordinance to exempt not exceeding \$500.00 of household goods of each person from taxation. Such tax shall be in default after the first day of October of each year and shall thereafter bear interest at one per centum (1%) per month until paid. The Treasurer of said town shall calculate the amount of taxes due by each person and shall render a bill to the address given on such lists of assessments either by depositing the same in the mail or otherwise, or if the address of any such person is unknown.

*Ch. 651 of the Acts of 1939 evidently intended.