

and the State of Maryland, and may provide and furnish any or all persons engaged in public defense within Baltimore County with protective armor, equipment, supplies, and materials and facilities of whatever kind or nature that the said Commissioners may consider to be necessary and proper. The said Commissioners may engage the services of persons to assist in public defense and may fix the compensation of such persons, may lease, or purchase land and construct buildings thereon, and may do all other things needful and necessary to protect and safeguard the people and property within Baltimore County from actual or threatened armed invasion, bombing, or insurrection, and may alleviate their suffering resulting from enemy action of any kind, fire, flood, disaster, epidemics of disease, or other such emergencies. All acts done and all monies expended by said County Commissioners for any or all of such purposes, either heretofore or hereafter, including particularly, but not by way of limitation, all acts done and all monies expended by the County Commissioners for the purpose of providing for defense because of the war between the United States and Germany, Italy and Japan, including the purchase of equipment for Civilian Defense organization and maintenance, the employment of administrative and technical aid in the interest of Civilian Defense, the purchase of medical supplies for casualty stations, and the purchase of arms, ammunition and providing and furnishing of telephone service and other service and supplies within Baltimore County are hereby ratified and confirmed as just and lawful acts of the said County Commissioners.

104D. In order to further carry out the provisions of this Act the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, at any time, or from time to time, to borrow on the faith and credit of Baltimore County such sum or sums of money or other article or articles of value in an amount or amounts not to exceed the appropriations made under the foregoing sections of this Act; such borrowing may be made by public or private sale of certificates of indebtedness, or other evidence of debt, or by direct negotiations with any State or National Banking Institution or Institutions or other lending agency. The said Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to issue certificates of indebtedness or promissory notes in such denominations and such amounts, and at such interest rate or rates and for such period not exceeding two years as the said County Commissioners may by resolution determine. Such certificates of indebtedness or promissory notes shall be executed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County and attested by the Clerk of said Board. Such promissory notes or certificates