

such other positive action as they may deem necessary and proper for purposes of public defense in time of actual or impending war, insurrection, riot, or other emergencies such as floods, fires, disasters or epidemics of disease and for the defense of Montgomery County or the safeguarding of its people and property, and to alleviate suffering in time of actual or impending disaster or peril or to otherwise aid the State of Maryland or the United States in connection with National Defense, or for any other purpose necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety or welfare, and to borrow upon the faith and credit of Montgomery County such sum or sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Montgomery County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate at any time or from time to time, either in the annual budget appropriation or by interim resolution, such sum or sums as they may by resolution declare to be necessary or expedient for public defense in time of actual or impending war, insurrection, riot, or other emergencies such as floods, fires, disasters or epidemics of disease, and for the defense of Montgomery County or the safeguarding of its people or property, and to alleviate suffering in time of actual or impending disaster or peril or to otherwise aid the State of Maryland or the United States in connection with National Defense, or for any other purpose necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety or welfare in Montgomery County, and to borrow upon the faith and credit of Montgomery County such sum or sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in order to carry out the provisions of this Act the County Commissioners of Montgomery County may provide and furnish arms and ammunition to its citizens or to the militia of the State of Maryland, and may provide and furnish any or all persons engaged in public defense within Montgomery County with protective armor and such other equipment and supplies and also provide for the purchase, rent, hire, and maintenance of lands, buildings, and equipment as the said Commissioners may consider to be necessary and proper. The said Commissioners may engage the services of persons charged with assisting in public defense and may fix the compensation of such persons, including the payment for services heretofore rendered in connection with the Civilian Defense Activities of said County, and may do all other things needful and necessary to protect and safeguard the people and property within Montgomery County