

from actual or threatened armed invasion or insurrection, and may alleviate their suffering resulting from fire, flood, disaster or epidemic of disease, or other such emergencies. The said Commissioners are authorized to enact ordinance or ordinances, rules and regulations to protect the citizens of Montgomery County during blackout, practice air raid alarms, air raids, and invasion. All acts done and all monies expended by said County Commissioners for such purposes, either heretofore or hereafter, or 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 to the Maryland Minute Men and other military organizations within Montgomery County are hereby ratified and confirmed as just and lawful acts of the said County Commissioners.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That 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 Montgomery 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 negotiation 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 to be executed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County and attested by the Clerk to said Board. Such promissory notes or certificates of indebtedness may be renewed or reissued at any time or from time to time or may be funded by an issue of serial bonds having an average maturity of not more than ten years from the date of issue thereof. The bonds, certificates of indebtedness, promissory notes, or other evidences of debt issued under the provisions of this Act shall be specifically exempted from the provisions of Sections 31, 32 and 33 of Article 31 of the Code of Public General