

the immediate relief and the protection of the inhabitants of the City of Frostburg during such emergency, not to exceed in the aggregate, however, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars; provided, however, that if said Mayor and City Council shall decide that an emergency does exist, it shall pass a resolution or ordinance so stating, and thereafter it shall file a petition in the Circuit Court for Allegany County, setting forth the existence of such emergency, its nature, the estimated amount of money needed for its relief and the proposed means of repayment. Upon the filing of such petition, it shall be the duty of any Judge of said Court, to whom such petition shall be presented, to forthwith pass an order directing that at least five days' notice of the filing of such petition, and of its substance, object and purpose, be immediately given by publication thereof in one or more newspapers published in the City of Frostburg, and fixing a time to be set forth in said notice for a hearing thereon in said Court as soon thereafter as may be, at which hearing any citizen who is a taxpayer may appear and be heard. The proceedings in reference thereto at such hearing shall be informal; and, if after such hearing, the Court shall pass an Order authorizing the borrowing of such sum or sums of money as the Court may deem adequate and proper to meet the emergency, thereupon the said Mayor and City Council shall be authorized to borrow the same and to pledge the credit of the City to the amount specified by the Court in its Order. There shall be no appeal from the finding of the Circuit Court.

The above provisions are not to be deemed as affecting in any way the validity of any loans heretofore made to the Mayor and Councilmen of Frostburg but any such loans still remaining unpaid may be renewed or paid in any of the manners herein provided.

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 having been passed upon by yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 8, 1945.

CHAPTER 202.

(House Bill 342)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, paragraphs A and D of Section 6 of Article 2B of the 1943 Supplement