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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 56A of Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "City of Cumberland," sub-title "Taxes," as said section was enacted by Chapter 788 of the Acts of 1943, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

56A. In addition to the taxes authorized by Section 56 of Chapter 96 of the Acts of 1922, the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to levy a special tax for each fiscal year beginning April 1, 1945, and continuing for the duration of the present war and for six months after the termination thereof; said special tax not to exceed the sum of fifteen (\$.15) cents on each One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars worth of assessable property within the limits of the City of Cumberland, and shall expend the proceeds derived from the levy and collection of said special tax, first, to the payment of wages and salaries of all general city employees with the exception of casual or temporary employees, in an amount equal to twenty (20%) per cent of the sum of money paid said employees either on an hourly or monthly basis as of March 31, 1943, and, second, to use any proceeds not expended for wages and salaries as aforesaid for the general purposes of the city in order to provide for deficiencies in revenues caused by conditions created by the war. The additional twenty per cent in salaries and wages as herein provided for shall be considered as a bonus payment to general city employees to provide for rise in costs of living for services to be rendered to the city, and the authority and direction to levy the tax or any part thereof as herein provided for and the payment of said bonus shall cease six months after the signing of an armistice or the conclusion of the war by peace treaty, whichever shall first occur.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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 March 29, 1945.