

Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1914, a mortgage was required to be executed covering appropriations for capital expenditures. This section was repealed by Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1943 upon the specific grounds that it was no longer the policy of the State to make appropriations for capital expenditures by private institutions. In the opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland, this repealing act had no retroactive effect and he advised the Attorney for the Memorial Hospital, by letter dated March 27, 1952, that the Board of Public Works of Maryland was without authority to release this mortgage.

WHEREAS, Memorial Hospital at Easton has been in existence at the same location since the investment of those funds in 1915 and has recently expanded its facilities with an addition costing approximately \$1,500,000.00. The mortgage to the State proved somewhat embarrassing at the time of the advance of approximately \$500,000.00 of the cost of the new addition by the Federal Government. The hospital now has an opportunity to lease or sell a small part of its land to the Maryland Society for Crippled Children and Adults for the purpose of erecting a permanent therapy clinic here. The great advantages to both institutions in having the new clinic located in immediate proximity to each other, thus avoiding duplication of certain facilities, is obvious. Again the existence of the original mortgage is proving embarrassing in that it may present difficulties to the society in the financing of its new project.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland be and it is hereby authorized and directed to release the mortgage and to discharge the debt secured by said mortgage made by the Emergency Hospital of Easton (now known as the Memorial Hospital at Easton) on January 30, 1915, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County in Liber F.G.W. 170, folio 20.

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 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 April 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 330

(Senate Bill 554)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 247A of Title 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1953 Supplement), title "Pensions", sub-title "Fire Department

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.