

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 ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of 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 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 604

(House Bill 156)

AN ACT relating to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-sections (c) and (d) of Section 51 of Chapter 780 of the Laws of 1959, as amended, the purpose of this Act being to increase, in Prince George's County, the mandatory park tax from five cents (5¢) to seven cents (7¢), and the discretionary park tax from five cents (5¢) to seven cents (7¢).

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sub-sections (c) and (d) of Section 51 of Chapter 780 of the Laws of 1959, as amended, are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

51.

(c) Required in Prince George's County. Of the [seven cent (7¢)] *nine cent (9¢)* tax which the County Commissioners of Prince George's County is authorized to levy in this sub-heading, the said County Commissioners is required and directed to levy, in each fiscal year beginning after January 1, [1948] 1965, at least [five cents (5¢)] *seven cents (7¢)* on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value of all property subject to assessment and taxation by the County Commissioners within that portion of the Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County. The tax shall be levied and paid over to the Commission in the manner prescribed elsewhere in this sub-heading. The proceeds of the collection of said tax shall be applied primarily to the payment of the principal and interest of any bonds or notes heretofore or hereafter issued by the Commission for the acquisition of park lands in that portion of the Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County pursuant to the authority of this sub-heading and within the limitations on indebtedness prescribed in this sub-heading. However, the proceeds of the tax shall also be paid to the Commission notwithstanding the fact that no principal or interest payments may be due with respect to any such bonds or notes and notwithstanding the fact that no such bonds or notes may be issued or outstanding in any one fiscal year. It is the intent of this subsection to provide the Commission with funds to finance the acquisition of park lands within that portion of the Metropolitan District lying within Prince George's County, either from current revenues or by the issue of bonds or notes, and further-