

Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, entitled "Municipal Corporations," as said Section was enacted by Chapter 423 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1955, entitled "A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION 81 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND (1966 EDITION), BEING ARTICLE 1A OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND, GIVING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY AND COLLECT A TAX ON THE ASSESSABLE PROPERTY OF SAID CITY FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF SAID CORPORATION, NOT EXCEEDING IN ANY ONE YEAR ONE DOLLAR AND FORTY CENTS (\$1.40) ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) WORTH OF SAID ASSESSABLE PROPERTY, AND IN ADDITION TO LEVY AND COLLECT SUCH TAX AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS AS THE SAME ACCRUE AND MATURE ON THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID CITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOTAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID CITY (EXCLUSIVE OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT BONDS) SHALL NOT EXCEED AT ANY ONE TIME TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY."

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, That subsection (b) of Section 81 of the Charter of the City of Cumberland (1966 Edition), being Article 1A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Levy, Indebtedness. Said Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall have power to levy and collect a tax on the assessable property of said city for the general purposes of said corporation, not exceeding in any one year [one dollar and twenty-five cents] *one dollar and forty cents* on each one hundred dollars worth of said assessable property; and in addition, to levy and collect such a tax on the assessable property of said city as may be necessary to pay the interest on all the outstanding city bonds, and to provide a fund for the redemption and payment thereof at maturity, provided, however, that the total bonded or floating indebtedness of said city (exclusive of the indebtedness of the Water Department and Sewage Disposal Plant Bonds) shall not exceed at any one time ten percent of the assessed valuation of the property in said city."

*** "(b)-(1) *Said Mayor and City Council shall have the authority to adopt, by appropriate Ordinances, a plan whereby those taxpayers who are held to be under hardship by reason of limited income, age or other reasons, may be granted relief from such taxation.*"

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the date of the passage of this Resolution is March 24, 1970, and the amendment of the Charter of the City of Cumberland, hereby enacted, shall become effective on May 13, 1970, unless a proper Petition for a Referendum hereon shall be filed as provided by Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the North Centre Street entrance of the City Hall, Cumberland, Maryland, until May 3, 1970, and provided further that a fair summary of the proposed amendment shall be published in the Cumberland Evening Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cumberland, once in each of the weeks of March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 1970.