

tion 56-A," and to provide for a special tax to be levied upon the taxable property of Cumberland and the expenditure of the proceeds from the same for the duration of the World War and for six months thereafter.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That one (1) new section shall be added to Article 1-A of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title, "Allegany County," sub-title, "City of Cumberland," to be known as "Section 56-A," and said section to read as follows:

Section 56-A. 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, 1943, and continuing for the duration of the world-wide war and for six months thereafter; said special tax not to exceed the sum of ten (\$.10) 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 and the Assistant Tax Collector, in an amount equal to ten (10%) per cent of the sum of money paid said employees either on an hourly or monthly basis at the time of the passage of this Act, 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 ten 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 is an emergency law, necessary for the health, safety and best interest of the citizens of Cumberland, and three-fifths of the members of each House of the General Assembly of Maryland concurring therein, shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 30, 1943.