

## CHAPTER 118.

[ H. B. 222. ]

## EMERGENCY REVENUES OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

AN ACT relating to the raising and expenditure of revenues by cities of the first class in the State of Washington, having a population of 300,000 or more; and amending section 7, chapter 125, Laws of Extraordinary Session 1925, to change the method by which certain emergency expenditures may be made.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 125, Laws of Extraordinary Session 1925, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 7. Upon the happening of any emergency caused by fire, flood, explosion, storm, earthquake, epidemic, riot or insurrection, act of God or the public enemy, or for the immediate preservation of order or public health, or for the restoration to a condition of usefulness of any public property the usefulness of which has been destroyed by accident, or in settlement of approved claims for personal injuries or property damages, exclusive of claims arising from the operation of any public utility owned by the city, or any other such happening that could not have been anticipated, or to meet mandatory expenditures required by laws enacted since the last budget was adopted, the Council may by ordinance, passed by three-fourths of all its members, authorize the expenditure of sufficient money from the emergency fund hereinafter established to meet the expenses or obligations so caused or imposed: Enumeration of emergencies.

*Provided further,* The Council may, by ordinance passed by unanimous vote of all its members, appropriate from such emergency fund, an amount sufficient to meet the actual necessary expenditures of any department for which insufficient or no appropriations have been made due to causes which could Ordinance for emergency expenditure.

Expenditures not foreseeable when budget made.

not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the making of the budget, but such unanimous vote requirement shall exclude members absent on leave or on account of illness. All such ordinances shall clearly state the facts constituting such emergency and shall become effective immediately upon the approval or signing of same by the Mayor, or the passage of the same over the Mayor's veto as provided by the charter of any such city.

Emergency  
Fund.

There is hereby established in every city an emergency fund, which shall be supported either by an appropriation, listed in the budget for the ensuing year, or by a transfer from time to time of sufficient money from the General Fund, or any other fund not including bond or trust funds, of the city, whenever the necessity for emergency expenditures arises. Any deficit in the General Fund, or any other fund, created by such transfer, shall be provided for in the next succeeding tax levy.

Warrants.

All emergency expenditures shall be paid for by the issuance of warrants chargeable against this fund, and no money accruing or transferred to this fund shall be withdrawn therefrom for any purpose or in any manner, except as herein provided.

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Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.