Additional appropriation. the use of State medical and surgical hospitals, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is hereby appropriated to the Department of Welfare to be used by it for the maintenance of the several State medical and surgical hospitals, including the payment of salaries, wages or other compensation of the superintendents and other employes; for the expense and operation of automobiles and other equipment; for the payment to the Department of Property and Supplies of mileage charges for the use of automobiles; for the purchase of supplies, food and fuel; for minor repairs for the replacement of equipment, furniture and furnishings; for expenses of boards of trustees, and incidental expenses; and for all other expenses of maintenance and operation necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the said hospitals. The amounts of this appropriation to be expended by the Department of Welfare for the use of any particular State medical and surgical hospital shall be allocated and, from time to time, re-allocated by the department, with the approval of the Governor, and certified to the Auditor General and State Treasurer, who shall disburse the amounts allocated and re-allocated to the several State medical and surgical hospitals as in the case of appropriations made to the Department of Welfare for the use of particular State medical and surgical hospitals.

Section 3. This act shall be effective immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 23d day of December, A. D. 1931. GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 5-E

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand four hundred three), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the first class to negotiate emergency loans for certain purposes during the present calendar year," by extending the period of the repayment of such loans.

Cities of first class.

Section 1, act of June 6, 1931 (P. L. 1403), amended.

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Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand four hundred three), entitled "An act authorizing cities of the first class to negotiate emergency

loans for certain purposes during the present calendar

year." is hereby amended to read as follows:

When effective.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That to meet emer- cities of first class. gencies occasioned by business depression and the consequent noncollection of taxes, it shall be lawful for loansthe council of any city of the first class, during the noncollection year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, to authorize the creation of one or more emergency loans, not exceeding in the aggregate three million dollars (\$3,000,000), in excess of the emergency borrowing power granted to the council of such cities by the act, approved the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hun-dred eighty-one), entitled "An act for the better government of cities of the first class of this Commonwealth," and said council shall have additional appropriating power to the extent of the proceeds of such emergency loan or loans. Any such loan or loans shall Negotiation. be negotiated on behalf of the city by the mayor, the city controller, the city solicitor, or any two of them, and shall be upon notes for periods [not to extend beyond such year, and shall be repayable out of the income of the year one thousand nine hundred and thirtyone: Provided, however, That unless such loans shall be paid within said year, they shall be included by the city controller in his estimate of liabilities which must be paid out of the receipts of the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two before ordinary appropriations may be made therefrom.] as may be specified therein or in any renewal thereof; but such notes shall be re- Repayment. payable from the income of the years one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, and one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth,

Harrisburg, December 28, 1931.

I do certify that the above bill, entitled "An act to amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirtyone (Pamphlet Laws, one thousand four hundred three), entitled 'An act authorizing cities of the first class to negotiate emergency loans for certain purposes during the present calendar year,' by extending the period of the repayment of such loans," was presented to the Governor on the fifteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and was not returned within ten days after it had been presented to him, wherefore it has, agreeably to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, become a law in like manner as if he had signed it.

> RICHARD J. BEAMISH. Secretary of the Commonwealth

Emergency of taxes.