

No. 3024.

An Act to authorize Councils of Municipalities to provide for Expenditure in connexion with the recent Epidemic of Influenza.

[16th December, 1919.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Local Government (Influenza Expenditure) Act 1919* and shall be read and construed as one with the *Local Government Act 1915* and

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and any Act amending the same all of which Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Local Government Acts.

2. In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter— Interpretation.

“Municipality” includes the city of Melbourne and the city of Geelong. “Municipality.”

“General rate” includes town rate. “General rate.”

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Local Government Acts or any Act relating to the city of Melbourne or the city of Geelong— Power to councils to provide for expenditure by increase of general rate or by borrowing.

(1) the council of any municipality for the purpose only of providing for any expenditure incurred or to be incurred by it in connexion with the recent epidemic of influenza (being expenditure chargeable to the municipality)—

(a) may increase by an amount not exceeding Threepence in the pound the amount in the pound of the general rate made next after the commencement of this Act notwithstanding any statutory limit for such rates; or

(b) may without affecting any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Local Government Acts or any Act relating to the city of Melbourne or the city of Geelong (as the case may be) borrow with the approval of the Governor in Council on the credit of the municipality such sum as is necessary for the said purpose; and it shall not be necessary to submit to a poll of the ratepayers the question whether or not such loan be incurred; or

(c) may provide for such expenditure in part by an increase of the general rate and in part by borrowing as aforesaid;

(2) any sum borrowed under the authority conferred by this Act shall be repaid within ten years from the date on which it is borrowed and shall be applied for the purpose aforesaid and not otherwise.