

(b) When the Federal Government or any agency or officer thereof shall offer to the State or any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or loan for purposes of civil defense, the State, acting through the Governor, or such political subdivision, acting with the consent of the Governor, and through its executive officer or governing body, may accept such offer and may authorize any officer of the State or of the political subdivision as the case may be, to receive such aid and assistance.

(c) Whenever any person, firm or corporation shall offer to the State or to any political subdivision thereof any aid or assistance, the State and the political subdivision, acting as in (b), above, is hereby authorized to accept same.

187. (Utilization of Existing Services and Facilities.) In carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, the Governor, the Adjutant General and the executive officers or governing bodies of the political sub-divisions of the State are directed to utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the State and of the political sub-divisions thereof to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Governor or to the Director and to the civil defense organizations throughout the State upon request.

188. (Severability.) If any provision of this sub-title or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this sub-title which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this sub-title are declared to be severable.

189. (Enforcement.) It shall be the duty of every organization for civil defense established pursuant to this sub-title and of the officers thereof, to execute and enforce such orders, rules and regulations as may be made by the Governor under authority of this sub-title.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.