

16. (a) *Whenever, pursuant to any of the provisions of this sub-title, the enforcement of any obligation or liability, the prosecution of any suit or proceeding, the entry or enforcement of any order, writ, judgment, or decree, or the performance of any other act, may be stayed, postponed, or suspended, such stay, postponement or suspension may, in the discretion of the court, likewise be granted to sureties, guarantors, endorsers, and others subject to the obligation or liability, the performance or enforcement of which is stayed, postponed, or suspended.*

(b) *When a judgment or decree is vacated or set aside in whole or in part, as provided in this sub-title, the same may, in the discretion of the court, likewise be set aside and vacated as to any surety, guarantor, endorser, or other person liable upon the contract or liability for the enforcement of which the judgment or decree was entered.*

### General Relief

17. (a) *In any action or proceeding commenced in any court, if there shall be a default of any appearance by the defendant, the plaintiff, before entering judgment shall file in the court an affidavit setting forth facts showing that the defendant is not a person in civil defense service or a person suffering injury or damage. If unable to file such affidavit plaintiff shall in lieu thereof file an affidavit setting forth either that the defendant is a person in civil defense service or a person suffering injury or damage or that plaintiff is not able to determine whether or not defendant is in such categories. If an affidavit is not filed showing that the defendant is not a person in civil defense service or a person suffering injury or damage, no judgment shall be entered without first securing an order of court directing such entry, and no such order shall be made if the defendant is in such category until after the court shall have appointed an attorney to represent defendant and protect his interest, and the court shall on application make such appointment. Unless it appears that the defendant is not in such category the court may require, as a condition before judgment is entered, that the plaintiff file a bond approved by the court conditioned to indemnify the defendant, if in any such category, against any loss or damage that he may suffer by reason of any judgment should the judgment be thereafter set aside in whole or in part. The court may make such other and further order or enter such judgment as in its opinion may be necessary to protect the rights of the defendant under this sub-title.*

(b) *Any person who makes or uses an affidavit required under this section, knowing it to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprisonment not to exceed one year or by fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both.*

(c) *In any action or proceeding in which a person in civil defense service or a person suffering injury or damage is a party if such party does not personally appear therein or is not represented by an authorized attorney, the court may appoint an attorney to represent him; and in such case a like bond may be required and an order made to protect the rights of such persons. But no attorney appointed under this sub-title to protect a person in civil defense service or a person suffering injury or damage shall have power to waive any right of the person for whom he is appointed or bind him by his acts.*