

pertaining to the [civil defense and disaster] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ~~AND-CIVIL-DEFENSE~~ operations of this State and of the nation[. The Governor];

(2) [may make, amend and rescind the necessary] MAY ISSUE orders, rules and regulations NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, [and] to prepare AND REVISE, AS NECESSARY, a comprehensive plan and program for the [civil defense and disaster] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ~~AND-CIVIL-DEFENSE~~ operations of this State[;], to integrate such plan and program with the [civil defense and disaster] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ~~AND-CIVIL-DEFENSE~~ operations plans of the federal government and other states [to the fullest possible extent], and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for [civil defense and disaster] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ~~AND-CIVIL-DEFENSE~~ operations by the political subdivisions of this State[. The Governor may];

(3) [procure] MAY AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF supplies and equipment and [institute] THE INSTITUTION OF training programs and public information programs and [take all] other preparatory steps in advance of [actual disaster. The Governor may] A STATE EMERGENCY;

(4) [make] AUTHORIZE such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this State as may be necessary OR DESIRABLE to ascertain the capabilities of the State for [civil defense and disaster] EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ~~AND-CIVIL-DEFENSE~~ operations and to prepare plans for the emergency management of resources in accordance with the national plan for emergency preparedness[. The Governor may];

(5) MAY appoint, in cooperation with local authorities, directors for the political subdivisions of the State and may delegate to them any administrative authority vested in him under this subtitle, and provide for the subdelegation of any such authority[. The Governor]; AND

(6) [may] MAY delegate his authority under this subsection to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(C) IN ADDITION TO DISASTER PREVENTION MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE STATE, LOCAL AND INTERJURISDICTIONAL DISASTER PLANS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, STEPS THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT OR REDUCE THE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES OF POTENTIAL DISASTERS. AT HIS DIRECTION, AND PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AUTHORITY AND COMPETENCE THEY HAVE, STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT, STREAM ENCROACHMENT AND FLOW REGULATION, WEATHER MODIFICATION, FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AIR QUALITY, PUBLIC WORKS, LAND USE AND LAND-USE PLANNING, AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, SHALL MAKE STUDIES OF EMERGENCY PREVENTION-RELATED MATTERS.