

(1) AFTER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE GOVERNOR, IF THE GOVERNOR FINDS IT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, OR SAFETY, MAY:

(I) SUSPEND THE EFFECT OF ANY STATUTE OR RULE OR REGULATION OF AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

(II) DIRECT AND COMPEL THE EVACUATION OF ALL OR PART OF THE POPULATION FROM A STRICKEN OR THREATENED AREA IN THE STATE;

(III) SET EVACUATION ROUTES AND THE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE USED DURING AN EMERGENCY;

(IV) DIRECT THE CONTROL OF INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM AN EMERGENCY AREA, THE MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA, AND THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES IN THE AREA;

(V) AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IN WHICH EVENT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE COMPENSATED FOR ITS USE AND FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY;

(VI) PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING; AND

(VII) AUTHORIZE THE CLEARANCE AND REMOVAL OF DEBRIS AND WRECKAGE.

(2) THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE GOVERNOR BY LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 16A, §§ 6A and 6B.

In subsection (a)(4)(ii) of this section, the phrase "[a]fter the General Assembly terminates a state of emergency" is substituted for the former reference to "[t]hereupon" for clarity.

In subsection (b)(2)(i) of this section, the phrase "to publicize its contents" is substituted for the former phrase "to bring its contents to the attention of the general public" for clarity and brevity.

In subsection (b)(2)(ii)3 of this section, the reference to the "chief" local records-keeping agency is added for clarity and consistency with § 14-111(b)(2)(ii) of this subtitle.

In subsection (c)(1) of this section, the reference to the activities of the "agencies of the State" is substituted for the former reference to the activities of the "offices of the State government" for consistency with terminology used throughout this subtitle.

In subsection (c)(2)(i) of this section, the reference to an "emergency" response is substituted for the former reference to a "disaster" response for consistency with terminology used throughout this subtitle. Similarly, the former reference to "disaster" emergency plans is deleted as redundant.