

6.

(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this subtitle. In the event of the occurrence or threat of an emergency [beyond local control], the Governor may assume direct operational control over all or any part of any emergency management function created or authorized by this article. The Governor may delegate such powers as he may see fit [to the Adjutant General or the Director] TO AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR AS THE HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY.

(b) In performing his duties under this subtitle, the Governor:

(1) May cooperate with the federal government, with other states, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the emergency management operations of this State and of the nation;

(2) May issue orders, rules and regulations necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, to prepare and revise, as necessary, a comprehensive plan and program for the emergency management operations of this State, to integrate such plan and program with the emergency management operations plans of the federal government and other states, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for emergency management operations by the political subdivisions of this State;

(3) May authorize the procurement of supplies and equipment and the institution of training programs and public information programs and other preparatory steps in advance of a State emergency;

(4) 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 emergency management operations and to prepare plans for the emergency management of resources in accordance with the national plan for emergency preparedness;

(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; and

(6) May delegate his authority under this subsection [to the Adjutant General] TO AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR EMPLOYED AS A SECRETARY OF A PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR AS THE HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY.

12.

(A) It is the duty of every emergency management organization established pursuant to this subtitle 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 subtitle.