

CHAPTER 131

AN ACT

[S. B. 41]

To create a Territorial Civil Defense Council and a Department of Civil Defense thereunder, granting certain emergency powers, providing penalties, providing for an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. TERMS DEFINED: As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: Definitions.

(a) "COUNCIL" means the CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL OF the Territory of Alaska.

(b) "DEPARTMENT" means the DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE of the Territory of Alaska.

(c) "DIRECTOR" means the DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE for the Territory of Alaska.

(d) "DISTRICT" means any area or subdivision of the Territory designated as such by the Director for administrative purposes.

(e) "CIVIL DEFENSE" means the protection and defense of the civilian population by the organized efforts of the residents of the Territory other than those in the military service; such activities to include without limitation, fire fighting, policing, rescue, air raid warning, communications, medical service, transportation, evacuation of persons, welfare aid, guard duty, anti-espionage and anti-sabotage service and construction of temporary housing, and bomb proof shelters, and any other service necessary for the protection of, and aid to public not normally furnished by the military services.

Section 2. POLICY AND PURPOSE.

Policy.

(a) Because of the national emergency and the possibility of disasters or emergencies resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, and in order to insure adequate preparations for such disasters or emergencies, and generally to provide for the common defense and to insure the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Territory, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

(1) To create a Territorial Civil Defense Council and a Department of Civil Defense thereunder, and to authorize the creation of local organizations for civil defense within the Territory;

(2) To confer upon the Governor and upon the executive heads of the Districts of the Territory the emergency powers provided herein; and

(3) To provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the Districts of the Territory with the States of the United States, and with the Federal Government with respect to the carrying out of civil defense functions; and

(4) To authorize the establishment of such organizations and the taking of such steps as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(b) It is further declared to be the purpose of this Act and the policy of the Territory that all Civil Defense functions of this Territory be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable functions of the Federal Government, including its various departments and agencies, of the States of the United States and localities and of private agencies of every type, to the end that

the most effective preparation and use may be made of the Territory's manpower, resources, and facilities for dealing with any disaster that may occur.

Section 3. TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE.

(a) There is hereby created within the executive branch of the Territorial Government a Department of Civil Defense with a Director of Civil Defense (hereinafter called the "Director") who shall be the head thereof, and an assistant to the Director who shall be called the "Deputy Director". The Director shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of a majority of the House of Representatives and Senate; he shall not hold any other Territorial office and he shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor and his rate of pay shall be fixed by the Defense Council, but shall not exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per year. The Deputy Director shall be appointed by the Defense Council with the advice and consent of the Director and his rate of pay shall be fixed by the Council, but shall not exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00) per year.

Creation
of
department.

(b) The Director may employ such technical, clerical, stenographic and other personnel as may be necessary and may make such expenditures within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available to him for purposes of civil defense, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Authority
to employ
personnel.

(c) The Director and other personnel of the Civil Defense Agency shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other Territorial agencies.

Office
and
equipment.

(d) The Director, subject to the direction and con-

Director
subject
to Governor.

trol of the Governor, shall be the executive head of the Department of Civil Defense and shall be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the program for Civil Defense for this Territory. He shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for civil defense within the Territory, and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with Civil Defense agencies and organizations of other States and of the Federal Government, and in case of actual attack upon Alaska by an enemy shall have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Governor.

Membership
Civil
Defense
Council.

Section 4. CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL. There is hereby created a Civil Defense Council. The Civil Defense Council shall consist of the Governor, who shall act as Chairman, the Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard, the Director of the Territorial Police, (or Alaska Highway Patrol), the Director of Aeronautics, and the Commissioner of Health, all of whom shall be ex-officio members; and one other member at large to be appointed by the Governor with the approval and consent of a majority of both houses of the Legislature. The members thereof shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Council shall meet upon the call of the Chairman, or upon the request of a majority of its members.

Section 5. CIVIL DEFENSE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR.

Powers of
director.

(a) The Director of Civil Defense shall have general direction and control of the Department of Civil Defense and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, and in the event of disaster or emergency beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the Civil Defense functions within this Territory.

(b) In performing his duties under this Act, the Director is further authorized and empowered:

(1) To make, amend, and rescind the necessary ^{Make rules.} orders, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act, with due consideration of the plans of the Federal Government.

(2) To prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the Civil Defense of this Territory, such plan and program to be integrated into and coordinated with the ^{Prepare plans.} civil defense plans of the Federal Government and of each State of the United States to the fullest possible extent, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for civil defense by the Districts of this Territory, such plans to be integrated into and coordinated with the civil defense plan and program of this Territory to the fullest possible extent.

(3) In accordance with such plan and program for the civil defense of this Territory, to ascertain the ^{Procure supplies.} requirements of the Territory or the Districts thereof for food or clothing or other necessities of life in the event of attack and to plan for and procure supplies, medicines, materials, and equipment, and to use and employ from time to time any of the property, services, and resources within the Territory, for the purposes set forth in this Act; to make surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities within the Territory as are necessary to carry ^{Training.} out the purposes of this Act; to institute training programs and public information programs, and to take all other preparatory steps, including the partial or full mobilization of Civil Defense organizations in advance of actual disaster, to insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of civil defense personnel in time of need.

(4) To cooperate with the President and heads of

Cooperate
with
military
and
civil
agencies.

the Armed Forces, and the Civil Defense agency of the United States, and with the officers and agencies of the States of the United States, in matters pertaining to the civil defense of the Territory and Nation and the incidents thereof; and in connection therewith, to take any measures which he may deem proper to carry into effect any request of the President and the appropriate Federal officers and agencies, for any action looking to civil defense, including the direction or control of (a) black-outs and practice black-outs, air-raid drills, mobilization of civil defense forces, and other tests and exercises, (b) warnings and signals for drills or attacks and the mechanical devices to be used in connection therewith, (c) the effective screening or extinguishing of all lights and lighting devices and appliances, (d) shutting off water mains, gas mains, electric power connections and the suspension of all other utility services, (e) the conduct of civilians and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, prior, and subsequent to drills or attack, (f) public meetings or gatherings; and (g) the evacuation and reception of the civilian population.

Secure
compliance.

(5) To take such action and give such directions to Territorial and local law enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this Act and with the orders, rules, and regulations made pursuant thereto.

Direct
local
health
boards.

(6) To employ such measures and give such directions to the Territory or local boards of health as may be reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of this Act or with the findings or recommendations of such boards of health by reason of conditions arising from enemy attack or the threat of enemy attack or otherwise.

(7) To utilize the services and facilities of existing officers, and agencies of the Territory and of the Districts thereof; and all such officers and agencies shall cooperate with and extend their services and facilities to the Director as he may request.

Utilize
present
agencies.

(8) To establish agencies and offices and to appoint executive, technical, clerical, and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act including, with due consideration to the recommendation of the local authorities, full-time Territorial and District directors.

Establish
agencies.

(9) To delegate any authority vested in him under this Act, and to provide for the subdelegation of any such authority.

Delegate
authority.

(10) To sponsor and develop mutual aid plans and agreements between the Districts of the Territory.

(11) To establish such Districts in the Territory as may be needful to carry out the purposes and intent of this Act.

Section 6. On behalf of this Territory the Governor shall have authority to enter into reciprocal aid agreements or compacts with States of the United States, and the Federal Government, either on a Territorial-wide basis or local District basis or with a neighboring State of the United States or province of a foreign country. Such mutual aid arrangements shall be limited to the furnishing or exchange of food, clothing, medicine, and other supplies; engineering services; emergency housing; police services; National or Territorial Guards while under the control of the Territory; health, medical and related services; fire fighting, rescue, transportation, and construction services and equipment; personnel necessary to provide or conduct these services; and such other sup-

Make
reciprocal
agreements.

plies, equipment, facilities, personnel, and services as may be needed; the reimbursement of costs and expenses for equipment, supplies, personnel, and similar items for mobile support units, fire fighting, and police units, and health units; and on such terms and conditions as are deemed necessary.

Declaration
of emergency.

Section 7. EMERGENCY POWERS. In the event of actual enemy attack against the Territory the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Civil Defense Council, may declare that a state of emergency exists, and thereafter the Governor shall have and may exercise for such period as such state of emergency exists or continues, the following additional emergency powers:

Emergency
powers.

Enforce
laws.

(a) To enforce all laws, rules, and regulations relating to civil defense and to assume direct operational control of all civil defense forces and helpers in the Territory:

Seize
property.

(b) To seize, take, or condemn property for the protection of the public or at the request of the President, the Armed Forces or the civil defense agency of the United States including:

(1) All means of transportation and communication; except newspapers and news services;

(2) All stocks of fuel of whatever nature;

(3) Food, clothing, equipment, materials, medicines, and all supplies; and

(4) Facilities including buildings and plants;

Distribute
food and
other supplies

(c) To sell, lend, give, or distribute such fuel, food, clothing, medicines, and supplies among the inhabitants of the Territory and to account to the Territorial Treas-

sureur for any funds received for such property;

(d) To make compensation for the property so seized, taken, or condemned on the following basis:

(1) In case property is taken for temporary use, the Governor, within ten days of the taking, shall fix the amount of compensation to be paid therefor; and in case such property shall be returned to the owner in a damaged condition or shall not be returned to the owner, the Governor shall fix within ten days the amount of compensation to be paid for such damage or failure to return. Whenever the Governor shall deem it advisable for the Territory to take title to property taken under this section, he shall forthwith cause the owner of such property to be notified thereof in writing by registered mail, postage prepaid, and forthwith cause to be filed a copy of said notice with the Attorney General.

Compensation
for
property.

(2) The Sections of ACLA 1949 with reference to Eminent Domain, Sections 57-7-1 thru 57-7-23 where applicable, are adopted for the determination of Compensation to be paid owners of all classes of private property taken in accordance with Section 7 (b), (c), (d), (1).

(e) To perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population.

Section 8. MUTUAL AID ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) The director of each local organization for civil defense may develop or cause to be developed mutual-aid arrangements with other public and private agencies within this Territory for reciprocal civil defense aid and assistance in case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. Such arrangements shall be consistent with

Local
mutual
aid

the Territorial civil defense plan and program, and in time of emergency it shall be the duty of each local organization for civil defense to render assistance in accordance with the provisions of such mutual-aid arrangements.

(b) The director of each local organization for civil defense may assist in negotiation of reciprocal mutual-aid agreements between the Governor and the States of the United States (including foreign states or provinces) or District thereof, and shall carry out arrangements or any such agreement relating to the local and political subdivision.

Section 9. LOCAL ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE.

(a) Each District of this Territory is hereby authorized and directed to establish a local organization for civil defense in accordance with the Territorial civil defense plan and program. The Director, subject to approval of the Council, shall appoint a Director for each District who shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of such local organization for civil defense. Each local organization for civil defense shall perform civil defense functions within the territorial limits of the District within which it is organized, and, in addition, shall conduct such functions outside of such territorial limits as may be required pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

(b) The Director of each District shall have the power and authority:

(1) To receive, allot and expend funds, make contracts, obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for civil defense purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency

Authority
to establish
local
agencies.

Powers of
district
director.

Develop
plans.

assistance to the victims of any disaster resulting from enemy attack; and to direct and coordinate the development of civil defense plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the Federal and Territorial civil defense agencies;

(2) To appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, air-raid wardens, rescue teams, auxiliary fire and police personnel, and other civilian defense workers;

Appoint
raid
groups.

(3) To establish a primary and one or more secondary control centers to serve as command posts during an emergency;

Control
centers.

(4) Subject to the order of the Director, to assign and make available for duty, the employees, property, or equipment of the District relating to fire fighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for civil defense purposes and within or outside of the physical limits of the District; and

Assign
health
and
rescue
services.

(5) In the event of enemy attack or state of emergency as provided in Section 7, the Director may waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to: the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of permanent and temporary workers, the utilization of volunteer workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase and distribution with or without compensation of supplies, materials, and facilities, and the receiving and expenditure of public funds.

Section 10. LOCAL SERVICES.

(a) Whenever the employees of any District are rendering outside aid pursuant to the authority con-

Aid
outside
of district.

tained in Section 9 hereof such employees shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the District in which they are normally employed.

Liability
of Territory.

(b) The Territory of Alaska shall be liable for any loss or damage to equipment used, pursuant to this Section, and shall pay any expense incurred in the operation and maintenance thereof. No claim for such loss, damage, or expense shall be allowed unless, within sixty days after the same is sustained or incurred, an itemized notice of such claim under oath is served by mail or otherwise upon the Territorial Auditor.

Section 11. MOBILE SUPPORT UNITS.

Mobile
support
units.

(a) The Governor, or the Director at the request of the Governor, is authorized to create and establish such number of mobile support units as may be necessary to reinforce civil defense organizations in stricken areas and with due consideration of the plans of the Federal Government and of the States of the United States. He shall appoint a commander for each such unit who shall have primary responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of such unit. Mobile support units shall be called to duty upon orders of the Governor or the Director and shall perform their functions in any part of the Territory or, upon the conditions specified in this section, in other States.

Powers
and
authority.

(b) Personnel of mobile support units while on duty, whether within or without the Territory, shall: (1) if they are employees of the Territory, have the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities and receive the compensation incidental to their employment; (2) if they are employees of a District of the Territory, and whether serving within or without such District, have the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities

and receive the compensation incidental to their employment from the Territory, and (3) if they are not employees of the Territory or a District thereof, be entitled to compensation by the Territory at Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per day and to the same rights and immunities as are provided by law for the employees of this Territory. All personnel of mobile support units shall, while on duty, be subject to the operational control of the authority in charge of civil defense activities in the area in which they are serving, and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary travel and subsistence expenses.

(c) Whenever a mobile support unit of another state shall render aid in this Territory pursuant to the orders of the Governor of its home state and upon the request of the Governor of this Territory, this Territory shall reimburse such other state for the compensation paid and actual and necessary travel, subsistence, and maintenance expenses of the personnel of such mobile support unit while rendering such aid, and for all payments for death, disability, or injury of such personnel incurred in the course of rendering such aid, and for all losses of or damage to supplies and equipment of such other state or a District thereof resulting from the rendering of such aid: PROVIDED, That the laws of such other state contain provisions substantially similar to this Section or that provisions to the foregoing effect are embodied in a reciprocal mutual-aid agreement, or compact, or that the Federal Government has authorized or agreed to make reimbursement for such mutual aid as above provided.

Reimburse-
ment for
outside
help.

(d) No personnel of mobile support units of this Territory shall be ordered by the Governor or Director to operate in any other state unless the laws of such other state contain provisions substantially similar to this Section or unless the reciprocal mutual-aid agreements or

compacts include provisions providing for such reimbursement or unless such reimbursement will be made by the Federal Government by law or agreement.

Authority
to
investigate.

Section 12. INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYS. For the purpose of making surveys and investigations and obtaining information, except the investigation of subversive activities that are the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Council may compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books, papers, records, and documents of individuals, firms, associations, and corporations; and all officers, boards, commissions, and departments of the Territory, and the Districts thereof, having information with respect thereto, shall cooperate with and assist him in making such investigations and surveys.

General
traffic
control.

Section 13. TRAFFIC CONTROL. The Director may formulate and execute plans and regulations for the control of traffic in order to provide for the rapid and safe movement of evacuation over public highways and streets of people, troops, or vehicles and materials for national defense or for use in any defense industry, and may coordinate the activities of the departments or agencies of the Territory and of the Districts thereof concerned directly or indirectly with public highways and streets, in a manner which will best effectuate such plans.

Section 14. LEASE OR LOAN OF TERRITORIAL PROPERTY; TRANSFER OF TERRITORIAL PERSONNEL.—Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law:

(a) Whenever the Governor deems it to be in the public interest, and the urgency of the situation demands, he may—

(1) Authorize any department or agency of the Territory to lease or lend, on such terms and conditions as he may deem necessary to promote the public welfare and protect the interests of the Territory, any real or personal property of the Territorial government to the President, the heads of the Armed Forces, or to the civil defense agency of the United States.

Lend or
lease of
Territorial
property
to Federal
Agencies.

(2) Enter into an agreement on behalf of the Territory for the use or loan to any District of the Territory on such terms and conditions as he may deem necessary to promote the public welfare and protect the interests of the Territory, of any real or personal property of the Territorial government, or the temporary transfer or employment of personnel of the Territorial government to or by any District of the Territory.

Lend or
lease to
local
governments.

(b) The Director of each District of the Territory may—

(1) Enter into such contract or lease with the Territory, or accept any such loan, or employ such personnel, and such District may equip, maintain, utilize, and operate any such property and employ necessary personnel therefor in accordance with the purposes for which such contract is executed;

(2) Do all things and perform any and all acts which he may deem necessary to effectuate the purpose for which such contract was entered into.

Section 15. ORDERS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

Rule
making
authority.

(a) The Directors of the Districts of the Territory and other agencies designated or appointed by the Governor are authorized and empowered to make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for civil defense purposes and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, but not inconsistent with any orders, rules, or regulations promulgated by the Governor or by any Territorial agency exercising a power delegated to it by him.

Promulgation
of orders.

(b) All orders, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Governor, or the Director, or by any District or other agency authorized by this Act to make orders, rules, and regulations, shall have the full force and effect of law, when, and in the event of issuance by the Director, or any Territorial agency, a copy thereof is filed in the Office of the Attorney General, or, if promulgated by a District of the Territory or agency thereof, when filed in the office of the clerk of the District or agency promulgating the same. All existing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or of any order, rule, or regulation issued under the authority of this Act, shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent that such conflict exists.

Uniformity
of measures
adopted.

(c) In order to attain uniformity so far as practicable throughout the country in measures taken to aid civil defense, all action taken under this Act and all orders, rules, and regulations made pursuant thereto, shall be taken or made with due consideration to the orders, rules, regulations, actions, recommendations, and requests of Federal authorities relevant thereto, and to the extent permitted by law, shall be consistent with such orders, rules, regulations, actions, recommendations and requests.

Section 16. ENFORCEMENT. The law enforcing authorities of the Federal Government, the Territory, and of all local police departments, shall enforce the orders, rules, and regulations issued pursuant to this Act.

Authority
to enforce.

Section 17. IMMUNITY.

(a) Neither the Territory nor any District of the Territory, nor the agents or representatives of the Territory or any District thereof, shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or acting as a volunteer civilian defense worker. The foregoing shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits or compensation to which he might otherwise be entitled under the workmen's compensation law or any pension law or any Act of Congress.

Immunity
from
liability.

(b) Neither the Territory nor any District personnel of the Territory nor, except in cases of wilful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith, the employees, agents, or representatives of the Territory or any District thereof, nor any volunteer or auxiliary civilian defense worker or member of any agency engaged in any civilian defense activity, complying with or reasonably attempting to comply with this Act, or any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Act, or pursuant to any ordinance relating to blackout or other precautionary measures enacted by any District Director of the Territory, shall be liable for the death of or injury to persons, or for damage to property, as a result of any such activity.

Exception

Section 18. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT SERVICES, GIFTS, GRANTS, AND LOANS.

(a) Whenever the Federal Government or any agency or officer thereof shall offer to the Territory,

Territory
may accept
gifts or
grants.

or through the Territory to any District thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan, for purposes of civil defense, the Territory acting through the Governor, or such District, acting with the consent of the Governor and through its executive officer or governing body, may accept such offer and upon such acceptance the Governor of the Territory or executive officer or governing body of such District may authorize any officer of the Territory or of the District, as the case may be, to receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the Territory or such District, and subject to the terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer.

Accepting
offers.

(b) Whenever any person, firm, or corporation shall offer to the Territory or to any District thereof, services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant, or loan, for purpose of civil defense, the Territory acting through the Governor, or such District acting through its executive officer or governing body, may accept such offer and upon such acceptance the Governor of the Territory or executive officer or governing body of such District may authorize any officer of the Territory or of the District, as the case may be, to receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the Territory or such District, and subject to the terms of the offer.

Exclusion
of certain
persons
from
employment.

Section 20. CIVIL DEFENSE PERSONNEL. No person shall be employed or associated in any capacity in any civil defense organization established under this Act who advocates a change by force or violence in the constitutional form of the Government of the United States or in this Territory or the overthrow of any government in the United States by force or violence, or who has been convicted of or is under indictment or information charging any subversive act against the

United States. Each person who is appointed to serve in an organization for civil defense shall, before entering upon his duties, take an oath in writing, before a person authorized to administer oaths in this Territory, which oath shall be as follows:

“I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of the Territory of Alaska, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Form of oath required.

“And I do further swear that I do not advocate, nor am I, nor have I ever been, a member of any political party or organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of this Territory by force or violence; and that during such time as I am a member of any organization for civil defense within the Territory of Alaska, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States or of this Territory by force or violence.”

Section 21. POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any organization for Civil Defense established under the authority of this Act to participate in any form of political activity, nor shall it be employed directly or indirectly for political purposes.

Activity to be non political.

Section 22. PENALTIES. Any person violating any rule or regulation pertaining to blackouts, alerts, evacua-

Penalties.

tion procedure, or any other rule, order, or regulation made or issued pursuant to this Act shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to punishment by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days, or both.

Act to be construed liberally.

Section 23. LIBERALITY OF CONSTRUCTION. This Act shall be construed liberally in order to effectuate its purposes.

Severability clause.

Section 24. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Section 25. APPROPRIATION.

Administrative appropriation.

(a) There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the Territory of Alaska, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) which shall be expended by the Director for administrative purposes, including but not limited to, all salaries, office supplies, communication and travel expenses and equipment for personnel.

Equipment appropriation.

(b) There is hereby further appropriated out of the general fund of the Territory of Alaska the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) which shall be expended by the Director, with the approval of the Council, only for bomb shelters and other buildings and facilities, supplies, equipment, food, medical supplies, clothing and other things which are needed for Civilian Defense and not named in Section 25 (a) of this Act; and which shall be expended only if and when such funds have been matched by the Federal Government on an evenly matched basis, or better.

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