

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 44-146.27 of the Code of Virginia, relating to supplementing federal*  
3 *funds; assistance of federal agencies, etc., for emergency services.*

4 [H 1616]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 44-146.27 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 § 44-146.27. Supplementing federal funds; assistance of federal agencies; acceptance of gifts and  
9 services; appropriations by local governing bodies.10 (a) A. If the federal government ~~shall allot~~ *allots* funds for the payment of a portion of any disaster  
11 programs, projects, equipment, supplies or materials or other related costs, the remaining portion may be  
12 paid with a combination of state and local funds available for this purpose and consistent with state  
13 emergency service plans and program priorities.14 (b) B. Whenever the federal government or any agency or officer thereof ~~shall offer~~ *offers* to the  
15 Commonwealth, or through the Commonwealth to any political subdivision thereof, services, equipment,  
16 supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or loan for purposes of emergency services, the  
17 Commonwealth, acting through the Governor, or such political subdivision, acting with the consent of  
18 the Governor and through its local director or governing body, may accept such offer and *agree to the*  
19 *terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer, including, but*  
20 *not limited to, requirements to hold and save the United States free from damages and to indemnify the*  
21 *federal government against any claims arising from the services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds*  
22 *provided.* Upon such acceptance, the Governor or local director or governing body of such political  
23 subdivision, may authorize any officer of the Commonwealth or of the political subdivision, as the case  
24 may be, to receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the  
25 Commonwealth or such political subdivision, *in accordance with the terms of the agreement*, and subject  
26 to ~~the terms of the offer and~~ the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer.27 (c) C. Whenever any person, firm or corporation ~~shall offer~~ *offers* to the Commonwealth or to any  
28 political subdivision thereof services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or  
29 loan, for purposes of emergency services, the Commonwealth, acting through the Governor, or such  
30 political subdivision, acting through its local director or governing body, may accept such offer and  
31 upon such acceptance the Governor or local director or governing body of such political subdivision  
32 may authorize any officer of the Commonwealth or of the political subdivision, as the case may be, to  
33 receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the Commonwealth or such  
34 political subdivision, and subject to the terms of the offer.35 (d) D. The governing bodies of the counties, cities and towns are hereby authorized to appropriate  
36 funds for expenditure by any local or regional organization for emergency service established pursuant  
37 to this chapter and for local or regional disaster service activities.38 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**

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