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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, Alves, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: May 10, 2007

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 30-15-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-15 entitled
2 "Emergency Management" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-15-6. Advisory council.** -- (a) There is hereby created the Rhode Island emergency
4 management advisory council (hereinafter in this chapter called the "council"). The council will
5 consist of ~~thirty-two (32)~~ thirty-three (33) members as follows:

6 (1) ~~Seventeen (17)~~ Eighteen (18) ex officio members as follows:

7 (i) The lieutenant governor;

8 (ii) The adjutant general;

9 (iii) The director of administration/statewide planning;

10 (iv) The director of health;

11 (v) The director of transportation;

12 (vi) The director of human services;

13 (vii) The superintendent of state police;

14 (viii) The public utilities administrator;

15 (ix) The director of the department of environmental management;

16 (x) The director of mental health, retardation, and hospitals;

17 (xi) The director of elderly affairs;

18 (xii) The chairperson of the state water resources board;

19 (xiii) The chairperson of the governor's commission on disabilities;

- 1 (xiv) The chairperson of the Rhode Island public transit authority;
- 2 (xv) The executive director of the coastal resources management council or his or her
3 designee;
- 4 (xvi) The executive director of the American Red Cross, Rhode Island chapter;
- 5 (xvii) The executive director of the Rhode Island emergency management agency; ~~and~~
6 (xviii) The executive director of the commission on the deaf and hard of hearing; and
- 7 (2) Fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, as
8 follows:
- 9 (i) Two (2) members of the senate, recommended by the president of the senate, not
10 more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
- 11 (ii) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, recommended by the speaker of
12 the house, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
- 13 (iii) One representative of the electric industry;
- 14 (iv) One representative of the gas industry;
- 15 (v) One representative of the telephone industry;
- 16 (vi) The executive director of the Rhode Island petroleum association or other similarly
17 situated person;
- 18 (vii) Two (2) representatives of the general public, one who shall have expertise in
19 disaster preparedness;
- 20 (viii) One representative of the Rhode Island league of cities and towns;
- 21 (ix) One representative of E-911, the uniform emergency telephone authority;
- 22 (x) One representative of the media;
- 23 (xi) One representative of the water supply industry;
- 24 (xii) One representative of the health care industry; and
- 25 (xiii) One representative of the Rhode Island firefighters association.
- 26 (b) It shall be the duty of the council to advise the governor and the adjutant general on
27 all matters pertaining to disaster preparedness. The lieutenant governor shall serve as chairperson
28 of the council and the adjutant general shall serve as vice-chairperson. In providing advice to the
29 governor and the adjutant general, the council shall, among other matters reasonably related to
30 their authority, do the following:
- 31 (1) Establish a regular meeting schedule and form subcommittees as may be appropriate;
- 32 (2) Review emergency management plans and other matters as may be acted upon or
33 otherwise provided for in this chapter;
- 34 (3) Establish priorities and goals on emergency management matters on an annual basis;

1 (4) Study emergency management plans in conjunction with the adjutant general, and
2 otherwise conduct such other studies as may be deemed appropriate;

3 (5) Review the coordination of the state's emergency management programs with
4 appropriate authorized agencies and conduct studies on the programs as may be necessary;

5 (6) Review the plans and operations of the various cities and towns in disaster
6 preparedness in conjunction with the director and his or her office as required or necessary; and

7 (7) —Deleted by P.L. 2000, ch. 170, section 2_;

8 (8) Provide an annual report on its activities in conjunction with the adjutant general.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would add the executive director of the commission on the deaf and hard of
2 hearing to the membership of the emergency management advisory council.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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