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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Gallison, Guthrie, Azzinaro, and Silva

Date Introduced: February 09, 2012

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-15-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-15 entitled "Emergency
2 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 ~~forty (40)~~ forty-three (43) members as follows:

6 (1) ~~Twenty-two (22)~~ Twenty-three (23) 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,~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental
17 disabilities and hospitals;

18 (xi) The director of elderly affairs;

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

- 1 (xiii) The chairperson of the governor's commission on disabilities;
- 2 (xiv) The chairperson of the Rhode Island public transit authority;
- 3 (xv) The executive director of the coastal resources management council or his or her
4 designee;
- 5 (xvi) The executive director of the American Red Cross, Rhode Island chapter;
- 6 (xvii) The executive director of the Rhode Island emergency management agency;
- 7 (xviii) The state court administrator;
- 8 (xix) The executive director of the commission on the deaf and hard of hearing;
- 9 (xx) The director of the Providence emergency management agency;
- 10 (xxi) The executive director of E-911 emergency telephone system division;
- 11 (xxii) The federal security director of the transportation security administration for
12 Rhode Island; ~~and~~
- 13 [\(xxiii\) The state building code commissioner; and](#)
- 14 (2) ~~Eighteen (18)~~ [Twenty \(20\)](#) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the
15 governor, as follows:
- 16 (i) Two (2) members of the senate, recommended by the president of the senate, not
17 more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
- 18 (ii) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, recommended by the speaker of
19 the house, not more than one of whom shall be from the same political party;
- 20 (iii) One representative of the electric industry;
- 21 (iv) One representative of the gas industry;
- 22 (v) One representative of the telephone industry;
- 23 (vi) The executive director of the Rhode Island petroleum association or other similarly
24 situated person;
- 25 (vii) Two (2) representatives of the general public, one who shall have expertise in
26 disaster preparedness;
- 27 (viii) One representative of the Rhode Island league of cities and towns;
- 28 (ix) One representative of the media;
- 29 (x) One representative of the water supply industry;
- 30 (xi) One representative of the health care industry;
- 31 (xii) One representative of the Rhode Island firefighters association;
- 32 (xiii) One representative of the Rhode Island association of fire chiefs;
- 33 (xiv) One representative of a private ambulance company; and
- 34 (xv) One representative of a level I trauma hospital who shall have direct expertise in

1 disaster preparedness;

2 [\(xvi\) One representative of the Rhode Island Association of Emergency Managers; and](#)

3 [\(xvii\) One representative of the Rhode Island All Hazards Incident Management Team.](#)

4 (b) It shall be the duty of the council to advise the governor and the adjutant general on
5 all matters pertaining to disaster preparedness. The lieutenant governor shall serve as chairperson
6 of the council and the adjutant general shall serve as vice-chairperson. In providing advice to the
7 governor and the adjutant general, the council shall, among other matters reasonably related to
8 their authority, do the following:

9 (1) Establish a regular meeting schedule and form subcommittees as may be appropriate;

10 (2) Review emergency management plans and other matters as may be acted upon or
11 otherwise provided for in this chapter;

12 (3) Establish priorities and goals on emergency management matters on an annual basis;

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

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

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

19 (7) [Deleted by P.L. 2000, ch. 170, section 2];

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would add three (3) additional members to the emergency management advisory
2 council.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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