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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Emergency Management  
3 Agency, further providing for organization.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7312(e) of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7312. Organization.

9 This agency shall consist of and be organized substantially  
10 as follows:

11 \* \* \*

12 (e) State director.--To supervise the work and activities  
13 comprising the State Civil Defense and Disaster Program, the  
14 Governor shall appoint, subject to the consent of a majority of  
15 the members elected to the Senate, an individual to act, on a  
16 full-time basis, as director of the agency. The director shall  
17 perform all such fiscal, planning, administrative, operational

1 and other duties as may be assigned to him by the council and  
2 shall act as the chairman's principal assistant in civil defense  
3 and disaster matters. The director or the director's designee is  
4 also the State coordinating officer responsible to coordinate  
5 and supervise the Commonwealth and local disaster response  
6 effort following a presidential declaration of an emergency or a  
7 major disaster.

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9 Section 2. The amendment of 35 Pa.C.S. § 7312(e) shall apply  
10 to directors of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency who  
11 are appointed after the effective date of this section.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.