

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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SENATOR VULAKOVICH, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, MAY 5, 2015

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 of agency.

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:

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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
18 and other duties as may be assigned to him by the council and

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

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8 Section 2. ~~The Governor shall nominate a person for the~~ <--
9 ~~position of Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management~~
10 ~~Agency within 30 days of the effective date of this section.~~ THE <--
11 AMENDMENT OF 35 PA.C.S. § 7312(E) SHALL APPLY TO DIRECTORS OF
12 THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WHO ARE APPOINTED
13 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.