

Assembly Bill No. 98—Committee on Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to emergency management; requiring the chief of the division of emergency management of the department of motor vehicles and public safety to assist in the development of comprehensive, coordinated plans for emergency management; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 414.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

414.040 1. A division of emergency management is hereby created within the department of motor vehicles and public safety. The chief of the division is appointed by and holds office at the pleasure of the director of the department of motor vehicles and public safety. The division is the state agency for civil defense and the chief is the state's director of civil defense.

2. The chief may employ technical, clerical, stenographic and other personnel as may be required, and may make such expenditures therefor and for other expenses of his office within the appropriation therefor, or from other money made available to him for purposes of emergency management, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

3. The chief, subject to the direction and control of the director, shall carry out the program for emergency management in this state. He shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management within the state, maintain liaison with and cooperate with agencies and organizations of other states and of the Federal Government for emergency management and carry out such additional duties as may be prescribed by the director.

4. ~~{To facilitate}~~ *The chief shall assist in* the development of ~~{a}~~ comprehensive, coordinated ~~{approach to}~~ *plans for* emergency management ~~{the chief may develop}~~ *by adopting* an integrated process, using the partnership of governmental entities, business and industry, *volunteer organizations* and other interested persons, for the mitigation of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies. In ~~{developing}~~ *adopting* this process, he ~~{may suggest}~~ *shall conduct* activities designed to:

(a) Eliminate or reduce the probability that an emergency will occur or to reduce the effects of unavoidable disasters;

(b) Prepare state and local governmental agencies, private organizations and other persons to be capable of responding appropriately if an emergency occurs by fostering the adoption of plans for emergency operations, the training of necessary personnel and the acquisition of necessary resources;

(c) *Test periodically plans for emergency operations to ensure that the activities of state and local governmental agencies, private organizations and other persons are coordinated;*

(d) Provide assistance to victims, prevent further injury or damage to persons or property and increase the effectiveness of recovery operations; and

~~[(d)]~~ (e) Restore the operation of vital community life-support systems and return persons and property affected by an emergency to a condition that is comparable to what existed before the emergency occurred.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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