
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 98—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF COMMISSION ON WORKPLACE SAFETY)

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires chief of division of emergency management of department of motor vehicles and public safety to assist in development of comprehensive coordinated plans for emergency management. (BDR 36-784)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

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:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 414.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 414.040 1. A division of emergency management is hereby created
3 within the department of motor vehicles and public safety. The chief of the
4 division is appointed by and holds office at the pleasure of the director of
5 the department of motor vehicles and public safety. The division is the
6 state agency for civil defense and the chief is the state's director of civil
7 defense.
8 2. The chief may employ technical, clerical, stenographic and other
9 personnel as may be required, and may make such expenditures therefor
10 and for other expenses of his office within the appropriation therefor, or
11 from other money made available to him for purposes of emergency
12 management, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
13 3. The chief, subject to the direction and control of the director, shall
14 carry out the program for emergency management in this state. He shall
15 coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management

1 within the state, maintain liaison with and cooperate with agencies and
2 organizations of other states and of the Federal Government for emergency
3 management and carry out such additional duties as may be prescribed by
4 the director.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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