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HOUSE BILL NO. 1

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACT; AMENDING SECTION 46-1008, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S POWERS DURING A DISASTER EMERGENCY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ALTER, ADJUST, OR SUSPEND ANY PROVISION OF THE IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE SEVERABILITY, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 46-1008, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

46-1008. THE GOVERNOR AND DISASTER EMERGENCIES. (1) Under this act, ~~t~~The governor may issue executive orders, or proclamations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders and proclamations have the force and effect of law; provided, however, that the orders or proclamations must be essential to protect life or property from the occurrence or imminent threat of the state of disaster emergency. Such orders and proclamations must not restrict the right of Idahoans to work, provide for their families, and otherwise contribute to the economy of Idaho.

(2) (a) A disaster emergency ~~shall~~ must be declared by executive order or proclamation of the governor if he finds a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or the threat thereof is imminent. The state of disaster emergency ~~shall continue until the~~ must terminate as soon as:

(i) The governor finds that the threat or danger has passed, or that the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist, and when either or both of these events occur;

(ii) The period for which the state of disaster emergency has been declared terminates; or

(iii) The legislature terminates the state of disaster emergency prior to the end of the period for which it was declared as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection.

When any of these termination events occur, any executive orders or proclamations issued by the governor shall under the authority of this subsection must simultaneously terminate, and the governor must immediately issue a written notice that the state of disaster emergency by has terminated and that the orders or proclamations issued by the governor have also terminated. The notice must be filed and disseminated in the same manner as the executive order or proclamation; provided, however, that no was filed and disseminated under paragraph (d) of this subsection.

(b) In no event shall the declared state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than exceed thirty (30) days unless the governor finds that it should be continued for another thirty (30) days or any

1 part thereof. The legislature by concurrent resolution may terminate a
2 legislature by concurrent resolution extends the duration of the state
3 of disaster emergency. The governor may not circumvent the thirty (30)
4 day limitation by redeclaring successive states of disaster emergency
5 in the absence of an extension by the legislature.

6 (c) If the legislature is in a regular or extraordinary session during
7 any state of disaster emergency at any time. Thereupon, the governor
8 shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of dis-
9 aster emergency., the legislature may consider legislation to respond
10 to the disaster emergency, including appropriating necessary emergency
11 funds. The legislature may modify, terminate, or extend the state of
12 disaster emergency by concurrent resolution. The concurrent resolu-
13 tion may impose conditions for either the termination or extension, and
14 the governor must abide by the terms of the concurrent resolution. The
15 legislature may extend the state of disaster emergency for any number of
16 days.

17 (d) All executive orders or proclamations issued under this subsection
18 shall indicate the nature of the disaster, the area or areas threatened,
19 the area subject to the proclamation, and the conditions which are caus-
20 ing the disaster. An executive order or proclamation shall be dissem-
21 inated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the atten-
22 tion of the general public and, unless the circumstances attendant upon
23 the disaster prevent or impede, be promptly filed with the Idaho office
24 of emergency management, the office of the secretary of state, and the
25 office of the recorder of each county where the state of disaster emer-
26 gency applies.

27 (3) An executive order or proclamation of a state of disaster emergency
28 shall activate the disaster response and recovery aspects of the state, lo-
29 cal, and intergovernmental disaster emergency plans applicable to the po-
30 litical subdivision or area in question and be authority for the deployment
31 and use of any national guard forces to which the plan or plans apply and for
32 use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, and materials and facilities
33 assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available pursuant to this act
34 or any other provision of law relating to disaster emergencies.

35 (4) During the continuance of any state of disaster emergency, the
36 governor is commander-in-chief of the militia and may assume command of all
37 other national guard forces available for emergency duty. To the greatest
38 extent practicable, the governor shall delegate or assign command au-
39 thority by prior arrangement embodied in appropriate executive orders or
40 regulations rules, but nothing herein restricts his authority to do so by
41 orders issued at the time of the disaster emergency.

42 (5) In addition to any other powers conferred upon the governor by law,
43 he may:

44 (a) Suspend the provisions of any regulations rules prescribing the
45 procedures for conduct of public business that would in any way prevent,
46 hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

47 (b) Utilize all state and federal resources of available to the state,
48 including, but not limited to, those sums in the disaster emergency
49 account as he shall deem necessary to pay obligations and expenses
50 incurred during arising out of a declared state of disaster emergency,

1 subject to the one percent (1%) limitation on the revenues made avail-
2 able by section 46-1005A(2)(b) and (c), Idaho Code, as set forth in
3 section 46-1005A(3), Idaho Code;

4 (c) Transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state depart-
5 ments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or fa-
6 cilitating emergency services;

7 (d) Subject to any applicable requirements for compensation under sec-
8 tion 46-1012, Idaho Code, commandeer or utilize any private property,
9 real or personal, if he finds this necessary to cope with the disaster
10 emergency;

11 (e) Direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population
12 from any stricken or threatened area within the state if he deems this
13 action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitiga-
14 tion, response, or recovery;

15 (f) Prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destinations in
16 connection with evacuation;

17 (g) Control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement
18 of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein;

19 (h) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of alco-
20 holic beverages, explosives except to the extent protected under sub-
21 section (7) of this section in relation to firearms or ammunition, and
22 combustibles; and

23 (i) Make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency
24 housing.

25 (6) Whenever an emergency or a disaster has been declared to exist in
26 Idaho by the pPresident of the United States under the provisions of the dis-
27 aster relief act of 1974 (public law 93-288, 42 U.S.C. 5121), as amended, the
28 governor may:

29 (a) Enter into agreements with the federal government for the sharing
30 of disaster recovery expenses involving public facilities;

31 (b) Require as a condition of state assistance that a local taxing dis-
32 trict be responsible for paying forty percent (40%) of the nonfederal
33 share of costs incurred by the local taxing district that have been de-
34 termined to be eligible for reimbursement by the federal government,
35 provided that the total local share of eligible costs for a taxing dis-
36 trict shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the taxing district's tax
37 charges authorized by section 63-802, Idaho Code;

38 (c) Obligate the state to pay the balance of the nonfederal share of el-
39 igible costs within local taxing entities qualifying for federal assis-
40 tance; and

41 (d) Enter into agreements with the federal government for the sharing
42 of disaster assistance expenses to include individual and family grant
43 programs.

44 (7) During the continuance of any declared state of disaster emer-
45 gency, neither the governor nor any agency of any governmental entity or
46 political subdivision of the state shall impose restrictions on the lawful
47 manufacturing, possession, transfer, sale, transport, storage, display
48 or use of firearms or ammunition or otherwise limit or suspend any rights
49 guaranteed by the United States constitution or constitution of the state of
50 Idaho, including but not limited to the right to assemble for worship.

1 (8) During any state of disaster emergency, the governor may not alter,
2 adjust, or suspend any provision of the Idaho Code.

3 (9) The provisions of this section are hereby declared to be severable.
4 If any provision of this section or the application of such provision to any
5 person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration
6 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
9 passage and approval.