

Chapter 24

(Senate Bill 73)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Director

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law so as to require the Governor to appoint directly the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA); requiring the Director of MEMA to be responsible to the Governor for carrying out the State emergency management program, to develop certain mutual aid agreements without a certain approval, and to employ personnel in a certain manner that is not subject to a certain authority; and generally relating to the Director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 14–104 and 14–112(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

14–104.

(a) The [Adjutant General] **GOVERNOR** shall appoint the director of MEMA [with the approval of the Governor].

(b) The Director serves at the pleasure of the [Adjutant General] **GOVERNOR**.

(c) (1) The Director is in the executive service of the State Personnel Management System and is entitled to the salary provided in the State budget.

(2) The Director's employment is not subject to the conditions and limitations of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(d) (1) The Director is the executive head of MEMA.

(2) The Director is responsible to the Governor [and the Adjutant General] for carrying out the State emergency management program.

(3) If the Governor has formally declared the threat or occurrence of an emergency, the Director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management operations in the State.

(4) [With the approval of the Adjutant General and] **THE DIRECTOR**, in collaboration with other public and private agencies in the State, [the Director] shall develop or cause to be developed mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergency of an extreme nature that affects two or more political subdivisions.

(5) The Director shall maintain liaison and cooperate with emergency management agencies and organizations of other states and the federal government.

(e) [Subject to the authority of the Adjutant General, the] **THE** Director may employ personnel in accordance with the State budget and subject to the conditions and limitations of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(f) The Director may make expenditures within the appropriations in the State budget or from other money made available to the Director for purposes of emergency management as necessary to carry out this subtitle.

14-112.

(c) (1) In carrying out this subtitle, the Governor, [Adjutant General,] **DIRECTOR**, and executive officers or governing bodies of the political subdivisions shall use the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing agencies and units of the State and the political subdivisions to the maximum extent practicable.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.