

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1011

H. P. 828

House of Representatives, March 11, 1975

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Eliminate the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-A MRSA c. 3 is repealed.

Sec. 1-A. 37-A MRSA § 214, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 709, § 2, is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read:

He shall be the state's representative on the committee to formulate plans and take all necessary steps for the implementation of the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact, provided for in chapter 4.

Sec. 2. Amendatory clause. Wherever in the Revised Statutes the words "Department of Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services" appear, they shall mean the "Department of Military and Veterans Services."

Sec. 3. Transition; property. All property of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness shall be transferred to the Maine National Guard.

Sec. 4. Transition; personnel. The Adjutant General shall make every effort to absorb personnel of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness within the Department of Military and Veterans Services. He shall promptly notify the Director of Personnel of the names of those persons who cannot be absorbed within the Department of Military and Veterans Services and the Director of Personnel shall attempt to place the remaining personnel within other positions of state service.

Sec. 5. Transition; functions. It is the intent of the Legislature that the present functions of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness

should be assumed by the sheriff's department of each county and by the municipal police and fire departments.

Sec. 6. Transition; State Fuel Allocation Office. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Fuel Allocation Office should be placed directly under the Adjutant General.

FISCAL NOTE

Enactment of this bill will result in a savings of \$200,000 to the State of Maine and \$100,000 to the counties.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the purpose of this bill to eliminate the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, to encourage counties and municipalities to assume such functions in the sheriff departments and in local police and fire departments. The Adjutant General would administer the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact and the State Fuel Allocation Office.