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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 789, L.D. 2044, Bill, "An Act To Enhance the Protection of Maine Families from Terrorism and Natural Disasters"

Amend the amendment in section 8 in §704 by striking out all of the first indented paragraph (page 4, lines 9 to 19 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'The Maine Emergency Management Agency, as previously established and in this chapter called the "agency," shall be is under the supervision of the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, who in this chapter shall be is called the "director."

Further amend the amendment in section 8 in §704 by striking out all of the 3rd indented paragraph (page 4, lines 27 to 49 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'The director, subject to the direction and control of the commissioner, is the executive head of the agency and is responsible for carrying out the program for emergency management. The director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management within the State; shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management and public safety agencies and organizations of other states, the Federal Government and foreign countries, and their political subdivisions; prior to the annual meeting required in section 782, subsection 4, shall provide to each of the local emergency

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2 management organizations of the State an annual assessment of
each organization's degree of emergency management capability and
4 and any other information pertinent to ensuring the public's welfare
and safety within the local organization's jurisdiction; and has
6 additional authority, duties and responsibilities as may be
prescribed by the commissioner.'

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SUMMARY

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12 This amendment strikes the language that modifies the
required qualifications of the Director of the Maine Emergency
14 Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management to require education, training or experience
16 in managing emergencies or in the emergency management
profession. The amendment also strikes the language that
18 requires that the Director of the Maine Emergency Agency be
appointed by the Governor, serve at the pleasure of the Governor,
be for responsible for notifying the Governor and Commissioner of
20 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management of all emergencies and
represent the Governor on all matters pertaining to the
22 comprehensive emergency management program and the disaster and
emergency response of the State.

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