

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 259

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACT; AMENDING SECTION 46-1002, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS, TO DEFINE TERMS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

46-1002. DEFINITIONS. As used in this ~~act~~ chapter:

(1) "Adjutant general" means the administrative head of the military division of the office of the governor.

(2) "Disaster" means occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, ~~explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism epidemic, pandemic, or cybersecurity incident with the exception of violent acts identified in section 46-601, Idaho Code, that constitute a state of extreme peril.~~

(3) "Emergency" means occurrence or imminent threat of a disaster or condition threatening life or property that requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster.

(4) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, district, or other unit of state or local government.

(5) "Militia" ~~means~~ includes all members of the Idaho army and air national guard in the service of the state as described in section 1, article XIV, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

(6) "Office" means the Idaho office of emergency management within the military division.

(7) "Search and rescue" means the employment, coordination, and utilization of available resources and personnel in locating, relieving distress and preserving life of, and removing survivors from the site of a disaster, emergency or hazard to a place of safety in case of lost, stranded, entrapped, or injured persons.

(8) "Disaster emergency account" means the account created under this ~~act~~ chapter for the purpose of paying obligations and expenses incurred by the state of Idaho ~~during~~ arising out of a declared state of disaster emergency.

(9) "Bureau of hazardous materials" means the former bureau of hazardous materials, which is now a part of the Idaho office of emergency management in the military division of the office of the governor.

(10) "Epidemic" means an excessive, prevalent, widespread outbreak causing a significant increase in mortality rates due solely to an infec-

1 tious disease. An epidemic may be moderate, with a twenty-five percent (25%)
2 attack rate and a one and one-half percent (1.5%) fatality rate, or severe,
3 with a thirty percent (30%) attack rate and a two and one-half percent (2.5%)
4 fatality rate.
5 (11) "Pandemic" means an excessive, prevalent, multinational epidemic.