

1 AN ACT concerning emergency management.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3305/4) (from Ch. 127, par. 1054)

7 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the  
8 context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and  
9 terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

10 "Coordinator" means the staff assistant to the principal  
11 executive officer of a political subdivision with the duty of  
12 coordinating the emergency management programs of that  
13 political subdivision.

14 "Disaster" means an occurrence or threat of widespread or  
15 severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting  
16 from any natural or technological cause, including but not  
17 limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, hazardous  
18 materials spill or other water contamination requiring  
19 emergency action to avert danger or damage, epidemic, air  
20 contamination, blight, extended periods of severe and  
21 inclement weather, drought, infestation, critical shortages of  
22 essential fuels and energy, explosion, riot, hostile military  
23 or paramilitary action, public health emergencies, or acts of  
24 domestic terrorism.

25 "Emergency Management" means the efforts of the State and  
26 the political subdivisions to develop, plan, analyze, conduct,  
27 provide, implement and maintain programs for disaster  
28 mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

29 "Emergency Services and Disaster Agency" means the agency  
30 by this name, by the name Emergency Management Agency, or by  
31 any other name that is established by ordinance within a  
32 political subdivision to coordinate the emergency management

1 program within that political subdivision and with private  
2 organizations, other political subdivisions, the State and  
3 federal governments.

4 "Emergency Operations Plan" means the written plan of the  
5 State and political subdivisions describing the organization,  
6 mission, and functions of the government and supporting  
7 services for responding to and recovering from disasters and  
8 shall include plans that take into account the needs of those  
9 individuals with household pets and service animals following a  
10 major disaster or emergency.

11 "Emergency Services" means the coordination of functions  
12 by the State and its political subdivision, other than  
13 functions for which military forces are primarily responsible,  
14 as may be necessary or proper to prevent, minimize, repair, and  
15 alleviate injury and damage resulting from any natural or  
16 technological causes. These functions include, without  
17 limitation, fire fighting services, police services, emergency  
18 aviation services, medical and health services, HazMat and  
19 technical rescue teams, rescue, engineering, warning services,  
20 communications, radiological, chemical and other special  
21 weapons defense, evacuation of persons from stricken or  
22 threatened areas, emergency assigned functions of plant  
23 protection, temporary restoration of public utility services  
24 and other functions related to civilian protection, together  
25 with all other activities necessary or incidental to protecting  
26 life or property.

27 "Exercise" means a planned event realistically simulating  
28 a disaster, conducted for the purpose of evaluating the  
29 political subdivision's coordinated emergency management  
30 capabilities, including, but not limited to, testing the  
31 emergency operations plan.

32 "HazMat team" means a career or volunteer mobile support  
33 team that has been authorized by a unit of local government to  
34 respond to hazardous materials emergencies and that is  
35 primarily designed for emergency response to chemical or  
36 biological terrorism, radiological emergencies, hazardous

1 material spills, releases, or fires, or other contamination  
2 events.

3 "Illinois Emergency Management Agency" means the agency  
4 established by this Act within the executive branch of State  
5 Government responsible for coordination of the overall  
6 emergency management program of the State and with private  
7 organizations, political subdivisions, and the federal  
8 government. Illinois Emergency Management Agency also means  
9 the State Emergency Response Commission responsible for the  
10 implementation of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and  
11 Reauthorization Act of 1986.

12 "Mobile Support Team" means a group of individuals  
13 designated as a team by the Governor or Director to train prior  
14 to and to be dispatched, if the Governor or the Director so  
15 determines, to aid and reinforce the State and political  
16 subdivision emergency management efforts in response to a  
17 disaster.

18 "Municipality" means any city, village, and incorporated  
19 town.

20 "Political Subdivision" means any county, city, village,  
21 or incorporated town or township if the township is in a county  
22 having a population of more than 2,000,000.

23 "Principal Executive Officer" means chair of the county  
24 board, supervisor of a township if the township is in a county  
25 having a population of more than 2,000,000, mayor of a city or  
26 incorporated town, president of a village, or in their absence  
27 or disability, the interim successor as established under  
28 Section 7 of the Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act.

29 "Public health emergency" means an occurrence or imminent  
30 threat of an illness or health condition that:

31 (a) is believed to be caused by any of the following:

32 (i) bioterrorism;

33 (ii) the appearance of a novel or previously  
34 controlled or eradicated infectious agent or  
35 biological toxin;

36 (iii) a natural disaster;

- 1 (iv) a chemical attack or accidental release; or  
2 (v) a nuclear attack or accident; and  
3 (b) poses a high probability of any of the following  
4 harms:  
5 (i) a large number of deaths in the affected  
6 population;  
7 (ii) a large number of serious or long-term  
8 disabilities in the affected population; or  
9 (iii) widespread exposure to an infectious or  
10 toxic agent that poses a significant risk of  
11 substantial future harm to a large number of people in  
12 the affected population.

13 "Technical rescue team" means a career or volunteer mobile  
14 support team that has been authorized by a unit of local  
15 government to respond to building collapse, high angle rescue,  
16 and other specialized rescue emergencies and that is primarily  
17 designated for emergency response to technical rescue events.  
18 (Source: P.A. 93-249, eff. 7-22-03; 94-334, eff. 1-1-06.)