



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1259

Introduced by: **Representative** Randolph

1 **An Act to provide oversight regarding the exercise of gubernatorial emergency**
 2 **powers.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 34-48A-5 be AMENDED:**

5 **34-48A-5.** In the event of disaster, war, act of terrorism as defined in ~~state law~~ §
 6 22-8-12, or emergency that is beyond local government capability, the Governor:

- 7 (1) May assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency
 8 management functions within the state which may affect all or any portion of the
 9 state;
- 10 (2) May declare an emergency or disaster to exist in the stricken area and employ
 11 emergency management to assist local authorities to affect relief and restoration;
- 12 (3) May call upon and use any facilities, equipment, other nonmedical supplies, and
 13 resources available from any source, other than personal or private funds, in order
 14 to carry out the purposes of this chapter by contributing to the expense incurred
 15 in providing relief in such amounts as the Governor shall determine. However,
 16 nothing in this subdivision may be construed to authorize the taking of firearms,
 17 as defined in subdivision 22-1-2(16), without the consent of the owner;
- 18 (4) May suspend the provisions of any rules of any state agency, if strict compliance
 19 with the provisions of the rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary
 20 action in managing a disaster, war, act of terrorism, or emergency, including fire,
 21 flood, earthquake, severe high and low temperatures, tornado storm, wave action,
 22 oil spill, or other water or air contamination, epidemic, blight, drought, infestation,
 23 explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action, which is determined by
 24 the Governor to require state or state and federal assistance or actions to
 25 supplement the recovery efforts of local governments in alleviating the damage,
 26 loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby;

- 1 (5) May control the ingress and egress in a designated disaster or emergency area, the
 2 movement of vehicles upon highways within the area, the movement of persons
 3 within the area, and the occupancy of premises within the area;
- 4 (6) May procure, acquire, store, distribute, and dispense any pharmaceutical agents or
 5 medical supplies located within the state as may be reasonable and necessary to
 6 respond to the disaster, emergency, or act of terrorism;
- 7 (7) May appoint and prescribe the duties of such out-of-state health care providers as
 8 may be reasonable and necessary to respond to the disaster, emergency, or act of
 9 terrorism;
- 10 (8) May provide for the examination and safe disposal of any dead body as may be
 11 reasonable and necessary to respond to the disaster, emergency, or act of
 12 terrorism; and
- 13 (9) May provide for the protection, construction or reconstruction, repair, and
 14 maintenance of public or private transportation facilities.

15 ~~The powers granted to the Governor under this section shall remain in effect for a~~
 16 ~~period of six months and may be restored for one or more successive six-month periods~~
 17 ~~by declaration of the Governor that the conditions permitting such powers persist.~~

18 **Section 2. That chapter 34-48A be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

19 The powers granted to the Governor under § 34-48A-5 may be exercised for a
 20 period of thirty days from the date of the Governor's declaration, unless terminated earlier
 21 by the Governor.

22 If the Governor determines the disaster, war, act of terrorism, or emergency that
 23 required the initial exercise of powers under § 34-48A-5 warrants a continuance of those
 24 powers beyond the permitted thirty-day period, the Governor shall obtain legislative
 25 concurrence for the continuance in the following manner:

26 (1) If the Legislature is in session:

27 (a) Provide written notice of that determination to the Legislature;

28 (b) Provide evidence supporting that determination; and

29 (c) Request that the Legislature either continue those powers for a specified
 30 period or provide other authority or direction, as the Legislature deems
 31 appropriate; or

32 (2) If the Legislature is in a recess or between sessions:

33 (a) Provide written notice of that determination to the Executive Board of the
 34 Legislative Research Council;

- 1 **(b)** Provide evidence supporting that determination; and
2 **(c)** Request that the Executive Board authorize a continuance, in accordance
3 with section 3 of this Act.

4 **Section 3. That chapter 34-48A be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 Upon receipt of a notice, evidence, and request for a continuance of the Governor's
6 emergency powers, as provided for in section 2 of this Act, the Executive Board of the
7 Legislative Research Council may:

- 8 **(1)** Authorize a single continuance of the Governor's emergency powers, as set forth
9 in § 34-48A-5, for a specified period not exceeding thirty days; or
10 **(2)** Deny the request for a continuance of the Governor's emergency powers.

11 **Section 4. That chapter 34-48A be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

12 Nothing in § 34-48A-5 or in sections 2 or 3 of this Act precludes the Governor from
13 convening the Legislature in special session, as provided in S.D. Const. Art. IV, § 3, or
14 precludes the Legislature from convening in special session, as provided in S.D. Const.
15 Art. III, § 31, to address the disaster, war, act of terrorism, or emergency that resulted
16 in the initial exercise of gubernatorial powers under § 34-48A-5.

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