

Subject Public health emergency

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Overview

This bill authorizes the governor to declare a peacetime emergency for a public health emergency and defines public health emergency. These amendments are made to chapter 12, which authorizes the governor to declare emergencies and specifies the powers and duties of local and state government when an emergency is declared.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Public health emergency.</p> <p>Adds subd. 12 to § 12.03. Defines public health emergency in chapter 12, as a determination by the commissioner of health that public health is affected by or under imminent threat from pandemic influenza or an outbreak of a communicable or infectious disease that meets one of the listed criteria.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Declaration of peacetime emergency.</p> <p>Amends § 12.31, subd. 2. Allows the governor to declare a peacetime emergency when a public health emergency endangers life or property and local resources are inadequate to handle the situation. (Under current law a peacetime emergency may be declared for an act of nature, a technological malfunction or failure, a terrorist incident, an industrial accident, a hazardous materials accident, or a civil disturbance.) Also allows a public health emergency to be continued for up to 90 days, rather than five days unless extended for up to 30 days by resolution of the Executive Council as in current law.</p> |