

House File 2318 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to persons authorized to request assistance
2 pursuant to the statewide mutual aid compact.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.22, subsection 3, paragraph e, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. For purposes of **this subsection**, *“authorized*
4 *representative of a participating government”* means a mayor
5 or the mayor’s designee, a member of the county board of
6 supervisors or a representative of the board, ~~or~~ an emergency
7 management coordinator or the coordinator’s designee, or the
8 elected chief executive officer of the participating government
9 or the elected chief executive officer’s designee authorized to
10 enter into contracts on behalf of the participating government.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation’s substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to persons authorized to request
15 assistance in an emergency situation pursuant to the statewide
16 mutual aid compact.

17 Under current law, emergency management commissions,
18 counties, cities, townships, and other political subdivisions
19 are considered participating governments for purposes of the
20 statewide mutual aid compact unless the governing body of the
21 emergency management commission, county, city, township, or
22 other political subdivision has acted to withdraw through an
23 ordinance or resolution. Current law allows an authorized
24 representative of a participating government to request
25 assistance of another participating government by contacting
26 the authorized representative of that participating government.
27 An “authorized representative of a participating government”
28 is defined as a mayor or the mayor’s designee, a member of the
29 county board of supervisors or a representative of the board,
30 or an emergency management coordinator or the coordinator’s
31 designee.

32 The bill amends the definition of “authorized representative
33 of a participating government” to include the elected chief
34 executive officer of the participating government or the
35 elected chief executive officer’s designee authorized to enter

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1 into contracts on behalf of the participating government. By
2 operation of law, the bill allows the elected chief executive
3 officer of the participating government or the elected chief
4 executive officer's designee to request assistance of another
5 participating government.