

SS HB 579 -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This bill transfers the State Emergency Management Agency from the Office of the Adjutant General to the Department of Public Safety and allows for the deployment of any health care provider who is licensed, registered, or certified in this or any other state and volunteers during an emergency declared by the Governor. Currently, only workers licensed, registered, or certified in this state are allowed to be deployed. The bill grants the volunteers immunity from civil damages for their services unless the damages are due to willful and wanton acts or omissions in rendering care. The Department of Health and Senior Services is allowed to recruit, train, and accept the services of citizen volunteers to dispense medication in a public health emergency.

The bill contains an emergency clause.