

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Powers of the Governor; State of Emergency Declaration. Amend RSA 4:45, II(a) to read as
2 follows:

3 II.(a) A state of emergency shall terminate automatically 21 days after its declaration unless
4 it is renewed under the same procedures set forth in paragraph I of this section. The governor may,
5 by executive order, renew a declaration of a state of emergency ***only once, unless the clerk of***
6 ***either chamber of the legislature, or the assistant clerk pursuant to RSA 14:4, has certified***
7 ***within the past 7 days that, to the best of their knowledge, at least half of the membership***
8 ***of the chamber is incapacitated or missing in which case the governor may renew a***
9 ***declaration of a state of emergency*** as many times as the governor finds is necessary to protect
10 the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state. ***The general court may, by concurrent***
11 ***resolution, renew a declaration of a state of emergency as many times as it finds is***
12 ***necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state.***

13 2 New Subparagraph; Powers of the Governor; State of Emergency Declaration. Amend RSA
14 4:45, II by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

15 (d) If it is in the best interest of the state to continue a state of emergency declaration for
16 financial reasons such as federal funding eligibility, the legislature may vote to create a nominal
17 state of emergency, but such a nominal state of emergency shall not extend any emergency powers to
18 any official. A nominal state of emergency may be renewed by a majority vote of both chambers of
19 the legislature.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Amends the powers of the governor relating to declaring a state of emergency and authorizes the creation of a nominal state of emergency for the purpose of continuing a state of emergency for financial reasons.