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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF
HOMELAND SECURITY DIRECTOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY."**

1 Strike subsection (a) of section 13 and substitute the following in
2 lieu thereof:

3 "(a) There is established a Department of Emergency Management
4 and Homeland Security, which shall be within the Office of Policy and
5 Management for administrative purposes only. Said department shall
6 be the designated emergency management and homeland security
7 agency for the state. The department head shall be the commissioner,
8 who shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the
9 provisions of sections 4-5, as amended by this act, 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8 with
10 the powers and duties prescribed in said sections. The commissioner

11 shall possess professional training and knowledge consisting of not
12 less than five years of managerial or strategic planning experience in
13 matters relating to public safety, security, emergency services and
14 emergency response. No person convicted of a felony shall be eligible
15 for or hold such position. Any person with any interests that may
16 substantially conflict with the duties of the commissioner or expose
17 such person to potential undue influence or compromise such person's
18 ability to be entrusted with necessary state or federal security
19 clearances or information shall be deemed unqualified for such
20 position and shall not be eligible to hold such position. The
21 commissioner shall be the chief administrative officer of the
22 department and shall have the responsibility for providing a
23 coordinated, integrated program for state-wide emergency
24 management and homeland security. The commissioner may do all
25 things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any federal funds
26 made available or allotted under any federal act relative to emergency
27 management or homeland security."