12B.15 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means a local government, state government agency, or utility cooperative that applies for state disaster assistance under this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

Subd. 3a. **County.** "County" or "county government" means each county in which a governmental unit is located in whole or in part, or a county board of commissioners as defined in chapter 375.

Subd. 4. **Director.** "Director" means the director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety.

Subd. 5. **Disaster.** "Disaster" means any catastrophe, including but not limited to a tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion.

Subd. 6. **FEMA.** "FEMA" means the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Subd. 7. **Incident period.** "Incident period" means the time interval of a disaster as delineated by specific start and end dates.

Subd. 8. **Local government.** "Local government" has the meaning given in section 12.03, subdivision 5f.

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