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To authorize appropriations for grants to the States participating in the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BURRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Manage-
5 ment Assistance Compact Reauthorization Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Emergency Management Assistance
9 Compact consented to by the Joint Resolution enti-

1 tled “Joint Resolution granting the consent of Con-
2 gress to the Emergency Management Assistance
3 Compact” (Public Law 104–321; 110 Stat. 3877) is
4 the only congressionally chartered mutual aid agree-
5 ment among States that provides for assistance after
6 emergencies and major disasters.

7 (2) The Emergency Management Assistance
8 Compact was highlighted as a best practice in the
9 major after-action reports relating to Hurricane
10 Katrina of 2005.

11 (3) The Emergency Management Assistance
12 Compact enables States to assist each other during
13 emergencies and major disasters swiftly with specific
14 assets and personnel.

15 (4) By identifying, training, and exercising re-
16 sources and personnel before an emergency or major
17 disaster, the Emergency Management Assistance
18 Compact saves taxpayer money by reducing redun-
19 dancy and increasing self-sufficiency at the State
20 level.

21 (5) The Emergency Management Assistance
22 Compact is the mechanism used by States to deploy
23 individuals from the various emergency disciplines
24 when an emergency or major disaster occurs and a

1 State affected by the major disaster or emergency
2 requests assistance.

3 (6) Investment in the Emergency Management
4 Assistance Compact ensures a stable and agile mu-
5 tual aid program to address all-hazards disasters.

6 (7) The Post-Katrina Emergency Management
7 Reform Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–295; 120
8 Stat. 1394) authorized funding for grants to the ad-
9 ministrators of the Emergency Management Assist-
10 ance Compact, the Final Report of the National
11 Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United
12 States (commonly known as the “9/11 Commission
13 Report”) called for mutual aid enhancement, and
14 the report of the Government Accountability Office
15 entitled “Emergency Management Assistance Com-
16 pact: Enhancing EMAC’s Collaborative and Admin-
17 istrative Capacity Should Improve National Disaster
18 Response”, dated June 29, 2007, recommended that
19 the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
20 agement Agency identify ways to build the adminis-
21 trative capacity of the Emergency Management As-
22 sistance Compact network.

1 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT**
2 **GRANTS.**

3 (a) USES.—Section 661(b) of the Post-Katrina
4 Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C.
5 761(b)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) to educate emergency response providers
12 by offering training materials and courses relating to
13 the Emergency Management Assistance Compact;

14 “(7) to conduct exercises regarding deployments
15 under the Emergency Management Assistance Com-
16 pact and related procedures;

17 “(8) to establish a system for tracking re-
18 sources deployed under the Emergency Management
19 Assistance Compact; and

20 “(9) to conduct after-action assessments, pre-
21 pare reports, and carry out recommendations in re-
22 sponse to large-scale activations, as determined ap-
23 propriate by the administrators of the Emergency
24 Management Assistance Compact.”.

25 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
26 661(d) of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Re-

1 form Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 761(d)) is amended by strik-
2 ing “fiscal year 2008” and inserting “each of fiscal years
3 2010 through 2012”.

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