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[Report No. 107-127]

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a study to determine the resources that are needed for development of an effective nationwide communications system for emergency response personnel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

DECEMBER 17, 2001

Reported by Mr. JEFFORDS, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMU-**
 4 **NICATIONS SYSTEM.**

5 Title VII of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
 6 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.)
 7 is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 706. STUDY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMUNICA-**
 9 **TIONS SYSTEM.**

10 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**The Director shall conduct a
 11 study to determine the resources that are needed for devel-
 12 opment of an effective nationwide communications system
 13 for emergency response personnel.

14 **“(b) REPORT.—**Not later than 90 days after the date
 15 of enactment of this section, the Director shall submit to
 16 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
 17 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
 18 structure of the House of Representatives a report on the
 19 study.”.

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 23 *Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.) is*
 24 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

1 **“SEC. 706. STUDY OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMUNICA-**
2 **TIONS SYSTEM.**

3 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In consultation with the Federal*
4 *Communications Commission, the National Institute of*
5 *Standards and Technology, and the Secretary of Defense,*
6 *the Director shall conduct a study to determine the resources*
7 *that are needed for development of an effective nationwide*
8 *communications system for emergency response personnel.*

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10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after*
11 *the date of enactment of this section, the Director*
12 *shall submit to the Committee on Environment and*
13 *Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on*
14 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*
15 *Representatives a report on the study.*

16 “(2) *REVIEW OF USE OF SPECTRUM.*—*The study*
17 *and report shall include a review of use of the digital*
18 *spectrum or the analog spectrum as a key component*
19 *to meeting the urgent communications needs of the*
20 *emergency response personnel of the United States.”.*

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