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To reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 6), 2008

Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

JULY 10 (legislative day, JULY 9), 2008

Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

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

To reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and
for other purposes.

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 “United States Fire
5 Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The number of lives lost each year because
4 of fire has dropped significantly over the last 25
5 years in the United States. However, the United
6 States still has one of the highest fire death rates
7 in the industrialized world. In 2005, the National
8 Fire Protection Association reported 3,675 civilian
9 fire deaths, 17,925 civilian fire injuries, and
10 \$10,672,000,000 in direct losses due to fire.

11 (2) Every year, more than 100 firefighters die
12 in the line of duty. The United States Fire Adminis-
13 tration should continue its leadership to help local
14 fire agencies dramatically reduce these fatalities.

15 (3) Members of the fire service community
16 should continue to work together to further the pro-
17 motion of national voluntary consensus standards
18 that increase firefighter safety.

19 (4) The United States Fire Administration pro-
20 vides crucial support to the 30,300 fire departments
21 of the United States through training, emergency in-
22 cident data collection, fire awareness and education,
23 and support of research and development activities
24 for fire prevention, control, and suppression tech-
25 nologies.

1 (5) The collection of data on fire and other
2 emergency incidents is a vital tool both for policy
3 makers and emergency responders to identify and
4 develop responses to emerging hazards. Improving
5 the data collection capabilities of the United States
6 Fire Administration is essential for accurately track-
7 ing and responding to the magnitude and nature of
8 the fire problems of the United States.

9 (6) The research and development performed by
10 the National Institute of Standards and Technology,
11 the United States Fire Administration, other govern-
12 ment agencies, and non-governmental organizations
13 on fire technologies, techniques, and tools advance
14 the capabilities of the fire service of the United
15 States to suppress and prevent fires.

16 (7) The United States Fire Administration is
17 one of the strongest voices representing the fire serv-
18 ice of the United States within the Federal Govern-
19 ment, and, as such, it should have a prominent place
20 within the Department of Homeland Security.

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNITED**
22 **STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION.**

23 Section 17(g)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
24 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”
2 after the semicolon;

3 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding after subparagraph (D) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(E) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, of
8 which \$2,520,000 shall be used to carry out
9 section 8;

10 “(F) \$72,100,000 for fiscal year 2010, of
11 which \$2,595,600 shall be used to carry out
12 section 8;

13 “(G) \$74,263,000 for fiscal year 2011, of
14 which \$2,673,468 shall be used to carry out
15 section 8; and

16 “(H) \$76,490,890 for fiscal year 2012, of
17 which \$2,753,672 shall be used to carry out
18 section 8.”.

19 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM**
20 **MODIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.**

21 (a) **AMENDMENTS TO FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING.—**

22 Section 7(d)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-
23 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2206(d)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “terrorist-
2 caused national catastrophes” and inserting “all
3 hazards, including acts of terrorism”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (K), by striking “forest”
5 and inserting “wildland”;

6 (3) in subparagraph (M), by striking “response
7 tactics and” and inserting “response, tactics, and”;

8 (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (I) through
9 (N) as subparagraphs (M) through (R), respectively;
10 and

11 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(I) response, tactics, and strategies for
14 fighting large-scale fires or multiple fires in a
15 general area that cross jurisdictional bound-
16 aries;

17 “(J) response, tactics, and strategies for
18 fighting fires occurring at the wildland-urban
19 interface;

20 “(K) response, tactics, and strategies for
21 fighting fires involving hazardous materials;

22 “(L) advanced emergency medical services
23 training;”.

1 (b) TRIENNIAL REPORTS.—Section 7 of such Act (15
2 U.S.C. 2206) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(m) TRIENNIAL REPORT.—In the first annual re-
5 port filed pursuant to section 16 for which the deadline
6 for filing is after the expiration of the 18-month period
7 that begins on the date of the enactment of the United
8 States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008,
9 and in every third annual report thereafter, the Adminis-
10 trator shall include information about changes made to the
11 National Fire Academy curriculum, including—

12 “(1) the basis for such changes, including a re-
13 view of the incorporation of lessons learned by emer-
14 gency response personnel after significant emergency
15 events and emergency preparedness exercises per-
16 formed under the National Exercise Program; and

17 “(2) the desired training outcome of all such
18 changes.”.

19 (c) AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER
20 INTO CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE ON-SITE TRAINING
21 THROUGH CERTAIN ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS.—Sec-
22 tion 7(f) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 2206) is amended to read
23 as follows:

24 “(f) ASSISTANCE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may
2 provide assistance to State and local fire service
3 training programs through grants, contracts, or oth-
4 erwise.

5 “(2) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CON-
6 TRACTS TO PROVIDE ON-SITE TRAINING THROUGH
7 CERTAIN ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), the Administrator may enter
10 into a contract with nationally recognized orga-
11 nizations that have established on-site training
12 programs that comply with national voluntary
13 consensus standards for fire service personnel
14 to facilitate the delivery of the education and
15 training programs outlined in subsection (d)(1)
16 directly to fire service personnel.

17 “(B) LIMITATION.—The Administrator
18 may not enter into a contract with an organiza-
19 tion described in subparagraph (A) unless such
20 organization—

21 “(i) operates a fire service training
22 program accredited by a nationally recog-
23 nized accreditation organization experi-
24 enced with accrediting such training; or

1 “(ii) at the time the Administrator en-
 2 ters into the contract, provides training
 3 under such a program under a cooperative
 4 agreement with a Federal agency.

5 “(3) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The
 6 amounts expended by the Administrator to carry out
 7 this subsection in any fiscal year shall not exceed 8
 8 per centum of the amount authorized to be appro-
 9 priated in such fiscal year pursuant to section 17 of
 10 this Act.”.

11 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM UP-**
 12 **GRADES.**

13 “(a) INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM DATABASE.—Sec-
 14 tion 9 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of
 15 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2208) is amended by adding at the end
 16 the following:

17 “(d) NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM
 18 UPDATE.—Of the amounts made available pursuant to
 19 subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) of section 17(g)(1), the
 20 Administrator shall use not more than an aggregate
 21 amount of \$5,000,000 during the 3-year period consisting
 22 of fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011 to carry out activities
 23 necessary to update the National Fire Incident Reporting
 24 system to an Internet-based, real-time incident reporting

1 database, including capital investment, contractor engage-
 2 ment, and user education.”.

3 (b) ~~TECHNICAL CORRECTION.~~—Section 9(b)(2) of
 4 such Act (15 U.S.C. 2208(b)(2)) is amended by striking
 5 “assist State,” and inserting “assist Federal, State,”.

6 **SEC. 6. FIRE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH**
 7 **DISSEMINATION.**

8 (a) ~~ASSISTANCE TO FIRE SERVICES FOR FIRE PRE-~~
 9 ~~VENTION AND CONTROL IN WILDLAND-URBAN INTER-~~
 10 ~~FACE.~~—Section 8(d) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
 11 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2207(d)) is amended to
 12 read as follows:

13 “(d) ~~RURAL AND WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AS-~~
 14 ~~SISTANCE.~~—The Administrator may, in coordination with
 15 the Secretary of Agriculture, assist the fire services of the
 16 United States, directly or through contracts, grants, or
 17 other forms of assistance, to sponsor and encourage re-
 18 search into approaches, techniques, systems, equipment,
 19 and land-use policies to improve fire prevention and con-
 20 trol in—

21 “(1) the rural and remote areas of the United
 22 States; and

23 “(2) the wildland-urban interface.”.

1 (b) TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH DISSEMINATION.—Sec-
 2 tion 8 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 2207) is amended by adding
 3 at the end the following:

4 “(h) RESEARCH DISSEMINATION.—Beginning 1 year
 5 after the date of the enactment of the United States Fire
 6 Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008, the Adminis-
 7 trator, in collaboration with the relevant departments and
 8 agencies of the Federal Government, shall make available
 9 to the public information about all ongoing and planned
 10 fire-related research funded by the Administration during
 11 fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter, as well
 12 as the results generated from such research, through a
 13 regularly updated Internet-based database.”.

14 **SEC. 7. ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR**
 15 **FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

16 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
 17 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 18 the following:

19 **“SEC. 37. ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR**
 20 **FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

21 “The Administrator shall promote adoption by fire
 22 services of national voluntary consensus standards for fire-
 23 fighter health and safety, including such standards for
 24 firefighter operations, training, staffing, and fitness, by—

1 “(1) educating fire services about such stand-
2 ards;

3 “(2) encouraging the adoption at all levels of
4 government of such standards; and

5 “(3) making recommendations on other ways in
6 which the Federal government can promote the
7 adoption of such standards by fire services.”

8 **SEC. 8. STATE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE REPRESENTA-**
9 **TION AT NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER.**

10 The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
11 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
12 section 22 the following:

13 **“SEC. 23. STATE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE REPRESENTA-**
14 **TION AT NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER.**

15 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—The Secretary
16 of Homeland Security shall, in consultation with the Ad-
17 ministrator, establish a fire service position at the Na-
18 tional Operations Center established under section 515 of
19 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 321d) (also
20 known as the ‘Homeland Security Operations Center’) to
21 represent the interests of State and local fire services.

22 “(b) DESIGNATION OF POSITION.—The Secretary of
23 Homeland Security shall designate, on a rotating basis,
24 a State or local fire service official for the position de-
25 scribed in subsection (a).

1 “(e) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
 2 Security shall manage the position established pursuant
 3 to subsection (a) in accordance with such rules and regula-
 4 tions as govern other similar rotating positions at the Na-
 5 tional Operations Center.”.

6 **SEC. 9. COORDINATION REGARDING FIRE SERVICE-BASED**
 7 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

8 Section 21(e) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
 9 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2218(e)) is amended to
 10 read as follows:

11 “(e) COORDINATION.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable,
 13 the Administrator shall use existing programs, data,
 14 information, and facilities already available in other
 15 Federal Government departments and agencies and,
 16 where appropriate, existing research organizations,
 17 centers, and universities.

18 “(2) COORDINATION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND
 19 CONTROL PROGRAMS.—The Administrator shall pro-
 20 vide liaison at an appropriate organizational level to
 21 assure coordination of the activities of the Adminis-
 22 trator with State and local government agencies, de-
 23 partments, bureaus, or offices concerned with any
 24 matter related to programs of fire prevention and

control with private and other Federal organizations
and offices so concerned.

~~“(3) COORDINATION OF FIRE SERVICE-BASED
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS.—The
Administrator shall provide liaison at an appropriate
organizational level to assure coordination of the ac-
tivities of the Administrator with State and local
government agencies, departments, bureaus, or of-
fices concerned with programs related to emergency
medical services provided by fire service-based sys-
tems with private and other Federal organizations
and offices so concerned.”.~~

SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS.

Section 4 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Administra-
tion” and inserting “Administration, who is the As-
sistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency
Management Agency”;

(2) in paragraph (7), by striking the “and”
after the semicolon;

(3) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
the end and inserting “; and”;

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and
(8) as paragraphs (7), (8), and (9), respectively;

1 ~~(5)~~ by inserting after paragraph ~~(5)~~ the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 ~~“(6) ‘hazardous material’ has the meaning~~
 4 ~~given such term in section 5102 of title 49, United~~
 5 ~~States Code;”~~, and

6 ~~(6)~~ by adding at the end the following:

7 ~~“(10) ‘wildland-urban interface’ has the mean-~~
 8 ~~ing given such term in section 101 of the Healthy~~
 9 ~~Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.~~
 10 ~~6511).”~~.

11 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

12 *This Act may be cited as the “United States Fire Ad-*
 13 *ministration Reauthorization Act of 2008”.*

14 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

15 *Congress makes the following findings:*

16 *(1) The number of lives lost each year because of*
 17 *fire has dropped significantly over the last 25 years*
 18 *in the United States. However, the United States still*
 19 *has one of the highest fire death rates in the industri-*
 20 *alized world. In 2005, the National Fire Protection*
 21 *Association reported 3,675 civilian fire deaths, 17,925*
 22 *civilian fire injuries, and \$10,672,000,000 in direct*
 23 *losses due to fire.*

24 *(2) Every year, more than 100 firefighters die in*
 25 *the line of duty. The United States Fire Administra-*

1 *tion should continue its leadership to help local fire*
2 *agencies dramatically reduce these fatalities.*

3 *(3) The Federal Government should continue to*
4 *work with State and local governments and the fire*
5 *service community to further the promotion of na-*
6 *tional voluntary consensus standards that increase*
7 *firefighter safety.*

8 *(4) The United States Fire Administration pro-*
9 *vides crucial support to the 30,300 fire departments*
10 *of the United States through training, emergency in-*
11 *cident data collection, fire awareness and education,*
12 *and support of research and development activities for*
13 *fire prevention, control, and suppression technologies.*

14 *(5) The collection of data on fire and other emer-*
15 *gency incidents is a vital tool both for policy makers*
16 *and emergency responders to identify and develop re-*
17 *sponses to emerging hazards. Improving the data col-*
18 *lection capabilities of the United States Fire Admin-*
19 *istration is essential for accurately tracking and re-*
20 *sponding to the magnitude and nature of the fire*
21 *problems of the United States.*

22 *(6) The research and development performed by*
23 *the National Institute of Standards and Technology,*
24 *the United States Fire Administration, other govern-*
25 *ment agencies, and nongovernmental organizations on*

1 *fire technologies, techniques, and tools advance the ca-*
 2 *pabilities of the fire service of the United States to*
 3 *suppress and prevent fires.*

4 *(7) Because of the essential role of the United*
 5 *States Fire Administration and the fire service com-*
 6 *munity in preparing for and responding to national*
 7 *and man-made disasters, the United States Fire Ad-*
 8 *ministration should have a prominent place within*
 9 *the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the*
 10 *Department of Homeland Security.*

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNITED**
 12 **STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION.**

13 *Section 17(g)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and*
 14 *Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)(1)) is amended—*

15 *(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” after*
 16 *the semicolon;*

17 *(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period*
 18 *at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

19 *(3) by adding after subparagraph (D) the fol-*
 20 *lowing:*

21 *“(E) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, of*
 22 *which \$2,520,000 shall be used to carry out sec-*
 23 *tion 8(f);*

1 “(F) \$72,100,000 for fiscal year 2010, of
2 which \$2,595,600 shall be used to carry out sec-
3 tion 8(f);

4 “(G) \$74,263,000 for fiscal year 2011, of
5 which \$2,673,468 shall be used to carry out sec-
6 tion 8(f); and

7 “(H) \$76,490,890 for fiscal year 2012, of
8 which \$2,753,672 shall be used to carry out sec-
9 tion 8(f).”.

10 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM**
11 **MODIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.**

12 (a) *AMENDMENTS TO FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING.*—Sec-
13 *tion 7(d)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act*
14 *of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2206(d)(1)) is amended—*

15 (1) *by amending subparagraph (H) to read as*
16 *follows:*

17 “(H) *tactics and strategies for dealing with*
18 *natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other*
19 *man-made disasters;”;*

20 (2) *in subparagraph (K), by striking “forest”*
21 *and inserting “wildland”;*

22 (3) *in subparagraph (M), by striking “response”;*

23 (4) *by redesignating subparagraphs (I) through*
24 *(N) as subparagraphs (M) through (R), respectively;*
25 *and*

1 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(I) tactics and strategies for fighting large-
 4 scale fires or multiple fires in a general area
 5 that cross jurisdictional boundaries;

6 “(J) tactics and strategies for fighting fires
 7 occurring at the wildland-urban interface;

8 “(K) tactics and strategies for fighting fires
 9 involving hazardous materials;

10 “(L) advanced emergency medical services
 11 training;”.

12 (b) ON-SITE TRAINING.—Section 7 of such Act (15
 13 U.S.C. 2206) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (c)(6), by inserting “, including
 15 on-site training” after “United States”;

16 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “4 percent” and
 17 inserting “7.5 percent”; and

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

19 “(m) ON-SITE TRAINING.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 21 graph (2), the Administrator may enter into a con-
 22 tract with nationally recognized organizations that
 23 have established on-site training programs that com-
 24 ply with national voluntary consensus standards for
 25 fire service personnel to facilitate the delivery of the

1 *education and training programs outlined in sub-*
 2 *section (d)(1) directly to fire service personnel.*

3 *“(2) LIMITATION.—*

4 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator*
 5 *may not enter into a contract with an organiza-*
 6 *tion described in paragraph (1) unless such or-*
 7 *ganization operates a fire service training pro-*
 8 *gram that—*

9 *“(i) is accredited by a nationally rec-*
 10 *ognized accreditation organization experi-*
 11 *enced with accrediting such training; or*

12 *“(ii) the Administrator determines is*
 13 *of equivalent quality to a fire service train-*
 14 *ing program described by clause (i).*

15 *“(B) APPROVAL OF UNACCREDITED FIRE*
 16 *SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Adminis-*
 17 *trator may consider the fact that an organiza-*
 18 *tion has provided a satisfactory fire service*
 19 *training program pursuant to a cooperative*
 20 *agreement with a Federal agency as evidence*
 21 *that such program is of equivalent quality to a*
 22 *fire service training program described by sub-*
 23 *paragraph (A)(i).*

24 *“(3) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The*
 25 *amounts expended by the Administrator to carry out*

1 *this subsection in any fiscal year shall not exceed 7.5*
 2 *per centum of the amount authorized to be appro-*
 3 *priated in such fiscal year pursuant to section 17.”.*

4 *(c) TRIENNIAL REPORTS.—Such section 7 (15 U.S.C.*
 5 *2206) is further amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 6 *lowing:*

7 *“(n) TRIENNIAL REPORT.—In the first annual report*
 8 *filed pursuant to section 16 for which the deadline for filing*
 9 *is after the expiration of the 18-month period that begins*
 10 *on the date of the enactment of the United States Fire Ad-*
 11 *ministration Reauthorization Act of 2008, and in every*
 12 *third annual report thereafter, the Administrator shall in-*
 13 *clude information about changes made to the National Fire*
 14 *Academy curriculum, including—*

15 *“(1) the basis for such changes, including a re-*
 16 *view of the incorporation of lessons learned by emer-*
 17 *gency response personnel after significant emergency*
 18 *events and emergency preparedness exercises per-*
 19 *formed under the National Exercise Program; and*

20 *“(2) the desired training outcome of all such*
 21 *changes.”.*

22 **SEC. 5. NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM UP-**
 23 **GRADES.**

24 *(a) INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM DATABASE.—Sec-*
 25 *tion 9 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of*

1 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2208) is amended by adding at the end
 2 the following:

3 “(d) *NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM*
 4 *UPDATE.*—

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Administrator shall up-*
 6 *date the National Fire Incident Reporting System to*
 7 *ensure that the information in the system is available,*
 8 *and can be updated, through the Internet and in real*
 9 *time.*

10 “(2) *LIMITATION.*—*Of the amounts made avail-*
 11 *able pursuant to subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) of*
 12 *section 17(g)(1), the Administrator shall use not more*
 13 *than an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 during the*
 14 *3-year period consisting of fiscal years 2009, 2010,*
 15 *and 2011 to carry out the activities required by para-*
 16 *graph (1).”.*

17 (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION.*—*Section 9(b)(2) of such*
 18 *Act (15 U.S.C. 2208(b)(2)) is amended by striking “assist*
 19 *State,” and inserting “assist Federal, State,”.*

20 **SEC. 6. FIRE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH**
 21 **DISSEMINATION.**

22 (a) *ASSISTANCE TO FIRE SERVICES FOR FIRE PRE-*
 23 *VENTION AND CONTROL IN WILDLAND-URBAN INTER-*
 24 *FACE.*—*Section 8(d) of the Federal Fire Prevention and*

1 *Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2207(d)) is amended to read*
 2 *as follows:*

3 “(d) *RURAL AND WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AS-*
 4 *SISTANCE.—The Administrator may, in coordination with*
 5 *the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior,*
 6 *and the Wildland Fire Leadership Council, assist the fire*
 7 *services of the United States, directly or through contracts,*
 8 *grants, or other forms of assistance, in sponsoring and en-*
 9 *couraging research into approaches, techniques, systems,*
 10 *equipment, and land-use policies to improve fire prevention*
 11 *and control in—*

12 “(1) *the rural and remote areas of the United*
 13 *States; and*

14 “(2) *the wildland-urban interface.*”.

15 (b) *TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH DISSEMINATION.—Sec-*
 16 *tion 8 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 2207) is amended by adding*
 17 *at the end the following:*

18 “(h) *PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS.—*

19 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—For each fire-related research*
 20 *program funded by the Administration, the Adminis-*
 21 *trator shall make available to the public on the Inter-*
 22 *net website of the Administration the following:*

23 “(A) *A description of such research pro-*
 24 *gram, including the scope, methodology, and*
 25 *goals thereof.*

1 “(B) *Information that identifies the indi-*
2 *viduals or institutions conducting the research*
3 *program.*

4 “(C) *The amount of funding provided by*
5 *the Administration for such program.*

6 “(D) *The results or findings of the research*
7 *program.*

8 “(2) *DEADLINES.—*

9 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in*
10 *subparagraph (B), the information required by*
11 *paragraph (1) shall be published with respect to*
12 *a research program as follows:*

13 “(i) *The information described in sub-*
14 *paragraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph*
15 *(1) with respect to such research program*
16 *shall be made available under paragraph*
17 *(1) not later than 30 days after the Admin-*
18 *istrator has awarded the funding for such*
19 *research program.*

20 “(ii) *The information described in sub-*
21 *paragraph (D) of paragraph (1) with re-*
22 *spect to a research program shall be made*
23 *available under paragraph (1) not later*
24 *than 60 days after the date such research*
25 *program has been completed.*

1 “(B) *EXCEPTION.*—No information shall be
 2 required to be published under this subsection be-
 3 fore the date that is 1 year after the date of the
 4 enactment of the United States Fire Administra-
 5 tion Reauthorization Act of 2008.”.

6 **SEC. 7. ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR**
 7 **FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

8 *The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*
 9 *(15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end*
 10 *the following:*

11 **“SEC. 37. ENCOURAGING ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR**
 12 **FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

13 *“The Administrator shall promote adoption by fire*
 14 *services of national voluntary consensus standards for fire-*
 15 *fighter health and safety, including such standards for fire-*
 16 *fighter operations, training, staffing, and fitness, by—*

17 *“(1) educating fire services about such standards;*

18 *“(2) encouraging the adoption at all levels of*
 19 *government of such standards; and*

20 *“(3) making recommendations on other ways in*
 21 *which the Federal Government can promote the adop-*
 22 *tion of such standards by fire services.”.*

1 **SEC. 8. STATE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE REPRESENTATION**
 2 **AT NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER.**

3 *The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974*
 4 *(15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by inserting after sec-*
 5 *tion 22 the following:*

6 **“SEC. 23. STATE AND LOCAL FIRE SERVICE REPRESENTA-**
 7 **TION AT NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER.**

8 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—The Secretary of*
 9 *Homeland Security shall, in consultation with the Admin-*
 10 *istrator, establish a fire service position at the National Op-*
 11 *erations Center established under section 515 of the Home-*
 12 *land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 321d) (also known as*
 13 *the ‘Homeland Security Operations Center’) to ensure the*
 14 *effective sharing of information between the Federal Govern-*
 15 *ment and State and local fire services.*

16 *“(b) DESIGNATION OF POSITION.—The Secretary of*
 17 *Homeland Security shall designate, on a rotating basis, a*
 18 *State or local fire service official for the position described*
 19 *in subsection (a).*

20 *“(c) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-*
 21 *curity shall manage the position established pursuant to*
 22 *subsection (a) in accordance with such rules, regulations,*
 23 *and practices as govern other similar rotating positions at*
 24 *the National Operations Center.”.*

1 **SEC. 9. COORDINATION REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION**
 2 **AND CONTROL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL**
 3 **SERVICES.**

4 *Section 21(e) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-*
 5 *trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2218(e)) is amended to read*
 6 *as follows:*

7 “(e) *COORDINATION.*—

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*To the extent practicable, the*
 9 *Administrator shall use existing programs, data, in-*
 10 *formation, and facilities already available in other*
 11 *Federal Government departments and agencies and,*
 12 *where appropriate, existing research organizations,*
 13 *centers, and universities.*

14 “(2) *COORDINATION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND*
 15 *CONTROL PROGRAMS.*—*The Administrator shall pro-*
 16 *vide liaison at an appropriate organizational level to*
 17 *assure coordination of the activities of the Adminis-*
 18 *trator with Federal, State, and local government*
 19 *agencies and departments and nongovernmental orga-*
 20 *nizations concerned with any matter related to pro-*
 21 *grams of fire prevention and control.*

22 “(3) *COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL*
 23 *SERVICES PROGRAMS.*—*The Administrator shall pro-*
 24 *vide liaison at an appropriate organizational level to*
 25 *assure coordination of the activities of the Adminis-*
 26 *trator related to emergency medical services provided*

1 *by fire service-based systems with Federal, State, and*
 2 *local government agencies and departments and non-*
 3 *governmental organizations so concerned, as well as*
 4 *those entities concerned with emergency medical serv-*
 5 *ices generally.”.*

6 **SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *Section 4 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control*
 8 *Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203) is amended—*

9 *(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Administra-*
 10 *tion” and inserting “Administration, within the Fed-*
 11 *eral Emergency Management Agency”;*

12 *(2) in paragraph (7), by striking the “and” after*
 13 *the semicolon;*

14 *(3) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at*
 15 *the end and inserting “; and”; and*

16 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

17 *“(9) ‘wildland-urban interface’ has the meaning*
 18 *given such term in section 101 of the Healthy Forests*
 19 *Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6511).”.*

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