S. 1418

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2011

Mr. Pryor (for himself and Ms. Landrieu) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Management Assistance Compact Act of 2011”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds the following:

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

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

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

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

(5) The Emergency Management Assistance
Compact is the mechanism used by States to deploy
individuals from the various emergency disciplines
when an emergency or major disaster occurs and a
State affected by the major disaster or emergency requests assistance.

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

SEC. 3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

GRANTS.

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

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

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

(3) by adding at the end the following:

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

“(7) to conduct exercises regarding deployments under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact and related procedures;

“(8) to establish a system for tracking resources deployed under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and

“(9) to conduct after-action assessments, prepare reports, and carry out recommendations in response to large-scale activations, as determined appropriate by the administrators of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 661(d) of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Re-
form Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 761(d)) is amended by strik-
ing “$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2008” and inserting
“$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016”.