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S. 594

To amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) 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 “Helping Eliminate
5 Limitations for Prompt Response and Recovery Act” or
6 the “HELP Response and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE DHS CONTRACTING RE-**
2 **QUIREMENTS.**

3 The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform
4 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–295; 120 Stat. 1394) is
5 amended by striking section 695 (6 U.S.C. 794).

6 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

7 (a) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the
8 term “covered period” means—

9 (1) with respect to an initial report required
10 under subsection (b), the period between the date of
11 enactment of this Act and the date of the report;
12 and

13 (2) with respect to any succeeding report re-
14 quired under subsection (b), the period between the
15 date of the most recent report and the succeeding
16 report.

17 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 540 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
19 until the date that is 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of
20 Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on
21 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
22 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
23 ture of the House of Representatives a report that—

24 (1) reviews how the repeal under section 2
25 has—

26 (A) prevented waste, fraud, and abuse; and

1 (B) promoted taxpayer savings; and

2 (2) includes, with respect to a contract entered
3 into or extended by the Administrator of the Federal
4 Emergency Management Agency under urgent and
5 compelling circumstances during the covered period
6 for which the Administrator did not solicit bids—

7 (A) the number of those contracts;

8 (B) the subject of each contract;

9 (C) the amounts obligated by the Adminis-
10 trator for each contract;

11 (D) if applicable, the State benefitted by
12 each contract; and

13 (E) if applicable, the name of the major
14 disaster or emergency for which each contract
15 was entered into or extended.

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