

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2704

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2007

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Gulf Coast All-Hazard  
5       Readiness Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSENT OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) CONSENT.—The consent of Congress is given to  
3 any number of the Gulf Coast States to negotiate and  
4 enter into an agreement or compact that meets the fol-  
5 lowing requirements:

6 (1) The agreement or compact is consented to  
7 by the legislatures of each of the participating Gulf  
8 Coast States through legislation enacted not later  
9 than December 31, 2010.

10 (2) The agreement or compact is entered into  
11 primarily for the purpose of establishing a plan for  
12 all-hazard mitigation, readiness, response, and recov-  
13 ery.

14 (3) The agreement or compact establishes a  
15 multi-state all-hazard fund generated by partici-  
16 pating Gulf Coast States to be utilized when a dis-  
17 aster affects those States.

18 (4) The agreement or compact requires each of  
19 the participating Gulf Coast States to appoint a  
20 commissioner to organize the operation, manage-  
21 ment, and disbursement of the multi-state all-hazard  
22 fund in coordination with the other commissioners.

23 (5) The agreement or compact prohibits partici-  
24 pating Gulf Coast States from taking an action pro-  
25 hibited by Federal law at the time of such action.

1       (b) GULF COAST STATES DEFINED.—As used in this  
2 section, the term “Gulf Coast States” means Alabama,  
3 Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

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