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S. 3282

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide assistance to States to establish and implement response plans to address rising heating oil, natural gas, diesel, and other energy costs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 2008

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Emergency Energy Re-
5 sponse Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR RESPONSE PLANS FOR**
2 **RISING ENERGY COSTS.**

3 Subtitle B of title I of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
4 (Public Law 109–58; 119 Stat. 616) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 129. GRANTS TO STATES FOR RESPONSE PLANS FOR**
7 **RISING ENERGY COSTS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
9 to States to pay the Federal share of the cost of estab-
10 lishing and implementing response plans to address rising
11 heating oil, natural gas, diesel, and other energy costs.

12 “(b) USE.—A grant under this section may be used
13 by a State—

14 “(1) to provide heating shelters for commu-
15 nities;

16 “(2) to provide energy assistance and informa-
17 tion to elderly individuals, consumers, and small
18 business concerns;

19 “(3) to provide information to individuals and
20 small business concerns concerning State resources
21 for individuals struggling with rising energy costs;
22 and

23 “(4) to otherwise address rising heating oil,
24 natural gas, diesel, and other energy costs, as deter-
25 mined by the State and approved by the Secretary.

1 “(c) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate
2 grants to States under this section using a formula estab-
3 lished by the Secretary that is based on State population
4 and per capita expenditures for energy.

5 “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
6 cost of establishing a response plan under this section
7 shall be not more than 50 percent.

8 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through
11 2013.”.

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