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S. 47

To establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) 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 “Law Enforcement As-
5 sistance Force Act of 2007” or the “LEAF Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland
8 Security (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall

1 establish a Law Enforcement Assistance Force to facilitate
2 the contributions of retired law enforcement officers
3 and agents during major disasters.

4 (b) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—An individual may
5 participate in the Law Enforcement Assistance Force if
6 the individual—

7 (1) has experience working as an officer or
8 agent for a public law enforcement agency and left
9 the agency in good standing;

10 (2) holds current certifications for firearms,
11 first aid, and such other skills determined necessary
12 by the Secretary;

13 (3) submits to the Secretary an application, at
14 such time, in such manner, and accompanied by
15 such information as the Secretary may reasonably
16 require, that authorizes the Secretary to review the
17 law enforcement service record of the individual; and

18 (4) meets such other qualifications as the Secretary
19 may require.

20 (c) LIABILITY; SUPERVISION.—Each participant in
21 the Law Enforcement Assistance Force shall—

22 (1) be protected from civil liability to the same
23 extent as employees of the Department of Homeland
24 Security; and

5 (B) work under the direct supervision of
6 an officer or agent of such agency; and

11 (d) MOBILIZATION.—

8 (e) EXPENSES.—

19 (f) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The availability
20 of participants of the Law Enforcement Assistance Force
21 shall continue for a period equal to the shorter of—

22 (1) the period of the major disaster (as defined
23 in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
24 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
25 5122)); or

1 (2) 1 year.

2 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
3 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
4 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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