

## Calendar No. 624

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION**S. 2632**

To establish a first responder and terrorism preparedness grant information hotline, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 2004

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

JULY 9, 2004

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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 “First Responders  
5 Homeland Defense Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “local  
2 government” has the meaning given that term under  
3 section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
4 U.S.C. 101(10)).

5           (2) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term  
6 “non-profit organization” means an organization de-  
7 scribed under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-  
8 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under  
9 section 501(a) of such Code.

10          (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

12 **SEC. 3. GRANT INFORMATION HOTLINE.**

13          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
14 toll-free hotline through which local governments and non-  
15 profit organizations may obtain information regarding all  
16 Federal grant programs that make funds available for the  
17 assistance of first responders and for terrorism prepared-  
18 ness.

19          (b) INFORMATION.—The information available  
20 through the hotline established under subsection (a) shall  
21 include the types of grants available, application proce-  
22 dures, and such other information as the Secretary deter-  
23 mines necessary.

1       (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
3 essary to carry out this section.

4 **SEC. 4. FIRST RESPONDER GRANT PROGRAM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to  
6 make grants, on a competitive basis, to non-profit organi-  
7 zations eligible under subsection (c), for the purpose of  
8 training and equipping first responders.

9       (b) APPLICATION.—A non-profit organization may  
10 apply for a grant under subsection (a) by submitting an  
11 application to the Secretary, in such form and containing  
12 such information as prescribed by the Secretary.

13       (c) ELIGIBLE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—Non-  
14 profit organizations that operate training programs for  
15 first responders in conjunction with a local agency shall  
16 be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a).

17       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18 are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 in each of  
19 fiscal years 2005 through 2009, to carry out this section.

20 **SEC. 5. COMMUNICATION SYSTEM GRANTS.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to  
22 make grants, on a competitive basis, to States, local gov-  
23 ernments, local law enforcement agencies, and local fire  
24 departments to assist in—

1           (1) improving communication systems to allow  
2           for real-time, interoperable communication between  
3           State and local first responders; or

4           (2) the purchase of communication systems that  
5           allow for real-time, interoperable communication be-  
6           tween such State and local first responders.

7           (b) APPLICATION.—Any State, local government,  
8           local law enforcement agency, or local fire department that  
9           desires to receive a grant under subsection (a) shall sub-  
10          mit an application to the Secretary, in such form and con-  
11          taining such information as prescribed by the Secretary.

12          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13          are authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 in each  
14          of fiscal years 2005 through 2009, to carry out this sec-  
15          tion.



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