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H. R. 7218

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize funding for emergency management performance grants to provide for domestic preparedness and collective response to the catastrophic incidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 Subtitle B of title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
6 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

1 5197 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 630. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**
4 **GRANTS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Fed-
6 eral Emergency Management Agency, shall establish an
7 emergency management performance grants program (in
8 this section referred to as the ‘program’) to carry out the
9 provisions of this title and section 201 to address domestic
10 preparedness and collective response to a catastrophic in-
11 cident.

12 “(b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Except as otherwise specifi-
13 cally provided by this Act, the Federal share of the cost
14 of an activity carried out using funds made available under
15 the program shall not exceed 50 percent.

16 “(c) APPORTIONMENT.—For fiscal year 2009, and
17 each fiscal year thereafter, the Administrator shall appor-
18 tion the amounts appropriated to carry out the program
19 among the States as follows:

20 “(1) BASELINE AMOUNT.—The Administrator
21 shall first apportion 0.25 percent of such amounts to
22 each of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
23 Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the Virgin Is-
24 lands and 0.75 of such amount to each of the re-
25 maining States.

1 paredness and collective response to a catastrophic inci-
2 dent.

3 “(b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of this title, the Federal share of the cost of an
5 activity carried out using amounts from grants made
6 under this section shall not exceed 75 percent.

7 “(c) CATASTROPHIC INCIDENT DEFINED.—In this
8 section the term ‘catastrophic incident’ has the meaning
9 given such term in section 501(3) of the Homeland Secu-
10 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311(3)).”

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