

1-1 By: Branch (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 88
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007;
1-3 May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 8, 2007, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2007, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the evacuation and sheltering of service animals and
1-10 household pets in a disaster.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 418.043, Government Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 418.043. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. The division shall:

1-15 (1) determine requirements of the state and its
1-16 political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities in
1-17 event of a disaster;

1-18 (2) procure and position supplies, medicines,
1-19 materials, and equipment;

1-20 (3) adopt standards and requirements for local and
1-21 interjurisdictional emergency management plans;

1-22 (4) periodically review local and interjurisdictional
1-23 emergency management plans;

1-24 (5) coordinate deployment of mobile support units;

1-25 (6) establish and operate training programs and
1-26 programs of public information or assist political subdivisions and
1-27 emergency management agencies to establish and operate the
1-28 programs;

1-29 (7) make surveys of public and private industries,
1-30 resources, and facilities in the state that are necessary to carry
1-31 out the purposes of this chapter;

1-32 (8) plan and make arrangements for the availability
1-33 and use of any private facilities, services, and property and
1-34 provide for payment for use under terms and conditions agreed on if
1-35 the facilities are used and payment is necessary;

1-36 (9) establish a register of persons with types of
1-37 training and skills important in disaster mitigation,
1-38 preparedness, response, and recovery;

1-39 (10) establish a register of mobile and construction
1-40 equipment and temporary housing available for use in a disaster;

1-41 (11) assist political subdivisions in developing
1-42 plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary
1-43 sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster;

1-44 (12) prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive
1-45 orders and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping with
1-46 disasters;

1-47 (13) [~~(12)~~] cooperate with the federal government and
1-48 any public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of
1-49 this chapter and in implementing programs for disaster mitigation,
1-50 preparation, response, and recovery; and

1-51 (14) [~~(13)~~] do other things necessary, incidental, or
1-52 appropriate for the implementation of this chapter.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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