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H.B. No. 2930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the establishment and funding of emergency medical
3 power stations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 418.042(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The division shall prepare and keep current a
8 comprehensive state emergency management plan. The plan may
9 include:

10 (1) provisions for prevention and minimization of
11 injury and damage caused by disaster;

12 (2) provisions for prompt and effective response to
13 disaster;

14 (3) provisions for emergency relief;

15 (4) provisions for energy emergencies;

16 (5) identification of areas particularly vulnerable
17 to disasters;

18 (6) recommendations for zoning, building
19 restrictions, and other land-use controls, safety measures for
20 securing mobile homes or other nonpermanent or semipermanent
21 structures, and other preventive and preparedness measures
22 designed to eliminate or reduce disasters or their impact;

23 (7) provisions for assistance to local officials in
24 designing local emergency management plans;

1 (8) authorization and procedures for the erection or
2 other construction of temporary works designed to protect against
3 or mitigate danger, damage, or loss from flood, fire, or other
4 disaster;

5 (9) preparation and distribution to the appropriate
6 state and local officials of state catalogs of federal, state, and
7 private assistance programs;

8 (10) organization of manpower and channels of
9 assistance;

10 (11) coordination of federal, state, and local
11 emergency management activities;

12 (12) coordination of the state emergency management
13 plan with the emergency management plans of the federal government;

14 (13) coordination of federal and state energy
15 emergency plans;

16 (14) provisions for education and training of local
17 officials on activation of the Emergency Alert System established
18 under 47 C.F.R. Part 11; ~~and~~

19 (15) provisions for establishing, in cooperation with
20 local hospitals, emergency medical power stations where residents
21 affected by a power outage following a disaster can power medical
22 devices, including life support equipment, without visiting a
23 hospital; and

24 (16) other necessary matters relating to disasters.

25 SECTION 2. Section 418.073, Government Code, is amended by
26 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

27 (e) A state agency, political subdivision, or hospital may

1 request funding from the disaster contingency fund to pay for the
2 costs of establishing and operating an emergency medical power
3 station where residents affected by a power outage following a
4 disaster can power medical devices, including life support
5 equipment, without visiting a hospital. To the extent funds are
6 available, the division shall approve all reasonable requests for
7 funding under this subsection.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.