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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that the Texas Division of Emergency Management maintain climate-controlled warehouses to store personal protective equipment for rapid delivery in a disaster.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.060.  PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WAREHOUSES. (a) In this section, "personal protective equipment" means specialized clothing or equipment worn for protection against hazardous materials related to a disaster, including communicable and other infectious diseases.

(b)  The division shall maintain at least six climate-controlled warehouses to store personal protective equipment for disaster response in this state, including public health disasters and communicable or infectious disease emergencies. The warehouses must be:

(1)  capable of protecting personal protective equipment from damage by the elements and other environmental conditions, including temperature, humidity, light, and airflow, as necessary to preserve the equipment stored in the warehouse; and

(2)  located throughout this state so that personal protective equipment can be delivered from a warehouse to any location in this state within six hours.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.