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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1247

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DECLARATION OF
9 EMERGENCIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS EMERGENCY SERVICES
10 ACT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DECLARATION
14 OF EMERGENCIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS
15 EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-75-108(b)(1), concerning local disaster
22 emergencies, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b)(1) The effect of a declaration of a local disaster emergency is to
24 activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or
25 interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans ~~and~~, to authorize the furnishing
26 of aid and assistance thereunder, and to initiate emergency management
27 functions under this subchapter.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-75-109(d)(4), concerning the personnel
30 of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 (4)(A) Emergency reserve cadre personnel ~~shall~~ may be called to
33 active duty ~~only~~ upon declaration of a disaster emergency as stipulated in
34 this chapter or the Disaster Relief Act of ~~1973~~ 1974, Pub. L. No. 93-288, or
35 both, or by executive order of the Governor upon recommendation by the
36 director for due cause or pending emergency needs or for disaster-related



1 assistance to the agency as determined by the director and shall remain on
 2 active duty no longer than ~~sixty (60) days after a declaration or~~
 3 ~~declarations unless such declaration or declarations are extended by the~~
 4 ~~Governor or the President of the United States, in which case they shall be~~
 5 ~~continued for no more than sixty (60) days after the final declaration issued~~
 6 ~~for that disaster emergency event~~ the maximum allowed by the Office of
 7 Personnel Management for part-time employment status.

8 (B) Based on the size, impact, and magnitude of the
 9 disaster event, the director shall determine the minimum number of emergency
 10 reserve cadre personnel required to effectively supplement regular state
 11 emergency management personnel ~~and report these numbers to the Governor for~~
 12 ~~approval.~~

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 14 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that weather in Arkansas in early
 16 spring and summer has the potential for volatility; that this bill addresses
 17 the roles and responsibilities of those declaring emergencies locally; and
 18 that this act is immediately necessary because the state needs to be prepared
 19 for natural disasters and other emergencies. Therefore, an emergency is
 20 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
 21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
 22 on:

23 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

24 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 25 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 26 bill; or

27 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 28 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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 31 **APPROVED: 02/26/2013**