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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1236

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1236.

Amend House Bill No. 1236 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 22 and 23 and substitute the following:

"(24) Emergency jurisdiction" means any one (1) of the seventy-five (75) counties in the state;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 7 and substitute the following:

"(C) An emergency responder is not required by this subchapter to possess a license, certificate, permit, or other official recognition for his or her expertise in a particular field or area of knowledge. However, to the extent that an emergency responder engages in a professional activity that by law requires a license, certificate, permit, or other official recognition in order to engage in the professional activity, the emergency responder shall possess the appropriate professional credentials.

(D) An emergency responder may include, without limitation, the following types of personnel:"

AND

Page 2, delete line 20 and 21 and substitute the following:

"(xiii) Emergency personnel of nongovernmental organizations; and

(xiv) Persons with specialized equipment operations"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute the following:

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 75, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-75-132. Arkansas Homeland Security Advisory Group -- Created.

(a) There is created an advisory body to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to be known as the "Arkansas Homeland Security Advisory



Group".

(b) The advisory group shall consist of representatives of federal, state, and local agencies and professional associations as determined by the Director of Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. The advisory group shall include, at a minimum, representatives of the following:

- (1) Arkansas Department of Emergency Management;
- (2) Arkansas Ambulance Association;
- (3) Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police;
- (4) Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs;
- (5) Arkansas Citizen Corps Point of Contact;
- (6) Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality;
- (7) Department of Health;
- (8) Arkansas Emergency Management Association;
- (9) Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State

Highway and Transportation Department;

- (10) Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission;
- (11) Arkansas Municipal League;
- (12) Arkansas National Guard;
- (13) 61st Civil Support Team of the Arkansas National Guard;
- (14) Arkansas Sheriffs' Association;
- (15) Department of the Arkansas State Police;
- (16) State Plant Board;
- (17) County Judges' Association of Arkansas;
- (18) Centers for Disease Control;
- (19) Department of Information Systems;
- (20) Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- (21) Health Resources Administration of the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services;

- (22) Office of Information Technology;
- (23) United States Secret Service;
- (24) United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas;

and

- (25) United States Attorney for the Western District of

Arkansas.

(c) A representative of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall serve as chair of the advisory group.

(d) By January 1, 2006, the advisory group shall develop comprehensive guidelines and procedures that address requirements for the following:

- (1) Requesting and providing assistance through the statewide mutual aid system;
- (2) Recordkeeping for all participating emergency jurisdictions;
- (3) Reimbursement for assistance provided through the statewide mutual aid system; and
- (4) Any other process necessary to implement the statewide mutual aid system.

(e) The advisory group shall meet as often as required to:

- (1) Review the progress and status of statewide emergency programs;
- (2) Assist in developing methods to track and evaluate activation of the statewide mutual aid system; and
- (3) Examine issues facing emergency jurisdictions regarding the implementation and management of the statewide mutual aid system.

(f) The advisory group shall prepare at least annually a report on the condition and effectiveness of the statewide mutual aid system and other emergency programs in the state. The report shall include recommendations with regard to correcting any deficiencies identified by the advisory group in the statewide mutual aid system. The advisory group shall submit the report annually to the Director of the Department of Emergency Management and the House and Senate Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

AND

Page 8, delete lines 1 through 36

AND

Page 9, delete lines 1 through 3

The Amendment was read _____

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