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AB-1278 Emergency Management Assistance Compact. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 1278

Introduced by Assembly Member Harabedian

February 21, 2025

An act to amend Section 179 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1278, as introduced, Harabedian. Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

Existing law ratifies the Emergency Management Assistance Compact entered into by California and other party states for the provision of mutual assistance in managing emergencies or disasters, as specified. Existing law sets forth the intent of the state to continue its long history of sharing emergency response resources with other states during times of disaster.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 179 of the Government Code is amended to read:

179. (a) It is the intent of the State of California to continue its long history of sharing emergency response resources with other states during times of disaster. Californian's have benefited from the assistance provided by ~~the~~ firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical ~~personnel~~ *personnel*, and other emergency staff received from other states during our calamitous fires, earthquakes, winter storms, and other disasters. We must now join our sister states in ensuring we are prepared to aid our people during emergencies by entering into the Emergency Management Assistance Compact as it was adopted by Congress.

(b) The Emergency Management Assistance Compact as set forth in Section 179.5 is hereby ratified and approved.