

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To provide temporary direct hire authority for certain emergency response positions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “_____ Act of
5 _____”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN EMER-**
7 **GENCY RESPONSE POSITIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—As the Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services determines necessary to respond to a crit-
10 ical hiring need for emergency response positions, after

1 providing public notice and without regard to the provi-
2 sions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United
3 States Code, such secretary may appoint candidates di-
4 rectly to the following positions:

5 (1) Intermittent disaster-response personnel in
6 the National Disaster Medical System, under section
7 2812 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
8 300hh-11).

9 (2) Not more than 150 positions in the Office
10 of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Re-
11 sponse.

12 (b) EXPIRATION.—The authority under subsection
13 (a) shall expire 270 days after the date of enactment of
14 this section.