

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 903

Introduced by Assembly Member Houston

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 8550 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 903, as introduced, Houston. Emergency services.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, states the findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the state's responsibility to mitigate the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies that result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property, and the resources of the state.

This bill would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8550 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:
3 8550. The state has long recognized its responsibility to
4 mitigate the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused
5 emergencies ~~which~~ *that* result in conditions of disaster or in
6 extreme peril to life, property, and the resources of the state, and
7 generally to protect the health and safety and preserve the lives
8 and property of the people of the state. To insure that preparations

1 within the state will be adequate to deal with ~~such~~ *those*
2 emergencies, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

3 (a) To confer upon the Governor and upon the chief executives
4 and governing bodies of political subdivisions of this state the
5 emergency powers provided ~~herein~~; *in this chapter* and to provide
6 for state assistance in the organization and maintenance of the
7 emergency programs of ~~such~~ *those* political subdivisions;

8 (b) To provide for a state agency to be known and referred to
9 as the Office of Emergency Services, within the Governor’s office;
10 and to prescribe the powers and duties of the director of that office;

11 (c) To provide for the assignment of functions to state agencies
12 to be performed during an emergency and for the coordination and
13 direction of the emergency actions of ~~such~~ *those* agencies;

14 (d) To provide for the rendering of mutual aid by the state
15 government and all its departments and agencies and by the
16 political subdivisions of this state in carrying out the purposes of
17 this chapter;

18 (e) To authorize the establishment of ~~such~~ *any* organizations
19 and the taking of ~~such~~ *any* actions as are necessary and proper to
20 carry out ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter.

21 It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the
22 policy of this state that all emergency services functions of this
23 state be coordinated as far as possible with the comparable
24 functions of its political subdivisions, of the federal government
25 including its various departments and agencies, of other states,
26 and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most
27 effective use may be made of all manpower, resources, and
28 facilities for dealing with any emergency that may occur.