

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 355**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley**

February 13, 2013

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An act relating to emergency medical services.

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AB 355, as amended, Cooley. Emergency medical services: mobile field hospitals.

Existing law creates the Office of Emergency Services and requires it to perform a variety of duties with respect to specified emergency preparedness, mitigation, and response activities in the state, including emergency medical services.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to restore the Mobile Field Hospital program. The bill would additionally express the intent of the Legislature to make an appropriation of appropriate \$1,700,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services to continue the Mobile Field Hospital program. The bill would also make legislative findings and declarations.~~

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1     **SECTION 1.** (a) *The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
- 2     *following:*
- 3     (1) *California has a history of devastating natural disasters,*
- 4     *including, but not limited to, earthquakes and floods.*

1 (2) *The Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast model*  
2 *predicts that California will experience a magnitude 6.7 or larger*  
3 *earthquake in the next 30 years.*

4 (3) *Mobile field hospitals have been deployed around the world*  
5 *in response to natural disasters and public health emergencies.*

6 (4) *California invested in three 200 bed mobile field hospitals*  
7 *as part of the state’s disaster preparedness plan to protect citizens*  
8 *and provide critical medical services in a time of need. However,*  
9 *due to a lack of programmatic funding, the state will be forced to*  
10 *sell the mobile field hospitals at a fraction of the program’s initial*  
11 *cost.*

12 *SEC. 2. The sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars*  
13 *(\$1,700,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the*  
14 *Office of Emergency Services for purposes of continuing the Mobile*  
15 *Field Hospital program.*

16 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to restore the~~  
17 ~~Mobile Field Hospital program under the Office of Emergency~~  
18 ~~Services. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature to make an~~  
19 ~~appropriation of one million seven hundred thousand dollars~~  
20 ~~(\$1,700,000) to continue the program.~~