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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1827

Introduced by Assembly Member Kim

February 9, 2016

An act relating to mobile field ~~hospitals~~, *hospitals*, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1827, as amended, Kim. Emergency medical services: mobile field hospitals.

Existing law establishes the *Office of Emergency Medical Services Authority in the Health and Welfare Agency to administer a statewide system of coordinated emergency medical care, injury prevention, and disaster medical response*. *in the office of the Governor and makes the office responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies. Existing law authorizes the purchase of mobile field hospitals.*

This bill would ~~express the intent of the Legislature to establish funding for~~ *make an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of providing maintenance and upkeep of one or more mobile field hospital to hospitals that would be ready and available within 72 hours to assist local communities in the event of a natural disaster or other mass casualty incidents. incident. The bill would make related findings and declarations.*

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. 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. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of*
2 *the following:*

3 *(a) In 2007, the state purchased three mobile field hospitals*
4 *with the intent to replace or augment acute hospital care capacity*
5 *during catastrophic emergencies or outbreaks, such as*
6 *earthquakes, fires, and floods.*

7 *(b) Each mobile field hospital can be deployed as a 200-bed*
8 *acute care facility with its own power generation system, HVAC,*
9 *and medical equipment, such as ventilators, oxygen delivery, and*
10 *diagnostic equipment. Each hospital has an emergency department,*
11 *operating room stations, intensive care unit, digital X-ray,*
12 *laboratory testing, and pharmacy. This is the largest nonmilitary*
13 *mobile field hospital program in the world.*

14 *(c) All three mobile field hospitals that the state owns are stored*
15 *in the Sacramento area in delayed-deployment status.*

16 *(d) Without funding, these units cannot be mobilized in time to*
17 *treat patients during the initial phase of a response to a*
18 *catastrophic emergency or outbreak.*

19 *(e) The state should proactively procure and manage these*
20 *assets before a natural disaster or other catastrophic emergency*
21 *occurs.*

22 *SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of two million*
23 *dollars (\$2,000,000) from the General Fund to the Office of*
24 *Emergency Services for the purpose of providing maintenance and*
25 *upkeep of one or more mobile field hospitals to be ready and*
26 *available within 72 hours to assist local communities in the event*
27 *of a natural disaster or other mass casualty incident.*

28 ~~*SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish*~~
29 ~~*funding for one mobile field hospital to be ready and available*~~
30 ~~*within 72 hours to assist local communities in the event of a natural*~~
31 ~~*disaster or other mass casualty incidents.*~~