

## Calendar No. 74

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 479****[Report No. 118–30]**

To modify the fire management assistance cost share, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MAY 16, 2023

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with amendments

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**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 “Fire Suppression and  
5 Response Funding Assurance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE AND**  
 2 **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.  
 4 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
 5 (42 U.S.C. 5187) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
 7 section ~~(g)~~ (f); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
 9 lowing:

10 “(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of assist-  
 11 ance under this section shall be not less than 75 percent  
 12 of the eligible cost of such assistance. ”.

13 ~~“(f) ELIGIBLE EXPENSE.—A State or local govern-  
 14 ment may use assistance provided under this section for  
 15 the predeployment of assets and resources.”.~~

16 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
 17 section (a) shall only apply to amounts appropriated on  
 18 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

20 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
 21 of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-  
 22 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
 23 shall conduct and complete a rulemaking to provide cri-  
 24 teria for the circumstances under which the Administrator  
 25 may recommend the President increase the Federal cost

1 share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
2 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187).

3 **SEC. 4. POLICY UPDATE.**

4       *The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage-*  
5 *ment Agency shall update the policy for grants made under*  
6 *section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and*  
7 *Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187), consistent with*  
8 *assistance provided under a major disaster and emergency*  
9 *declaration under that Act, to provide that predeployment*  
10 *of domestic assets by States, local, and Tribal governments*  
11 *may be eligible for reimbursement under such section 420.*

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