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AN ACT

To reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Fire
3 Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthoriza-
4 tion Act of 2017”.

5 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE**
6 **ADMINISTRATION.**

7 Section 17(g)(1)(M) of the Federal Fire Prevention
8 and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216 (g)(1)(M)) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “fiscal year 2017” and inserting
11 “for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2023”; and

12 (2) by inserting “for each such fiscal year”
13 after “\$2,753,672”.

14 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO FIRE-**
15 **FIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE FIRE**
16 **PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS PRO-**
17 **GRAM.**

18 (a) SUNSET.—Section 33(r) of the Federal Fire Pre-
19 vention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(r)) is
20 amended by striking “the date that is 5 years after the
21 date of the enactment of the Fire Grants Reauthorization
22 Act of 2012” and inserting “September 30, 2024”.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 33(q)(1)(B) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
25 Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(q)(1)(B)) is amended, in the

1 matter preceding clause (i), by striking “2017” and insert-
2 ing “2023”.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN TRAINING UNDER
4 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM.—Sec-
5 tion 33(c)(3) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
6 Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(c)(3)) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 “(N) To provide specialized training to
9 firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical
10 service workers, and other first responders to
11 recognize individuals who have mental illness
12 and how to properly intervene with individuals
13 with mental illness, including strategies for
14 verbal de-escalation of crisis.”.

15 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE**
16 **FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 (a) SUNSET.—Section 34(k) of the Federal Fire Pre-
19 vention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(k))
20 is amended by striking “the date that is 5 years after the
21 date of the enactment of the Fire Grants Reauthorization
22 Act of 2012” and inserting “September 30, 2024”.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
24 34(j)(1)(I) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act
25 of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(j)(1)(I)) is amended, in the

1 matter preceding clause (i), by striking “2017” and insert-
2 ing “2023”.

3 (c) MODIFICATION OF APPLICATION REQUIRE-
4 MENTS.—Section 34(b)(3)(B) of the Federal Fire Preven-
5 tion and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(b)(3)(B))
6 is amended by striking “of subsection (a)(1)(B)(ii) and
7 (F)” and inserting “of subsection (a)(1)(F)”.

8 (d) MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION.—Section
9 34(c)(2) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act
10 of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(c)(2)) is amended by striking
11 “prior to the date of enactment of this section” and insert-
12 ing “prior to the date of the application for the grant”.

13 (e) MODIFICATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Section
14 34(d)(1)(B) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
15 Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(d)(1)(B)) is amended by
16 striking “subsection (a)(1)(E) or subsection (c)(2)” and
17 inserting “subsection (a)(1)(E), (c)(2), or (c)(4)”.

18 (f) EXPANSION OF STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE
19 AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM; REPEAL
20 OF AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS
21 TRANSFERRED TO ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS
22 GRANTS PROGRAM.—Section 34(a)(1)(B) of the Federal
23 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C.
24 2229a(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “or to change the status of
2 part-time or paid-on-call (as defined in section
3 33(a)) firefighters to full-time firefighters” after
4 “firefighters”; and

5 (2) by striking “and to provide” and all that
6 follows through “of crises”.

7 **SEC. 5. TRAINING ON ADMINISTRATION OF FIRE GRANT**
8 **PROGRAMS.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Federal
10 Emergency Management Agency, acting through the Ad-
11 ministrator of the United States Fire Administration, may
12 develop and make widely available an electronic, online
13 training course for members of the fire and emergency re-
14 sponse community on matters relating to the administra-
15 tion of grants under sections 33 and 34 of the Federal
16 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229
17 and 2229a).

18 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The Administrator of the Fed-
19 eral Emergency Management Agency shall ensure that
20 any training developed and made available under sub-
21 section (a) is—

22 (1) tailored to the financial and time con-
23 straints of members of the fire and emergency re-
24 sponse community; and

1 (2) accessible to all individuals in the career,
2 combination, paid-on-call, and volunteer fire and
3 emergency response community.

4 **SEC. 6. FRAMEWORK FOR OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING**
5 **OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS**
6 **GRANTS PROGRAM, THE FIRE PREVENTION**
7 **AND SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM, AND THE**
8 **STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMER-**
9 **GENCY RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) FRAMEWORK.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
12 Federal Emergency Management Agency, acting through
13 the Administrator of the United States Fire Administra-
14 tion, shall develop and implement a grant monitoring and
15 oversight framework to mitigate and minimize risks of
16 fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement relating to the
17 grants programs under sections 33 and 34 of the Federal
18 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229
19 and 2229a).

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The framework required under sub-
21 section (a) shall include the following:

22 (1) Developing standardized guidance and
23 training for all participants in the grant programs
24 described in subsection (a).

25 (2) Conducting regular risk assessments.

1 (3) Conducting desk reviews and site visits.

2 (4) Enforcement actions to recoup potential
3 questionable costs of grant recipients.

4 (5) Such other oversight and monitoring tools
5 as the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
6 Management Agency considers necessary to mitigate
7 and minimize fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanage-
8 ment relating to the grant programs described in
9 subsection (a).

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Attest:

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Clerk.