

**Calendar No. 348**118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 3648****[Report No. 118–161]**

To amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2024

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

MARCH 14, 2024

Reported by Mr. PETERS, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Eliminate  
3 Limitations for Prompt Response and Recovery Act” or  
4 the “HELP Response and Recovery Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE DHS CONTRACTING RE-**  
6 **QUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
8 gress that section 695 of the Post-Katrina Emergency  
9 Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 794)—

10 (1) has been rendered obsolete by changes im-  
11 plemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, in-  
12 cluding amendments to Federal law made by section  
13 862 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Au-  
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law  
15 110–417; 122 Stat. 4546); and

16 (2) should be repealed.

17 (b) REPEAL.—The Post-Katrina Emergency Man-  
18 agement Reform Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–225; 120  
19 Stat. 1394) is amended by striking section 695 (6 U.S.C.  
20 794).

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24 *“HELP Response and Recovery Act”.*

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2 **QUIREMENTS.**

3 *The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act*  
4 *of 2006 (Public Law 109–295; 120 Stat. 1394) is amended*  
5 *by striking section 695 (6 U.S.C. 794).*

6 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

7 (a) *COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.*—*In this section, the*  
8 *term “covered period” means—*

9 (1) *with respect to an initial report required*  
10 *under subsection (b), the period between the date of*  
11 *enactment of this Act and the date of the report; and*

12 (2) *with respect to any succeeding report re-*  
13 *quired under subsection (b), the period between the*  
14 *date of the most recent report and the succeeding re-*  
15 *port.*

16 (b) *REQUIREMENT.*—*Not later than 540 days after the*  
17 *date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until*  
18 *the date that is 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of Home-*  
19 *land Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland*  
20 *Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the*  
21 *Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the*  
22 *House of Representatives a report that—*

23 (1) *reviews how the repeal under section 2 has—*

24 (A) *prevented waste, fraud, and abuse; and*

25 (B) *promoted taxpayer savings; and*

1           (2) *includes, with respect to a contract entered*  
2 *into or extended by the Administrator of the Federal*  
3 *Emergency Management Agency under urgent and*  
4 *compelling circumstances during the covered period*  
5 *for which the Administrator did not solicit bids—*

6                   (A) *the number of those contracts;*

7                   (B) *the subject of each contract;*

8                   (C) *the amounts obligated by the Adminis-*  
9 *trator for each contract;*

10                  (D) *if applicable, the State benefitted by*  
11 *each contract; and*

12                  (E) *if applicable, the name of the major dis-*  
13 *aster or emergency for which each contract was*  
14 *entered into or extended.*



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