

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3648

AN ACT

To amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, 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 “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 The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform
8 Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–295; 120 Stat. 1394) is
9 amended by striking section 695 (6 U.S.C. 794).

10 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

11 (a) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the
12 term “covered period” means—

13 (1) with respect to an initial report required
14 under subsection (b), the period between the date of
15 enactment of this Act and the date of the report;
16 and

17 (2) with respect to any succeeding report re-
18 quired under subsection (b), the period between the
19 date of the most recent report and the succeeding
20 report.

21 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 540 days after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
23 until the date that is 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of
24 Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on
25 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
 2 ture of the House of Representatives a report that—

3 (1) reviews how the repeal under section 2
 4 has—

5 (A) prevented waste, fraud, and abuse; and

6 (B) promoted taxpayer savings; and

7 (2) includes, with respect to a contract entered
 8 into or extended by the Administrator of the Federal
 9 Emergency Management Agency under urgent and
 10 compelling circumstances during the covered period
 11 for which the Administrator did not solicit bids—

12 (A) the number of those contracts;

13 (B) the subject of each contract;

14 (C) the amounts obligated by the Adminis-
 15 trator for each contract;

16 (D) if applicable, the State benefitted by
 17 each contract; and

18 (E) if applicable, the name of the major
 19 disaster or emergency for which each contract
 20 was entered into or extended.

Passed the Senate March 20, 2024.

Attest:

Secretary.

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