H. R. 1839

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 1999

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 "Access to Thermal Im-

5   aging Cameras Act".

6   **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7   (a) AUTHORITY.—In accordance with this section,

8   the Director of the Federal Emergency Management

9   Agency (in this Act referred to as the "Director") may

1 make grants on a competitive basis to fire departments
2 for the purpose of acquiring thermal imaging cameras.

3 (b) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share
4 of the cost of acquiring equipment under subsection (a)
5 shall be 33 percent.

6 (c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of
7 amounts made available under subsection (e), the Director
8 may use not more than 10 percent for the administrative
9 costs of carrying out this section.

10 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
11 after making the first grant under subsection (a), the Di-
12 rector shall transmit to Congress a report on the results
13 of the grant program.

14 **SEC. 3. APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purposes of carrying
16 out section 2, there is authorized to be appropriated to
17 the Director $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

18 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
19 gress that any funds appropriated to carry out section 2
20 should be offset with corresponding reductions in funds
21 appropriated to carry out other Federal programs.

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