

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4430

To provide temporary direct hire authority for certain emergency response positions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide temporary direct hire authority for certain emergency response positions.

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. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN EMER-**  
4 **GENCY RESPONSE POSITIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—As the Secretary of Health and  
6 Human Services determines necessary to respond to a crit-  
7 ical hiring need for emergency response positions, after  
8 providing public notice and without regard to the provi-

1 sions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United  
2 States Code, such Secretary may appoint candidates di-  
3 rectly to the following positions:

4 (1) Intermittent disaster-response personnel in  
5 the National Disaster Medical System, pursuant to  
6 section 2812 of the Public Health Service Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 300hh-11).

8 (2) Not more than 150 positions in the Office  
9 of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Re-  
10 sponse within the Department of Health and Human  
11 Services for purposes of public health and medical  
12 emergency support.

13 (b) EXPIRATION.—The authority under subsection  
14 (a) shall expire 270 days after the date of enactment of  
15 this section.

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