

Public Law 98-241  
98th Congress

## An Act

To authorize appropriations for the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 and the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal year 1984 and fiscal year 1985, and for other purposes.

Mar. 22, 1984  
[S. 820]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## TITLE I—EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM

SEC. 101. (a) Section 7(a) of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

96 Stat. 2533.  
42 USC 7706.

“(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director, to carry out the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of this Act, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, \$3,705,000, and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, \$6,096,000.”

42 USC 7704,  
7705.

(b) Section 7(b) of such Act is amended by striking out “and” after “1982;” and by inserting “; \$35,524,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and \$37,300,200 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985” before the period at the end thereof.

(c) Section 7(c) of such Act is amended by striking out “and” after “1982;” and by inserting “; \$25,800,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984; and \$28,665,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985” before the period at the end thereof.

(d) Section 7(d) of such Act is amended by striking out “and” after “1982;” and by inserting “; \$475,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984; and \$498,750 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985” before the period at the end thereof.

(e) Section 7(e) of such Act is amended by striking out “1982 and” and by inserting in lieu thereof “1982,” and by inserting “September 30, 1984, and September 30, 1985,” before “there are authorized”.

## TITLE II—FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

SEC. 201. Section 17 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

15 USC 2216.

“(e) Except as otherwise specifically provided with respect to the payment of claims under section 11 of this Act, to carry out the purposes of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated—

15 USC 2214.

“(1) \$15,720,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, and \$20,983,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985; and

“(2) such further sums as may be necessary in each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1984, and September 30, 1985, for adjustments required by law in salaries, pay, retirement, and employee benefits incurred in the conduct of activities for which funds are authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

The funds authorized under this subsection shall be in addition to funds authorized in any other law for research and development at the Fire Research Center of the National Bureau of Standards."

SEC. 202. Section 15 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2214), is further amended by striking the words ", the Secretary of Defense," where such appears in subsections (b)(2), (c), (e)(1)(A), and (f).

Voluntarism.

SEC. 203. It is the sense of the Congress that special recognition should be made of volunteer fire companies for their contribution to the public safety, accomplished in the highest traditions of the American voluntary spirit, and offering proof that locally based, nonfederally sponsored efforts provide the American people with outstanding service.

Approved March 22, 1984.

## LITTLE II—FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Sec. 101. Section 17 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 is amended by striking all of the words "the Secretary of Defense" and inserting "the Fire Research Center of the National Bureau of Standards" in their place.

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 820 (H.R. 2465):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 98-99, Pts. 1 and 3 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs) and Pt. 2 (Comm. on Science and Technology) all accompanying H.R. 2465.

SENATE REPORT No. 98-42 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation). CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Vol. 129 (1983): Apr. 7, considered and passed Senate.

Vol. 130 (1984): Feb. 1, H.R. 2465 considered and passed House; S. 820, amended, passed in lieu.

Mar. 8, Senate concurred in House amendments.