

AN ACT

relating to the evacuation and sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as Simba's Law.

SECTION 2. Section 418.043, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 418.043. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. The division shall:

(1) determine requirements of the state and its political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities in event of a disaster;

(2) procure and position supplies, medicines, materials, and equipment;

(3) adopt standards and requirements for local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans;

(4) periodically review local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans;

(5) coordinate deployment of mobile support units;

(6) establish and operate training programs and programs of public information or assist political subdivisions and emergency management agencies to establish and operate the programs;

(7) make surveys of public and private industries, resources, and facilities in the state that are necessary to carry

1 out the purposes of this chapter;

2 (8) plan and make arrangements for the availability
3 and use of any private facilities, services, and property and
4 provide for payment for use under terms and conditions agreed on if
5 the facilities are used and payment is necessary;

6 (9) establish a register of persons with types of
7 training and skills important in disaster mitigation,
8 preparedness, response, and recovery;

9 (10) establish a register of mobile and construction
10 equipment and temporary housing available for use in a disaster;

11 (11) assist political subdivisions in developing
12 plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary
13 sheltering of service animals and household pets in a disaster;

14 (12) prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive
15 orders and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping with
16 disasters;

17 (13) [~~(12)~~] cooperate with the federal government and
18 any public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of
19 this chapter and in implementing programs for disaster mitigation,
20 preparation, response, and recovery; and

21 (14) [~~(13)~~] do other things necessary, incidental, or
22 appropriate for the implementation of this chapter.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 88 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 88 on May 16, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 88 on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 88

I certify that H.B. No. 88 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 88 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor