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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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. 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-
9 sions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United

1 States Code, such secretary may appoint candidates di-
2 rectly to the following positions:

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

7 (2) Not more than 150 positions in the Office
8 of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Re-
9 sponse.

10 (b) EXPIRATION.—The authority under subsection
11 (a) shall expire 270 days after the date of enactment of
12 this section.

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