

HR 3659

To reestablish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness and response to disasters, and for other purposes.

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Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2005
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2005
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 7, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5316	Related bill	Dec 8, 2006: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 434.
109 HR 3816	Related bill	Sep 26, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight.
109 HR 3656	Related bill	Sep 20, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.
109 HR 3685	Related bill	Sep 20, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.
109 S 1615	Related bill	Sep 6, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 6, 2005)

Establishes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as an independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness and response to disasters.

Requires the Agency to be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall report directly to the President. Requires the Director to be appointed from among persons who have extensive background in emergency or disaster-related management.

Sets the Director's term of office at five years.

Repeals provisions of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 that are related to: (1) the definition of major disaster; (2) functions transferred with respect to FEMA; and (3) the role of FEMA.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 20, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight.
- **Sep 20, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.
- **Sep 7, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Sep 6, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 6, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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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