

**Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,  
Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207,  
and Related Authorities**

**UNITED STATES CODE  
TITLE 42. THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE  
CHAPTER 68. DISASTER RELIEF**

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- (l) Report on Federal and State Administration - Not later than Oct. 30, 2000, the President, in consultation with State and local governments, shall submit to Congress a report evaluating efforts to implement this section and recommending a process for transferring greater authority and responsibility for administering the assistance program established under this section to capable States.
- (m) Termination of Authority - The authority provided by this section terminates September 30, 2008.

#### **Sec. 204. Interagency Task Force (42 U.S.C. 5134)**

- (a) In General - The President shall establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating the implementation of predisaster hazard mitigation programs administered by the Federal Government.
- (b) Chairperson - The Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.
- (c) Membership - The membership of the task force shall include representatives of
  - (1) relevant Federal agencies;
  - (2) State and local government organizations (including Indian tribes); and
  - (3) the American Red Cross.

### **Title III -- Major Disaster and Emergency Assistance Administration**

#### **Sec. 301. Waiver of Administrative Conditions (42 U.S.C. 5141)**

Any Federal agency charged with the administration of a Federal assistance program may, if so requested by the applicant State or local authorities, modify or waive, for a major disaster, such administrative conditions for assistance as would otherwise prevent the giving of assistance under such programs if the inability to meet such conditions is a result of the major disaster.

#### **Sec. 302. Coordinating Officers (42 U.S.C. 5143)\***

- (a) Appointment of Federal coordinating officer - Immediately upon his declaration of a major disaster or emergency, the President shall appoint a Federal coordinating officer to operate in the affected area.