

HB 819 -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPACT

(Vetoed by the Governor)

The bill makes Missouri a member of the Southern Regional Emergency Management Compact. The purpose of the compact is to provide for mutual assistance between the states in managing any emergency or disaster that is declared by the governor of an affected member state. Under the compact the state official responsible for emergency management will be responsible for formulation of the appropriate interstate mutual aid plans and procedures necessary to implement the compact. These include state responsibility for: warning communities adjacent to or crossing state boundaries; assuring uninterrupted delivery of services, medicines, water, food, energy and fuel, and search and rescue equipment; and developing plans and procedures for interstate loan of materials and personnel. Party states may request assistance from another party state by contacting the authorized representative of that state and providing information, including a description of the emergency service needed. The compact limits liability for a party state; allows for supplementary agreements between states; makes provisions for reimbursements to a party state rendering aid; and addresses evacuation and implementation plans. The compact does not authorize or permit the use of military force by the National Guard of a state in any emergency outside that state for which the President is authorized by law to call federal agencies into service.