

House File 588 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 112)

(COMPANION TO LSB 1323SV BY

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of permanent emergency
2 personnel positions directly related to certain disasters.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.8, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The director may establish permanent
4 emergency personnel positions that are directly related to the
5 governor's proclamation of a state of disaster emergency or
6 when the president of the United States has declared a major
7 disaster to exist in this state. All such emergency personnel
8 shall be exempt from the merit system described in chapter 8A,
9 subchapter IV, and shall be excluded from collective bargaining
10 as described in chapter 20. All such emergency personnel shall
11 be classified, compensated, and eligible to receive benefits in
12 accordance with chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill provides that the director of the department
17 of homeland security and emergency management may establish
18 permanent emergency personnel positions that are directly
19 related to the governor's proclamation of a state of disaster
20 emergency or when the president of the United States has
21 declared a major disaster to exist in this state. The bill
22 provides that all such emergency personnel shall be exempt
23 from the merit system as provided in Code chapter 8A and
24 excluded from collective bargaining under Code chapter 20. The
25 bill further provides that such emergency personnel shall be
26 classified, compensated, and eligible to receive benefits in
27 accordance with Code chapter 8A.