

**HB 2539 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that a "disaster medical assistance team" means a volunteer team of professional and paraprofessional medical personnel and logistical and administration personnel designed to provide medical care during a disaster or other event and who have formed a response team under the guidance of the national disaster medical system.

Provides that a member of a disaster medical assistance team called into state service shall be afforded all the protections as an employee of the state and shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of workers' compensation and death benefits, if the member: (1) Registers with and receives approval to serve on a disaster medical assistance team from the military department; and

(2) Provides direct medical care to a victim of a disaster or provides other support services during a disaster.