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1 AN ACT Relating to state fire services mobilization; amending RCW
2 43.43.960; reenacting and amending RCW 43.43.960; providing an
3 effective date; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.43.960 and 2015 c 181 s 2 are each reenacted and
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this subchapter.

9 (1) "All risk resources" means those resources regularly provided
10 by fire departments, fire districts, and regional fire protection
11 service authorities required to respond to natural or man-made
12 incidents, including but not limited to:

- 13 (a) Wild land fires;
- 14 (b) Landslides;
- 15 (c) Earthquakes;
- 16 (d) Floods; and
- 17 (e) Contagious diseases.

18 (2) "Chief" means the chief of the Washington state patrol.

19 (3) "Fire chief" includes the chief officer of a statutorily
20 authorized fire agency, or the fire chief's authorized
21 representative. Also included are the department of natural resources

1 fire control chief, and the department of natural resources regional
2 managers.

3 (4) "Jurisdiction" means state, county, city, fire district,
4 regional fire protection service authority, or port district units,
5 or other units covered by this chapter.

6 (5) "Mobilization" means that all risk resources regularly
7 provided by fire departments, fire districts, and regional fire
8 protection service authorities beyond those available through
9 existing agreements will be requested and, when available, sent in
10 preparation of or in response to an emergency or disaster situation
11 that has exceeded or is predicted to exceed the capabilities of
12 available local resources. During a large scale emergency,
13 mobilization includes the redistribution of regional or statewide
14 risk resources to either direct emergency incident assignments or to
15 assignment in communities where resources are needed. Fire department
16 resources may not be mobilized to assist law enforcement with police
17 activities during a civil protest or demonstration, however, fire
18 departments, fire districts, and regional fire protection service
19 authorities are not restricted from providing medical care or aid and
20 firefighting when mobilized for any purpose.

21 When mobilization is declared and authorized as provided in this
22 chapter, all risk resources regularly provided by fire departments,
23 fire districts, and regional fire protection service authorities
24 including those of the host fire protection authorities, i.e.
25 incident jurisdiction, shall be deemed as mobilized under this
26 chapter, including those that responded earlier under existing mutual
27 aid or other agreement. All nonhost fire protection authorities
28 providing resources in response to a mobilization declaration shall
29 be eligible for expense reimbursement as provided by this chapter
30 from the time of the mobilization declaration.

31 This chapter shall not reduce or suspend the authority or
32 responsibility of the department of natural resources under chapter
33 76.04 RCW.

34 (6) "Mutual aid" means emergency interagency assistance provided
35 without compensation under an agreement between jurisdictions under
36 chapter 39.34 RCW.

37 (7) "State fire marshal" means the director of fire protection in
38 the Washington state patrol.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.43.960 and 2003 c 405 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
4 this section apply throughout this subchapter.

5 (1) "Chief" means the chief of the Washington state patrol.

6 (2) "State fire marshal" means the director of fire protection in
7 the Washington state patrol.

8 (3) "Fire chief" includes the chief officer of a statutorily
9 authorized fire agency, or the fire chief's authorized
10 representative. Also included are the department of natural resources
11 fire control chief, and the department of natural resources regional
12 managers.

13 (4) "Jurisdiction" means state, county, city, fire district, or
14 port district firefighting units, or other units covered by this
15 chapter.

16 (5) "Mobilization" means that firefighting resources beyond those
17 available through existing agreements will be requested and, when
18 available, sent in preparation of or in response to an emergency or
19 disaster situation that has exceeded or is predicted to exceed the
20 capabilities of available local resources. During a large scale
21 emergency, mobilization includes the redistribution of regional or
22 statewide firefighting resources to either direct emergency incident
23 assignments or to assignment in communities where firefighting
24 resources are needed.

25 When mobilization is declared and authorized as provided in this
26 chapter, all firefighting resources including those of the host fire
27 protection authorities, i.e. incident jurisdiction, shall be deemed
28 as mobilized under this chapter, including those that responded
29 earlier under existing mutual aid or other agreement. All nonhost
30 fire protection authorities providing firefighting resources in
31 response to a mobilization declaration shall be eligible for expense
32 reimbursement as provided by this chapter from the time of the
33 mobilization declaration.

34 This chapter shall not reduce or suspend the authority or
35 responsibility of the department of natural resources under chapter
36 76.04 RCW.

37 (6) "Mutual aid" means emergency interagency assistance provided
38 without compensation under an agreement between jurisdictions under
39 chapter 39.34 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires July 1,
2 2019.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,
4 2019.

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