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CHAPTER 604

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An act to add Section 8608 to the Government Code, relating to disaster preparedness.

*LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST*

AB 450, Yee Standardized emergency management system: animals. Existing law requires the Office of Emergency Services, in coordination with all interested state agencies with designated response roles in the state emergency plan and interested local emergency management agencies, to jointly establish by regulation a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies, to include specified components.

This bill would require the office to approve and adopt, and incorporate the California Animal Response Emergency System program into the standardized emergency management system. The bill would require the office and the Department of Food and Agriculture, and other interested parties, to enter into a memorandum of understanding to incorporate the CARES program into their emergency planning. THE

**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

*SECTION 1. Section 8608 is added to the Government Code, to read:*

8608. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall approve and adopt, and incorporate the **California Animal Response Emergency System (CARES)** program developed under the oversight of the Department of Food and Agriculture into the standardized emergency management system established pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 8607.

(b) No later than January 31, 2007, the Department of Food and Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Emergency Services and other interested parties to incorporate the CARES program into their emergency planning.