

1 **PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

5 House Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill modifies the Public Safety Code regarding emergency assistance during a  
9 declared disaster.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ authorizes the Division of Emergency Management to conduct a feasibility study  
13 regarding establishing a contract with the United States Postal Service to help with  
14 emergency response services during a declared disaster; and

15 ▶ requires the Division of Emergency Management to report to the Business and  
16 Labor Interim Committee ~~H→~~ **and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim**  
17 **Committee ←H** by November 30, 2016, regarding the feasibility study.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **53-2a-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **53-2a-204** is amended to read:  
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90 with an application for financial assistance under this section shall, upon conviction of each  
91 offense, be subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one  
92 year, or both.

93 (3) The division shall conduct a feasibility study regarding the establishment of an  
94 agreement with the United States Postal Service regarding the use of employees, resources, and  
95 assets within the Postal Service Network to provide the following services:

96 (a) identify residential or commercial structures that have been damaged;

97 (b) identify persons who reside in a damaged area and the emergent medical or  
98 physical needs of those persons;

99 (c) help assess the damage to neighborhoods or communities; and

100 (d) any other activity that the division determines to be necessary to assist in  
101 responding to a declared disaster.

102 (4) The division shall provide a report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee  
102a **H→ and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee ←H**  
103 regarding the feasibility study conducted under Subsection (3) no later than November 30,  
104 2016.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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