

Emergency Shelter Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to an emergency operations plan.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires that a county, city, or town emergency operations plan shall designate at least one shelter to accommodate an individual's personal animal; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-2a-1403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 438

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

Section 1. Section **53-2a-1403** is amended to read:

53-2a-1403 . Emergency operations plan.

(1) As used in this section, "personal animal" means the same as that term is defined in

Section 78B-6-812.

(2) Each county shall create and maintain an emergency operations plan.

~~(2)~~ (3) Each city and town shall:

- (a) create and maintain an emergency operations plan; or
- (b) adopt the emergency operations plan created by the county in which the city or town is located.

(4) An emergency operations plan created and maintained in accordance with this section

shall designate at least one shelter within the area covered by the emergency operations

32 plan to allow the accommodation of an individual's personal animal.

33 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

34 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.