

HB1556



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 1/31/2023, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 50/1

from Ch. 127, par. 1251

Amends the Hazardous Materials Emergency Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hazardous Materials Emergency Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 127, par. 1251)

7 Sec. 1. It is the finding of the General Assembly:

8 (a) That ~~That~~ the use, transportation, storage and
9 manufacture of hazardous materials creates a substantial risk
10 that accidents will occur involving such hazardous materials;

11 (b) That accidents involving hazardous materials create an
12 unreasonable risk to the health, safety and welfare of the
13 People of Illinois;

14 (c) That the federal government promulgates regulations
15 for the interstate transportation of hazardous materials, but
16 that the People of Illinois can benefit by having such
17 precautions as those included in federal regulation extended
18 to intrastate transportation and other activities which might
19 result in an accident involving hazardous materials;

20 (d) That often the emergency agency which first responds
21 to an accident involving a hazardous material is unable to
22 determine the nature of the material and is unfamiliar with
23 precautionary measures which must be exercised in handling the

1 material, with resulting use of incorrect emergency procedures
2 endangering both members of the emergency agency and the
3 public; and

4 (e) That response to hazardous materials emergencies can
5 be accomplished more rapidly and with greater efficiency if
6 one agency of State government with the necessary
7 communications network is designated as the central reporting
8 agency in case of emergency.

9 (Source: P.A. 79-1442.)