

HB 799

2009

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency management; amending s.
3 414.095, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and
4 Family Services, to the extent permitted by federal law,
5 to expedite application procedures for persons who reside
6 in an area damaged by a major disaster and who apply for
7 temporary cash assistance; requiring that the application
8 process be completed within a specified time; requiring
9 the department to train its employees who are responsible
10 for determining eligibility for temporary cash assistance
11 in order to expedite the application process for the
12 victims of a major disaster and to assist the victims in
13 contacting agencies that provide temporary shelter, food,
14 food stamps, and other relief; amending s. 252.36, F.S.;
15 authorizing the Governor to employ such measures and give
16 such directions to certain specified agencies as are
17 necessary for the purpose of addressing the needs for
18 immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance for children,
19 families, and the elderly and disabled during an
20 emergency; providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Present subsection (18) of section 414.095,
25 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (19), and a new
26 subsection (18) is added to that section, to read:

27 414.095 Determining eligibility for temporary cash
28 assistance.--

29 (18) EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS.--

30 (a) To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation,
 31 the department shall expedite application procedures for
 32 applicants who reside in an area damaged by a major disaster, as
 33 defined in s. 252.34. The department must complete the
 34 application process within 10 calendar days after receiving a
 35 completed application.

36 (b) The department shall train its employees who are
 37 responsible for determining eligibility for temporary cash
 38 assistance in order to expedite the application process for the
 39 victims of major disasters and to assist the victims in
 40 contacting appropriate agencies that provide temporary shelter,
 41 food, food stamps, and other relief.

42 Section 2. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of
 43 section 252.36, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections
 44 (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is
 45 added to that section, to read:

46 252.36 Emergency management powers of the Governor.--

47 (8) The Governor shall employ such measures and give such
 48 directions to the Department of Children and Family Services,
 49 the Agency for Workforce Development, the Department of Elderly
 50 Affairs, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities as are
 51 reasonably necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with
 52 the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.60 or with the findings or
 53 recommendations of such agencies regarding the need for
 54 immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance for children,
 55 families, and the elderly and disabled during an emergency.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.