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SENATE BILL ***157-FN***

AN ACT establishing a New Hampshire disaster relief fund.

SPONSORS: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a New Hampshire disaster relief fund under the authority of the director of the division of homeland security and emergency management.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a New Hampshire disaster relief fund.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 273:1 Findings. The general court finds that:

2 I. New Hampshire has been severely impacted by several storms over the past few years
3 resulting in the declaration of states of emergency throughout the state;

4 II. Homes, businesses, and personal property were damaged or destroyed in many areas
5 across the state; and

6 III. It is in the interest of the citizens of the state to provide a means to distribute private
7 donations to help people in need recover from the storms, particularly those persons whose disaster-
8 related needs may not be adequately met by federal assistance.

9 273:2 New Subparagraph; Special Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph
10 (310) the following new subparagraph:

11 (311) Moneys designated for the New Hampshire disaster relief fund, established in
12 RSA 21-P:46-a.

13 273:3 New Section; New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after
14 section 46 the following new section:

15 21-P:46-a New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund.

16 I. There shall be established a fund that is to be accounted for separately from all other
17 funds and which shall be designated as the New Hampshire disaster relief fund, which shall be
18 credited and continually appropriated to the director for disaster relief. The moneys in 2 existing
19 funds, one in the legislative branch known as the disaster fund, and one in the office of the state
20 treasurer, known as the New Hampshire disaster relief fund 2011, shall lapse into the
21 New Hampshire disaster relief fund on the effective date of this section.

22 II. Funds in the New Hampshire disaster relief fund shall be made available to individuals
23 who suffer damage and loss as a result of a declared disaster. All disbursements from the fund shall
24 be approved by the director of homeland security and emergency management, in consultation with
25 the individual assistance committee appointed under paragraph III.

26 III. The director shall appoint an individual assistance committee to review, evaluate, and
27 make recommendations on requests for individual assistance. The committee shall be comprised of
28 representatives from the nonprofit community, human service organizations, disaster response

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1 organizations, the Community Action Programs, and volunteer organizations, who shall serve at the
2 pleasure of the director. The director shall designate a committee chair.

3 IV. The director shall maintain complete records of all funds disbursed from the
4 New Hampshire disaster relief fund and shall report all such disbursements to the individual
5 assistance committee every 6 months following the effective date of this section.

6 273:4 Repeal. The following are repealed:

7 I. RSA 6:12, I(b)(311), relative to the New Hampshire disaster relief fund.

8 II. RSA 21-P:46-a, relative to the New Hampshire disaster relief fund.

9 273:5 Contingency. Section 4 of this act shall take effect on the date when all moneys in the
10 New Hampshire disaster fund have been disbursed, as certified to the secretary of state and the
11 director of legislative services by the director of homeland security and emergency management.

12 273:6 Effective Date.

13 I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 5 of this act.

14 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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16 Approved: July 24, 2013

17 Effective Date: I. Section 4 shall take effect as provided in section 5.

18 II. Remainder shall take effect July 24, 2013.