

HB 493-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***493-FN***  
AN ACT                relative to emergency compacts.  
SPONSORS:            Rep. Peterson, Hills 21; Rep. Notter, Hills 21  
COMMITTEE:          State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill repeals New Hampshire's adoption of the emergency management assistance compact and northeastern American/Canadian emergency management assistance compact.

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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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT                   relative to emergency compacts.

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

1           1 Withdrawal from Compact. The governor shall give notice in writing of New Hampshire’s  
2 withdrawal from the Northeastern American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance  
3 Compact to the governors of all other party jurisdictions signed onto the compact.

4           2 Northeastern American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Amend the  
5 chapter title of RSA 108 to read as follows:

6                   EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT [~~AND NORTHEASTERN~~  
7                   ~~AMERICAN/CANADIAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT~~]

8           3 Northeastern American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Amend the  
9 RSA 108:1 to read as follows:

10          108:1 Authority. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as approved by the  
11 United States Congress, P.L. 104-321, hereinafter “EMAC,” [~~and the Northeastern~~  
12 ~~American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as authorized by Article IV(e) of~~  
13 ~~the 1986 Agreement between the United States and Canada on Cooperation in Comprehensive~~  
14 ~~Emergency Planning and Management, hereinafter “NAEMAC;”]~~ is made and entered into by and  
15 between the participating party jurisdictions. The state of New Hampshire, through its governor,  
16 duly authorized, solemnly agrees with any other jurisdiction which is or may become a signatory to  
17 these compacts as provided herein.

18          4 Northeastern American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Amend the  
19 RSA 108:2 to read as follows:

20          108:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

21               I. “Party jurisdiction” as to EMAC means the several states, the Commonwealth of Puerto  
22 Rico, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territorial possessions and is intended to mean the same  
23 as “party state” in United States P.L. 104-321; as to NAEMAC, party jurisdiction means the several  
24 northeastern states of the United States and the several eastern Canadian provinces.

25               II. “Governor” means the governor, [~~premier~~] or highest executive official of each party  
26 jurisdiction.

27               III. “Federal Government” means the government of the United States and the government  
28 of Canada.

29          5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 493 FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    relative to emergency compacts.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Safety states this bill, **as introduced**, will have no fiscal impact on state, county, and local revenues or expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Safety states this bill withdraws New Hampshire from the Northeastern American/Canadian Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The Department notes the compact gives New Hampshire the option of seeking disaster assistance from a Canadian province or providing disaster assistance to a Canadian province. The Department states the compact does not bind the state in any way to provide assistance or require a Canadian province to provide such aid. The Department also states the compact requires the receiving jurisdiction to pay all costs associated with the assistance including transportation costs. Accordingly, the Department states the proposed legislation will have no fiscal impact on state, county, or local expenditures and revenue.