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SENATE BILL 186

Short Title: Div. of Forest Resources/Emergency Response. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Allran, Bingham, Dannelly, Dorsett,
Garwood, Horton, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Swindell, Tillman, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES AS AN
2 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCY.
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4 Whereas, the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Environment
5 and Natural Resources is the lead emergency response agency in North Carolina for the
6 suppression of wildland fires; and

7 Whereas, the Division of Forest Resources plays a critical role in public
8 safety through emergency response, assistance and recovery; and

9 Whereas, the Division of Forest Resources plays a key role in training other
10 State and local agencies in the Incident Command System and the National Incident
11 Management System; and

12 Whereas, the Division of Forest Resources responds with trained and
13 experienced personnel and equipment in support of the Division of Emergency
14 Management of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety during all-risk
15 incidents; and

16 Whereas, the Division of Forest Resources provides emergency response to
17 county emergency operations centers during times of both nondeclared states of
18 emergency and declared disasters; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Forest Resources of the Department of
21 Environment and Natural Resources is designated an emergency response agency of the
22 State of North Carolina for purposes of:

- 23 (1) Supporting the Division of Emergency Management of the Department
24 of Crime Control and Public Safety in responding to "all-risk"
25 incidents;
26 (2) Receipt of any applicable State or federal funding;
27 (3) Training of other State and local agencies in disaster and emergency
28 management; and

- 1 (4) Any other disaster and emergency response roles for which the
2 Division has special training or qualifications.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.