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Assembly, No. 1383

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21 that the municipal emergency management coordinator may alert  
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25 county fire coordinator shall notify the regional fire coordinator  
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37 emergency management coordinator shall be prepared to respond in  
38 the event that local resources are insufficient to effectively deal  
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41 commander also may declare a local fire emergency disaster. In  
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43 utilize the best information then available.

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45 to subsection e. of this section, the municipal emergency

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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25 fire coordinator. The regional or State fire coordinator shall utilize  
26 the Office of Emergency Management system to request these  
27 resources.

28 (cf: P.L.2003, c.28, s.6)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 Concerns fire emergency procedures.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1383

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY**

**District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)**

**Assemblyman FREDERICK SCALERA**

**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Wisniewski, Stack and Connors**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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STATEMENT

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35 This bill clarifies certain provisions of the "Fire Service  
36 Resource Emergency Deployment Act," P.L.2003, c.28 (C.52:14E-  
37 11 et seq.). The bill deletes the language which required the  
38 municipal emergency management coordinator to coordinate the  
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40 declaration of a local fire emergency disaster. It also deletes  
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1 represent one component, are already set forth elsewhere in the  
2 statutory law and existing municipal, county, and State emergency  
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4 inconsistencies do not develop between existing emergency  
5 management procedures and the new coordination procedures  
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ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE  
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1383**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

The Assembly Homeland Security And State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1383.

Assembly Bill No. 1383 clarifies certain provisions of the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act,” P.L.2003, c.28 (C.52:14E-11 et seq.) by deleting (1) language which required the municipal emergency management coordinator to coordinate the interactions of all those providing emergency services following the declaration of a local fire emergency disaster and (2) language concerning the procedures for communicating with, and requesting assistance from, county and State emergency management resources.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1383**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 2, 2006

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1383.

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As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1359, which was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

**SENATE, No. 1359**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**212th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2006

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator PAUL A. SARLO**  
**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill serves to clarify operational procedures under the "Fire  
35 Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act." This bill deletes  
36 language which required the municipal emergency management  
37 coordinator to assume overall control over any emergency incident  
38 and all fire service resources from the on-scene fire incident  
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45 statutory law and existing municipal, county, and State emergency  
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47 deletion of this provision will better ensure that inconsistencies do

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- 1 not develop between existing emergency management procedures
- 2 and the new coordination procedures established for fire service
- 3 resources under the Act.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1359**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 2, 2006

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1359.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill clarifies certain provisions of the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," P.L.2003, c.28 (C.52:14E-11 et seq.) by deleting (1) language which required the municipal emergency management coordinator to coordinate the interactions of all those providing emergency services following the declaration of a local fire emergency disaster and (2) language concerning the procedures for communicating with, and requesting assistance from, county and State emergency management resources.

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The committee amendments delete language concerning the procedures for communicating with, and requesting assistance from, county and State emergency management resources.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1383, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.