

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300

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Page 198, lines 1, strike “Professionals”.

Page 198, lines 3 through 19, strike the text and insert the following:

1 (a) IN GENERAL.—The head of the relevant foreign
2 assistance agency shall maintain a Disaster Assistance Re-
3 sponse Team (“DART”) response capability as a method
4 of providing rapid response assistance to international dis-
5 asters. The decision to deploy a DART shall be made in
6 response to humanitarian need without respect to the
7 country’s status as an ally or partner of the United States.

8 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of
9 DART may include the following:

- 10 (1) Developing response plans and strategies.
- 11 (2) Assessing and reporting on disasters and
12 making recommendations for response efforts;
- 13 (3) Providing technical assistance in response
14 to a disaster.
- 15 (4) Assisting in the coordination of U.S. gov-
16 ernment response efforts.

1 (5) Coordinating the movement and consign-
2 ment of relief commodities.

3 (c) SPECIALIZED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROFES-
4 SIONALS.—The head of the relevant foreign assistance
5 agency shall establish and maintain a program for the re-
6 cruitment, training, and retention of specialized disaster
7 assistance professionals within the Department.

8 (d) PURPOSE.—This program shall ensure that the
9 relevant foreign assistance agency has a sufficient number
10 of personnel with the skills and expertise necessary to
11 plan, implement, and manage complex international dis-
12 aster assistance operations. Such expertise shall include
13 procurement, logistics, public health, nutrition, protection,
14 engineering, and finance.

15 (e) TRAINING.—The head of the relevant foreign as-
16 sistance agency shall ensure that these professionals re-
17 ceive regular and relevant training to maintain and en-
18 hance their skills.

