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# H. R. 7642

To authorize the recruitment and retention of specialized disaster assistance professionals by the Department of State.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

Mrs. KIM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Generating Utility  
5 through International Disaster Expertise Act” or the  
6 “GUIDE Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO RECRUIT SPECIALIZED DIS-**  
8               **ASTER ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONALS.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting  
10 through the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance, is

1 authorized to establish a program to recruit, train, and  
2 retain specialized disaster assistance professionals for the  
3 Bureau of Disaster and Humanitarian Response, to en-  
4 sure that the Bureau has sufficient personnel with the  
5 skills and expertise necessary to plan, implement, and  
6 manage complex international disaster assistance oper-  
7 ations.

8 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—A specialized disaster assist-  
9 ance professional recruited, trained, or retained through  
10 the program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall  
11 have expertise in relevant matters including procurement,  
12 logistics, public health, nutrition, protection, engineering,  
13 and finance.

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