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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 870

To amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 2023

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CARPER)
introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

MARCH 21, 2023

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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 “Fire Grants and Safety
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE**
2 **ADMINISTRATION.**

3 Section 17(g)(1) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
4 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (L), by striking “and”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (M)—

7 (A) by striking “for for” and inserting
8 “for”; and

9 (B) by striking the period and inserting “;
10 and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(N) \$95,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
13 through 2030, of which \$3,420,000 for each such
14 fiscal year shall be used to carry out section 8(f).”.

15 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO FIRE-**
16 **FIGHTERS GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE FIRE**
17 **PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANTS PRO-**
18 **GRAM.**

19 (a) SUNSET.—Section 33(r) of the Federal Fire Pre-
20 vention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(r)) is
21 amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2032”.

22 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
23 33(q)(1)(B) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
24 Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(q)(1)(B)) is amended, in the
25 matter preceding clause (i), by striking “2023” and insert-
26 ing “2030”.

1 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE**
2 **FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) SUNSET.—Section 34(k) of the Federal Fire Pre-
5 vention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(k))
6 is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2032”.

7 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
8 34(j)(1)(I) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act
9 of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229a(j)(1)(I)) is amended, in the
10 matter preceding clause (i), by striking “2023” and insert-
11 ing “2030”.

12 **SEC. 5. GAO AUDIT AND REPORT.**

13 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
15 shall conduct an audit of and issue a publicly available
16 report on barriers that prevent fire departments from ac-
17 cessing Federal funds.

18 **SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON FIRE GRANT FUNDS.**

19 Neither the Government of the People’s Republic of
20 China, nor any entity or organization operating or incor-
21 porated in the People’s Republic of China, may be eligible
22 to be a recipient or subrecipient of Federal assistance
23 under any assistance program authorized under subsection
24 (c) or (d) of section 33 or section 34(a) of the Federal
25 Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229,
26 2229a).

1 **SEC. 7. GAO AUDIT.**

2 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall conduct an audit of and issue a publicly available
5 report on the United States Fire Administration.

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