

A bill for an act
relating to public safety; providing for specialized emergency response teams to
supplement resources responding to catastrophe; amending Minnesota Statutes
2008, section 12.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in
Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 12.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 9b. **Specialized emergency response team.** "Specialized emergency
response team" means a team that has been approved by the state director of the Division
of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the purpose of supplementing
state or local resources for responding to an emergency or disaster.

Sec. 2. **[12.351] SPECIALIZED EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.**

The state director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
shall determine if, in response to an emergency or disaster, activation of a specialized
emergency response team for deployment to any political subdivision is in the public
interest. If so, the state director may activate a team. When activated by the state director,
team members not employed by any political subdivision struck by the emergency or
disaster are deemed employees of the state for purposes of workers' compensation and tort
claim defense and indemnification. The provisions of chapter 176 and other applicable
statutes must be followed for purposes of calculating workers' compensation benefits.