

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Interstate Mutual Emergency Aid Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 12 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 235/12 new)

7 Sec. 12. Emergency aid to bordering states.

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, any  
9 public safety agency, including, but not limited to, a fire  
10 department, a fire protection district, emergency medical  
11 services, a municipal police department, a county sheriff's  
12 department, a local emergency management agency, a local  
13 public works department, or public or private contractors of  
14 any such public safety agency, may provide assistance to any  
15 other public safety agency in the State or in a bordering State  
16 at the time of a disaster, such as a fire, earthquake, flood,  
17 tornado, hazardous material incident, or other such disaster.