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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; providing for specialized emergency response teams to  
1.3 supplement resources responding to catastrophe; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2008, section 12.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.

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

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

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

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

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