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5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	To create the Facilitating Business Rapid Response
9	to Declared Disasters Act of 2014; to provide definitions; and
10	to provide a means for out-of-state businesses and
11	out-of-state employees to establish temporary presence and
12	residency in the state for purposes of responding to a
13	declared state of emergency in the state.
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
15	Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
16	as the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to Declared
17	Disasters Act of 2014.
18	Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the
19	following terms shall have the following meanings:
20	(1) DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY. A disaster
21	or emergency event within the state for which either of the
22	following applies:
23	a. A Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation has
24	been issued.
25	b. A presidential declaration of a federal major
26	disaster or emergency has been issued.

1 c. A joint resolution of the Legislature has been 2 issued.

- d. A good faith response effort is required for which another authorized official of the state is given notification from a registered business in the state and such official designates such event as a disaster or emergency.
 - (2) DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELATED WORK. Repairing, renovating, installing, building, rendering service, or other business activities that relate to infrastructure that has been damaged, impaired, or destroyed by the declared state disaster or emergency.
 - (3) DISASTER PERIOD. A period that begins 10 calendar days before the declared state disaster or emergency and that extends for a period of 60 calendar days after the end of the declared state disaster or emergency period, or any longer period authorized by the Governor or other authorized individual or entity, the President of the United States, or the Legislature.
 - (4) INFRASTRUCTURE. Property and equipment owned or used by communications networks, broadband and internet service provider, cable and video service provider, electric generation, transmission and distribution systems, gas distribution systems, water pipelines, and public roads and bridges and related support facilities that service multiple customers or citizens including, but not limited to, real and personal property, such a such as buildings, offices, lines, poles, pipes, structures, and equipment.

(5) OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS. A business entity whose services are requested by a registered business in the state that owns or operates infrastructure in this state or by a state or local government for purposes of performing disaster or emergency related work in the state that meets one of the following tests:

- services are requested by (i) a registered business in the state that owns or operates infrastructure in this state, or (ii) a municipality, or public corporation the governing body of which is appointed by a municipality or the governing body thereof, that owns or operates infrastructure in this state, for purposes of performing disaster or emergency related work in the state that meets one of the following tests:
- a. During the previous 12 months, the business entity did not have employees in Alabama who were subject to Alabama's income tax withholding requirements, excluding employees who were in Alabama for previous disaster or emergency related work.
- b. The business entity is headquartered outside Alabama and is affiliated through common ownership with the registered business in the state requesting such disaster or emergency related work in Alabama.
- (6) OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEE. An employee who does not work in the state except for disaster or emergency work related work during one or more disaster periods.

(7) REGISTERED BUSINESS IN THE STATE. A business entity that is registered to do business in the state before the declared state disaster or emergency.

Section 3. (a) An out-of-state employee performing disaster related work shall not be considered to have established residency or a presence in the state that would require that person or his or her employer to file and pay income taxes or to be subject to tax withholdings or to file and pay any other state or local tax or fee during one or more disaster periods. This includes any related state or local employer withholdings and remittance obligations, but does not include any transaction taxes and fees as described in subsection (d).

(b) Any out-of-state business that has no registrants registrations or tax filings or nexus in the state prior to a declared state disaster or emergency that enters the state solely to conduct operations within the state for purposes of performing disaster or emergency related work during any disaster period shall not: (1) With respect to the requirements of Alabama law other than those codified in Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975, be considered to have established a level of presence that would require that business or its out-of-state employees or property to be subject to any state or local taxes, licensing, registration, or filing requirements including, without limitation, state or local income taxes, payroll taxes, occupational and business licensing fees, privilege or franchise taxes, certification

1 requirements, or Secretary of State licensing requirements, 2 and (2) with respect to the requirements of Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975, be subject to the certification requirements of 3 Section 37-2-4 or Section 37-2A-9, Code of Alabama 1975. Except as expressly provided in the preceding sentence, 5 6 nothing in this act shall be construed to amend or affect any 7 other provisions or requirements of Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975. For the purpose of apportioning income, the payroll, 8 sales or gross receipts, and property of the business related 9 10 to the conduct of disaster or emergency work shall not be sourced or taxable to or by the state or any locality. The 11 12 business shall also not be subject to any use tax or ad 13 valorem tax on equipment brought into the state during a 14 disaster period for use or consumption during the disaster period. Business that is conducted in this state pursuant to 15 this act shall be disregarded with respect to whether a return 16 17 must be filed for such tax or fee including any filing required for a military unitary or combined group of which the 18 out-of-state business may be a part. 19

(c) Any out-of-state business that has registrations or tax filings or nexus in the state prior to a declared state disaster or emergency shall not: (1) With respect to the requirements of Alabama law other than those codified in Title 37, Code of Alabama 1975, be considered to have established an additional level of presence, to the extent such business conducts additional operations within the state for purposes of performing disaster or emergency related work during any

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disaster period, that would require that business or its 2 out-of-state employees or property to be further subject to any state or local taxes, licensing, registration, or filing 3 requirements including, without limitation, state or local income taxes, occupational and business licensing fees, 5 6 payroll taxes, privilege or franchise taxes, certification 7 requirements, or Secretary of State licensing requirements, and (2) with respect to the requirements of Title 37, Code of 8 9 Alabama 1975, be subject to the certification requirements of 10 Section 37-2-4 or Section 37-2A-9, Code of Alabama 1975. Except as expressly provided in the preceding sentence, 11 12 nothing in this act shall be construed to amend or affect any 13 other provisions or requirements of Title 37, Code of Alabama 14 1975. For the purpose of apportioning income, the payroll, 15 sales or gross receipts, and property of the business related to the conduct of disaster or emergency work shall not be 16 17 sourced or taxable to or by the state or any locality. The business shall also not be subject to any use tax or ad 18 valorem tax on equipment brought into the state during a 19 disaster period for use or consumption during the disaster 20 21 period. Business that is conducted in this state pursuant to 22 this act shall be disregarded with respect to whether a return 23 must be filed for such tax or fee including any filing required for a unitary or combined group of which the 24 25 out-of-state business may be a part.

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(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c), with respect to equipment that is brought into the

state during a disaster period for use or consumption during the disaster period, an out-of-state employee and out-of-state business shall be required to pay transaction taxes and fees including, but not limited to, fuel taxes, sales or use taxes on materials or services subject to sales and use tax, hotel taxes, and car rental taxes, or taxes or fees for use or consumption of materials and services in the state during a disaster period.

- (e) Any out-of-state employee or out-of-state business that remains in or otherwise enters the state after one or more disaster periods shall thereafter become subject to the state's normal standards for establishing presence, residency, or doing business in the state, state and local registration requirements, licensing requirements, filing requirements, and employee and business tax requirements, but not retroactive to the disaster period.
- (f) An out-of-state business, upon request, shall provide to the Secretary of State and to the Department of Revenue a statement that the business is in the state for the purpose of responding to the declared state disaster or emergency, which statement shall include the name of the business, state of domicile, principal business address, federal taxpayer identification number, date of entry, and contact information.
- (g) A registered business in the state, upon request, shall provide the information required in subsection

(f) for any affiliate that is an out-of-state business,

including contact information for the registered business.

Section 4. This act shall become effective

immediately following its passage and approval by the

Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
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