

85TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 7929

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 1957

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to permit the donation of surplus property to volunteer fire-fighting organizations.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the first sentence of section 203 (j) (1) of the Fed-
4 eral Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40
5 U. S. C. 484 (j) (1)) is amended to read as follows:
6 "Under such regulations as he may prescribe, the Adminis-
7 trator is authorized in his discretion to donate for educational
8 purposes or public health purposes, including research, or
9 for the purpose of aiding in the protection of life and prop-
10 erty by volunteer fire-fighting organizations, in any State,

1 without cost (except for costs of care and handling), such
2 equipment, materials, books, or other supplies (whether or
3 not capitalized in a working-capital or similar fund) under
4 the control of any executive agency as shall have been deter-
5 mined to be surplus property and as shall have been deter-
6 mined under paragraph (2) or (3) of this subsection to
7 be usable and necessary for any of such purposes.”

8 SEC. 2. (a) The first sentence of section 203 (j) (2)
9 of such Act (40 U. S. C. 484 (j) (2)) is amended to
10 read as follows: “Determination whether such surplus prop-
11 erty (except surplus property donated in conformity with
12 paragraph (3) of this subsection) is usable or necessary
13 for educational purposes or public health purposes (includ-
14 ing research), or for the purpose of aiding in the protection
15 of life and property by volunteer fire-fighting organizations,
16 shall be made by the Secretary of Health, Education, and
17 Welfare, who shall allocate such property on the basis of
18 needs and utilization for transfer by the Administrator (1)
19 to medical institutions, hospitals, clinics, health centers,
20 school systems, schools, colleges, and universities which are
21 tax supported or have been held exempt from taxation under
22 section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
23 (2) to State departments of education or health for dis-
24 tribution to the institutions and organizations described in
25 clause (1), except that in any State where another agency

1 is designated by State law for such purpose such transfer
2 shall be made to such other agency for such distribution
3 within the State; or (3) to any incorporated or unincorpo-
4 rated volunteer fire department, fire company, or other sim-
5 ilar fire-fighting organization.”

6 (b) The second sentence of such section 203 (j) (2)
7 is amended by inserting “or for the purpose of aiding in
8 the protection of life and property by volunteer fire-fighting
9 organizations in the State,” after “in the State,”.

10 SEC. 3. Section 203 (m) of such Act (40 U. S. C.
11 484 (m)) is amended by inserting after “educational pur-
12 poses and health purposes” a comma and the following:
13 “or for the purpose of aiding in the protection of life and
14 property by volunteer fire-fighting organizations,”.

15 SEC. 4. Section 203 (n) of such Act (40 U. S. C.
16 484 (n)) is amended by inserting “or volunteer fire-fighting
17 organizations” after “educational or public health institu-
18 tions”.

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