

2015 State Legislation - Status
Disaster Recovery Act

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>STATUS (INTRODUCED, ACTIVE, ENACTED)</u>
AR	SB 925	ENACTED 2015 – Act 864 Signed by Governor on 04/01/2015 Effective Immediately
KS	SB 109	Passed Both Houses (unanimous) as of 03/20/2015.
MS	SB 2762	ENACTED 2015 Signed by Governor on 03/30/2015 Effective Immediately
NJ	AB1342	Introduced
OK	SB 499	Passed Senate (47-0); Passed House A&B Committee (24-0)
OR	HB 2566	Amended 02/13/2015.
TX	HB 2358 SB 1283	Introduced - 03/04/2015. Introduced - 03/11/2015.
VA	HB 1386	ENACTED 2015 – Chapter 595 Signed by Governor on 03/26/2015 Effective Immediately
VT	HB 312	Introduced
2014 - Enacted		
AL	HB 365	ENACTED 2014 - Act # 2014-157 Signed by Governor on 03/12/2014 Effective immediately.
AZ	HB 2046	ENACTED 2014 – Chapter 43 Signed by Governor on 04/16/2014 Effective 12/31/2014
CO	HB 1003	ENACTED 2014 – Chapter 224 Signed by Governor on 05/17/2014 Effective 08/06/2014
GA	HB 782	ENACTED 2014 – Act 510 Signed by Governor on 04/25/2014 Effective 07/01/2014
MO	HB 1190	ENACTED 2014 – Signed by Governor on 07/03/2014 Effective 08/28/2014
SC*	SB 1033	ENACTED 2014 – RAT # 228 Signed by Governor 06/02/2014; Effective Immediately (See 2013 HB 3710)
PA	HB 2377	Enacted 2014 – Act No. 203 Signed by Governor on 10/31/2014 - Effective 60-days

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UT	SB 47	ENACTED 2014 – Chapter 376 Signed by Governor on 04/01/2014 Effective 05/13/2014
2013 - Enacted		
DE	HB 145	ENACTED 2013 Signed by Governor July 16, 2013 Effective Immediately (July 16,2013)
IN	HB 1546	ENACTED 2013 – Public Law 293-2013 Governor “Veto Override” on 06/12/2013 (<i>this was an omnibus bill with several issues</i>) Effective 07/01/2013.
MD	HB 1513	ENACTED 2013 – Chapter 420 Signed by Governor on 05/02/2013 Effective 06/01/2013
SC*	HB 3710	ENACTED 2013 – Made Permanent in 2014 (SB 1033) Proviso amendment to Appropriations Bill (HB 3710) was ratified 06/19/2013 and is effective immediately.
2012 - Enacted		
ME	LD 1836	ENACTED 2012 – Public Laws, Chapter 622 Signed by Governor on 04/12/2012 New law is effective immediately.



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WHEREAS, all states have been impacted by natural disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, rapid response to restore infrastructure servicing multiple customers such as communications and electric networks that have been impaired or destroyed by state declared disasters and emergencies is critical; and

WHEREAS, out-of-state businesses, agencies, and employees are a key component of rapid response and restoration of infrastructure following a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, applying standard tax and regulatory requirements during recovery from a disaster or emergency can result in unnecessary obstacles and delay; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures has adopted a model act for use by the states in facilitating rapid response and recovery from state declared disasters and emergencies—the *Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2013* (a copy of which is attached); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends that all states consider the *Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2013*.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2013, by the Multistate Tax Commission's Executive Committee

Chair, Multistate Tax Commission

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AT&T constantly plans for disasters and possible service interruptions, according to Mark Francis, vice president of global network operations planning and support, based out of the company's Bedminster, New Jersey location. And, if a disaster occurs, "We are coming in full force to get communications restored," he says.



Mark Francis

Francis is responsible for contingency planning, network disaster recovery, and network continuity of the AT&T Network Services infrastructure. He has a B.S. in computer science and an M.B.A. in information systems.

Francis explains that AT&T has plans to deal with a number of disasters including winter storms, tornadoes, floods, mudslides, and man-made disasters such as terrorist attacks. AT&T constantly monitors weather forecasts to plan and prepare for events such as hurricanes and winter storms several days in advance. "Our planning and preparation is based on constant monitoring and the knowledge that a disaster could happen. We analyze risks and respond to each vulnerability."

In addition to monitoring the situation, they take a proactive approach to disaster preparedness by regularly performing exercises and drills. "Lots of people do paper exercises, but we roll out the assets and do the actual exercises so our people know exactly what to do," he says. AT&T regularly performs full scale network recovery exercises ^[2] in which their employees physically set up and operate equipment in order to respond as if they were in a real disaster situation.

He emphasizes the importance of doing the exercises not only to allow employees to gain a more thorough understanding of the process, but to "ensure that [managers] have the right people on their teams with the right mindsets and personalities."

AT&T was the first private sector company to receive the DHS's PS-Prep Certification in 2012 ^[3], he explains. The PS-Prep certification ^[4] is an emergency preparedness