



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 97
[2013 Senate Bill 119]

**Ratification of the State and
Province Emergency Management
Assistance Compact**

2013 Wisconsin Act 97 ratifies the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Compact (SPEMAC), an agreement under consideration by 10 states and four Canadian provinces. The purpose of SPEMAC is to provide for the possibility of mutual assistance among the participating jurisdictions in managing any emergency or disaster when the affected jurisdiction or jurisdictions asks for assistance, whether arising from a natural disaster, a technological disaster, a man-made disaster, or civil emergency aspects of resource shortages. SPEMAC is substantially similar to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which can be found in s. 323.80, Stats. EMAC has been adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Effective date: The Act took effect on December 15, 2013.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.