



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 124

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 166.215 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** regional emergency
2 response team requirements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, regional emergency response teams respond to level A releases of hazardous substances. Level A releases involve the release of hazardous substances that require the highest level of protective equipment for personnel because of the high degree of risk to the skin and respiratory system.

This bill requires the regional emergency response teams to have members that meet the highest standards required under federal law and the National Fire Protection Association and that are trained in each of the appropriate specialty areas under the National Fire Protection Association standard.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 166.215 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 166.215 (1) Beginning July 1, 2001, the division shall contract with no more
5 than 9 regional emergency response teams, one of which shall be located in La Crosse

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1 County. Each regional emergency response team shall assist in the emergency
2 response to level A releases in a region of this state designated by the division. The
3 division shall contract with at least one regional emergency response team in each
4 area designated under s. 166.03 (2) (b) 1. The division may only contract with a local
5 agency, as defined in s. 166.22 (1) (c), under this subsection. A member of a regional
6 emergency response team shall meet the highest standards for a hazardous
7 materials ~~specialist responder~~ responder in 29 CFR 1910.120 (q) (6) (iv) and ~~national fire~~
8 ~~protection association~~ National Fire Protection Association standards NFPA 471
9 and 472. Regional emergency response teams shall have at least one member that
10 is trained in each of the appropriate specialty areas under National Fire Protection
11 Association standard NFPA 472. Payments to regional emergency response teams
12 under this subsection shall be made from the appropriation account under s. 20.465
13 (3) (dd).

14 (END)