

# HB4846



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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**HB4846**

Introduced 2/3/2012, by Rep. Tom Cross

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 50/1

from Ch. 127, par. 1251

Amends the Hazardous Materials Emergency Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the findings.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Hazardous Materials Emergency Act is amended  
5 by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 50/1) (from Ch. 127, par. 1251)

7 Sec. 1. It is the finding of the General Assembly:

8 (a) That ~~That~~ the use, transportation, storage and  
9 manufacture of hazardous materials creates a substantial risk  
10 that accidents will occur involving such hazardous materials;

11 (b) That accidents involving hazardous materials create an  
12 unreasonable risk to the health, safety and welfare of the  
13 People of Illinois;

14 (c) That the federal government promulgates regulations  
15 for the interstate transportation of hazardous materials, but  
16 that the People of Illinois can benefit by having such  
17 precautions as those included in federal regulation extended to  
18 intrastate transportation and other activities which might  
19 result in an accident involving hazardous materials;

20 (d) That often the emergency agency which first responds to  
21 an accident involving a hazardous material is unable to  
22 determine the nature of the material and is unfamiliar with  
23 precautionary measures which must be exercised in handling the

1 material, with resulting use of incorrect emergency procedures  
2 endangering both members of the emergency agency and the  
3 public; and

4 (e) That response to hazardous materials emergencies can be  
5 accomplished more rapidly and with greater efficiency if one  
6 agency of State government with the necessary communications  
7 network is designated as the central reporting agency in case  
8 of emergency.

9 (Source: P.A. 79-1442.)