

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1471**

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Page 6, line 12, insert “, including tax incentives,” after “incentives”.

Page 6, line 13, strike “and mitigation” and insert “, mitigation, and recovery”.

Page 7, after line 9, insert the following:

- 1 The Administrator shall make the data collected pursuant
- 2 to this section publically available on the Agency’s website.

Page 15, after line 5, insert the following (and re-designate any subsequent subsections accordingly):

- 3 “(i) CERTAIN BENEFITS.—In the case of a death or
- 4 disability, a System member (or in the case of the death
- 5 of the System member, the System member’s dependent)
- 6 shall be able to apply for the Public Safety Officers’ Bene-
- 7 fits program (as described in subpart 1 of part L of title
- 8 I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
- 9 1968 (42 U.S.C. chapter 46, subchapter XII) if the Sys-
- 10 tem member meets the requirements of a ‘public safety
- 11 officer’ as defined in section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.  
2 3796b).”.

Page 19, line 7, strike “\$35,180,000” and insert  
“\$50,000,000”.

Page 23, strike line 4 and all that follows through  
line 24 (and redesignate any subsequent sections accord-  
ingly and conform the table of contents).

Page 25, at the beginning of line 2, insert “(a) IN  
GENERAL.—”.

Page 25, strike lines 8 through 10, and insert the  
following:

3 (2) by striking “report for the disaster or emer-  
4 gency” and inserting “report for project completion  
5 as certified by the grantee”.

Page 25, after line 10, insert the following:

6 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to disaster or  
8 emergency assistance provided to a State or local  
9 government on or after January 1, 2004—

10 (A) no administrative action may be taken  
11 to recover a payment of such assistance after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act if the action  
13 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the

1 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
2 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),  
3 as amended by subsection (a); and

4 (B) any administrative action to recover a  
5 payment of such assistance that is pending on  
6 such date of enactment shall be terminated if  
7 the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)  
8 of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

9 (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the  
10 amendments made by this section, may not be con-  
11 strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-  
12 tration action completed before the date of enact-  
13 ment of this Act.

Page 25, line 18, strike “for” and insert “to pro-  
vide”.

Page 26, line 2, insert “throughout the process”  
after “burden”.

Page 26, line 13, before the period, insert “to edu-  
cate, assist, and inform applicants on the status of their  
disaster assistance applications and projects”.

Page 26, strike line 23, and insert the following: in  
subsection (a) by striking “any administrative expense,  
and any other expense not directly chargeable to” and in-

serting “direct administrative cost, and any other administrative expense associated with”

Page 27, strike lines 7 through 13, and insert the following:

1           “(2) SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT COSTS.—The Ad-  
2           ministrator shall provide the following percentage  
3           rates, in addition to the eligible project costs, to  
4           cover direct and indirect costs of administering the  
5           following programs.”.

Beginning on page 27, strike lines 21 and all that follows through page 28, line 3, and insert the following:

6           “(B) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.—A grantee  
7           under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502, may be  
8           reimbursed not more than 10 percent of the  
9           total award amount under such sections, of  
10          which not more than 6 percent may be used by  
11          the grantee and 4 percent by the subgrantee for  
12          such costs.”.

Page 29, after line 8, insert the following:

13          (c) MONITORING OF COVERED ASSISTANCE DISTRIB-  
14          UTED BASED ON ERROR.—

15                 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General shall  
16          monitor the distribution of covered assistance to in-

1 individuals and households to determine the percent-  
2 age of such assistance distributed based on an error.

3 (2) REMOVAL OF WAIVER AUTHORITY BASED  
4 ON EXCESSIVE ERROR RATE.—If the Inspector Gen-  
5 eral determines, with respect to any 12-month pe-  
6 riod, that the amount of covered assistance distrib-  
7 uted based on an error by the Federal Emergency  
8 Management Agency exceeds 4 percent of the total  
9 amount of covered assistance distributed—

10 (A) the Inspector General shall notify the  
11 Administrator and publish the determination in  
12 the Federal Register; and

13 (B) with respect to any major disaster de-  
14 clared by the President under section 401 of  
15 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
16 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170)  
17 after the date of the determination, the author-  
18 ity of the Administrator to waive debt under  
19 subsection (b) shall no longer be effective.

Page 29, line 12, strike “Unless” and insert “Not-  
withstanding section 3716(g) of title 31, United States  
Code, and unless”.

Page 29, after line 25, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 311. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDA-**  
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator of  
4 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall provide  
5 technical assistance to a common interest community that  
6 provides essential services of a governmental nature on ac-  
7 tions that a common interest community may take in  
8 order to be eligible to receive reimbursement from a grant-  
9 ee that receives funds from the Agency for certain activi-  
10 ties performed after an event that results in a disaster  
11 declaration.

12 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 1 year  
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator  
14 shall provide recommendations to the House Committee  
15 on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate  
16 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-  
17 fairs on how common areas of condominiums and housing  
18 cooperatives may be eligible for assistance, including any  
19 progress the Agency has made in its explorations of this  
20 issue and the potential challenges identified since the  
21 Agency issued its report on May 22, 2014.

22 **SEC. 312. LOCAL IMPACT.**

23 In making recommendations to the President regard-  
24 ing a major disaster declaration, the Administrator shall  
25 give greater weight and consideration to severe localized  
26 impact. Further, the Administrator shall make cor-

1 responding adjustments to the Agency's policies and regu-  
2 lations. Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
3 of this section, the Administrator shall report to the Com-  
4 mittees on Transportation and Infrastructure of the  
5 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-  
6 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on  
7 the changes made to regulations and policies and the num-  
8 ber of declarations that have been declared based on the  
9 new criteria.

10 **SEC. 313. PROOF OF INSURANCE.**

11 A State shall be deemed to have proven that an appli-  
12 cant has satisfied the purchase of insurance requirements  
13 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
14 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et. seq.) when an  
15 encumbrance requiring the purchase and maintenance of  
16 insurance has been placed on the title of the property re-  
17 ceiving the benefit of the grant or assistance. This section  
18 in no way removes or reduces the insurance requirements  
19 on an applicant under the Act and in no way limits the  
20 requirement that assistance provided under the Stafford  
21 Act be reduced or eliminated when the requirements are  
22 not met.

