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H. R. 1678

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705(a)(1) of the Robert
5 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Except” and inserting “Not-
2 withstanding section 3716(e) of title 31, United
3 States Code, and except”; and

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

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

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

11 (A) no administrative action may be taken
12 to recover a payment of such assistance after
13 the date of enactment of this Act if the action
14 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the
15 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
16 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),
17 as amended by subsection (a); and

18 (B) any administrative action to recover a
19 payment of such assistance that is pending on
20 such date of enactment shall be terminated if
21 the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)
22 of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

23 (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the
24 amendments made by this section, may not be con-
25 strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-

1 tration action completed before the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act.

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