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H. R. 3239

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure the continuity of medical care following a major disaster by making private for-profit medical facilities eligible for Federal disaster assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. THORNBERRY (for himself, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. NORWOOD, and Mr. GREEN of Texas) 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. ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT MED-**
4 **ICAL FACILITIES FOR FEDERAL DISASTER AS-**
5 **SISTANCE.**

6 (a) **ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT MEDICAL**
7 **FACILITIES FOR ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE**

1 NONPROFIT FACILITIES.—Section 102(9) of the Robert
2 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 5122(9)) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following: “Such term also includes private for-profit med-
5 ical facilities (including hospitals and long-term care facili-
6 ties).”.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEDICAL FA-
8 CILITIES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSIST-
9 ANCE.—

10 (1) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY PREPARED-
11 NESS.—Section 602(a)(3)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
12 5196(a)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “the prepa-
13 ration of private nonprofit and for-profit medical fa-
14 cilities (including hospitals and long-term care facili-
15 ties) to withstand major disasters,” after “control
16 centers,”.

17 (2) FUNCTIONS OF FEMA.—The first sentence
18 of section 611(j)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
19 5196(j)(1)) is amended by inserting before the pe-
20 riod at the end the following: “(including the prepa-
21 ration of private nonprofit and for-profit medical fa-
22 cilities, including hospitals and long-term care facili-
23 ties, to withstand major disasters)”.

1 (c) LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY DEFINED.—Section
2 102 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(10) ‘Long-term care facility’ means any
5 skilled nursing facility (as defined in section 1819(a)
6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(a)),
7 any nursing facility (as defined in section 1919(a) of
8 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r(a)), and any other long-
9 term care facility, such as an assisted living facility,
10 hospice care facility, or intermediate care facility for
11 the mentally retarded.”.

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