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S. 2771

To increase the types of Federal housing assistance available to individuals and households in response to a major disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Housing
5 Flexibility Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND**
7 **HOUSEHOLDS.**

8 Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
9 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174) is
10 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
3 the following:

4 “(C) MANUFACTURED MODULAR HOUS-
5 ING.—In making any determination of cost ef-
6 fectiveness under subparagraph (A), the Presi-
7 dent shall consider if manufactured modular
8 housing can be provided to an individual or
9 household at a cost to the Government that is
10 less than the same cost necessary to provide
11 other readily fabricated dwellings.”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) CONSENT OF OWNER.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
15 graph (2), the President shall seek the consent
16 of each individual or household prior to pro-
17 viding such individual or household with manu-
18 factured modular housing assistance.

19 “(B) REJECTION OF MANUFACTURED
20 MODULAR HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—If an indi-
21 vidual or household does not provide consent
22 under subparagraph (A), such individual or
23 household shall remain eligible for any other as-
24 sistance available under this section.

1 “(4) OWNER CONTRIBUTION.—Nothing in this
2 section shall be construed to prevent an individual or
3 household from contributing, in addition to any as-
4 sistance provided under this section, such sums as
5 are necessary in order to obtain manufactured mod-
6 ular housing that is of greater size or quality than
7 that provided by the President under this section.”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)(4)—

9 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
10 “OR SEMI-PERMANENT” after “PERMANENT”;

11 (B) by inserting “or semi-permanent”
12 after “permanent”;

13 (C) by striking “in insular areas” and in-
14 serting the following: “in—

15 “(A) insular areas”;

16 (D) by striking “(A) no alternative” and
17 inserting “(i) no alternative” and adjusting the
18 margin accordingly;

19 (E) by striking “(B)” and inserting “(ii)”
20 and adjusting the margin accordingly;

21 (F) by striking the period at the end and
22 inserting “; and”; and

23 (G) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(B) any area in which the President de-
2 clared a major disaster or emergency in connec-
3 tion with Hurricane Katrina of 2005.”;

4 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(C) SITES LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN.—
7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in-
8 cluding section 9 of title 44, Code of Federal
9 Regulations (or any corresponding similar regu-
10 lation or ruling), any permanent, semi-perma-
11 nent, or temporary housing provided under this
12 section, including any readily fabricated dwell-
13 ing, manufactured housing, or manufactured
14 modular housing, may be located in any area
15 identified by the Director as an area having
16 special flood hazards under section 102 of the
17 Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42
18 U.S.C. 4012a)).

19 “(D) INDIVIDUAL SITES FOR MANUFAC-
20 TURED MODULAR HOUSING.—Manufactured
21 modular housing made available under this sec-
22 tion—

23 “(i) shall, whenever practicable, be lo-
24 cated on a site that is a discrete and sepa-
25 rate parcel of land; and

1 “(ii) may not be located on a site
2 that—

3 “(I) is managed by the Director;
4 and

5 “(II) contains 3 or more other
6 manufactured modular housing
7 units.”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(j) EVACUATION PLANS.—The Director, in con-
10 sultation with the Governor of each State and the heads
11 of such units of local government as the Director may de-
12 termine, shall develop and maintain detailed and com-
13 prehensive mass evacuation plans for individuals or house-
14 holds receiving assistance under this section.”.

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