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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1212

To amend the Small Business Act to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to waive the prohibition on duplication of certain disaster relief assistance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2007

Mr. MELANCON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## 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 “Catastrophic Disaster  
5       Recovery Improvements Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION OF**  
2 **CERTAIN BENEFITS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b) of the Small Busi-  
4 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) is amended by inserting im-  
5 mediately after paragraph (3) the following:

6 “(4) WAIVER OF PROHIBITION ON DUPLICATION  
7 OF CERTAIN BENEFITS.—For any major disaster (as  
8 that term is defined in section 102 of the Robert T.  
9 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)), in providing assistance  
11 under paragraph (1) or (2), the Administrator may  
12 waive, in whole or in part, the prohibition on the du-  
13 plication of benefits, including whether damage or  
14 destruction has been compensated for by, credit is  
15 available from, activities are reimbursable through,  
16 or funds have been made available from any other  
17 source.”.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY AND RETROACTIVITY FOR VIC-  
19 TIMS OF HURRICANES KATRINA, RITA, AND WILMA.—The  
20 amendment made by this section shall apply to any assist-  
21 ance under section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15  
22 U.S.C. 636(b)) provided on or after August 29, 2005.

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