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H. R. 1316

To provide for appropriate notification of communities and homeowners of establishment of flood elevations for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2009

Mr. SENSENBRENNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Flood Elevation Notifi-
5 cation Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOOD ELE-**
7 **VATIONS.**

8 Section 1363 of the National Flood Insurance Act of
9 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104) is amended by striking the section

1 designation and all that follows through the end of sub-
2 section (a) and inserting the following:

3 “SEC. 1363. (a) In establishing projected flood ele-
4 vations for land use purposes with respect to any commu-
5 nity pursuant to section 1361, the Director shall first pro-
6 pose such determinations—

7 “(1) by providing the chief executive officer of
8 each community affected by the proposed elevations,
9 by certified mail, with a return receipt requested,
10 notice of the elevations, including a copy of the maps
11 for the elevations for such community and a state-
12 ment explaining the process under this section to ap-
13 peal for changes in such elevations;

14 “(2) by causing notice of such elevations to be
15 published in the Federal Register, which notice shall
16 include information sufficient to identify the ele-
17 vation determinations and the communities affected,
18 information explaining how to obtain copies of the
19 elevations, and a statement explaining the process
20 under this section to appeal for changes in the ele-
21 vations;

22 “(3) by publishing in a prominent local news-
23 paper the elevations, a description of the appeals
24 process for flood determinations, and the mailing ad-
25 dress and telephone number of a person the owner

1 may contact for more information or to initiate an
2 appeal; and

3 “(4) by providing written notification, by first
4 class mail, to each owner of real property affected by
5 the proposed elevations of—

6 “(A) the status of such property, both
7 prior to and after the effective date of the pro-
8 posed determination, with respect to flood zone
9 and flood insurance requirements under this
10 Act and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of
11 1973;

12 “(B) the process under this section to ap-
13 peal a flood elevation determination; and

14 “(C) the mailing address and phone num-
15 ber of a person the owner may contact for more
16 information or to initiate an appeal.”.

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