

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4141

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow certain individuals and households to be eligible for Federal assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Mr. HILL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Assistance
5 Reform Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND**
2 **HOUSEHOLDS IN CONTIGUOUS STATES.**

3 Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5176) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(k) DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND
7 HOUSEHOLDS IN CONTIGUOUS STATES.—Notwith-
8 standing the provisions of this Act and only for purposes
9 of this section, the President shall provide an individual
10 or household in a State contiguous to a State for which
11 a major disaster has been declared with assistance under
12 this section if such individual or household—

13 “(1) has been adversely affected by the major
14 disaster; and

15 “(2) resides in a county included in the request
16 for a declaration made by the Governor of the State
17 and such county is in a State contiguous to a State
18 for which a major disaster has been declared, and
19 certain counties in each of such States have com-
20 parable damage estimates. For a damage estimate to
21 be comparable, the ratio determined by dividing the
22 number of the houses impacted by the population in
23 a county in a State that has not been declared a
24 major disaster has to equal or exceed the ratio for
25 the county, eligible for disaster assistance for such
26 disaster in the State declared a major disaster, that

- 1 has the lowest number of houses impacted divided by
- 2 the population in such county”.

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