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S. 1274

To extend assistance to certain private nonprofit facilities following a disaster,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 2013

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BLUNT) 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. PRIVATE NONPROFIT FACILITIES.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF PRIVATE NONPROFIT FACIL-
5 ITY.—Section 102(11)(B) of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
6 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
7 5122(11)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(B) ADDITIONAL FACILITIES.—In addi-
9 tion to the facilities described in subparagraph
10 (A), the term ‘private nonprofit facility’ in-

1 cludes any private nonprofit facility that pro-
 2 vides essential services to the general public (in-
 3 cluding museums, zoos, performing arts facili-
 4 ties, community arts centers, community cen-
 5 ters, houses of worship, libraries, homeless shel-
 6 ters, senior citizen centers, rehabilitation facili-
 7 ties, shelter workshops, and facilities that pro-
 8 vide health and safety services of a govern-
 9 mental nature), as defined by the President.”.

10 (b) REPAIR, RESTORATION, AND REPLACEMENT OF
 11 DAMAGED FACILITIES.—Section 406(a)(3) of the Robert
 12 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
 13 (42 U.S.C. 5172(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following:

15 “(C) TREATMENT OF HOUSES OF WOR-
 16 SHIP.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A church, syna-
 18 gogue, mosque, temple, or other house of
 19 worship, and an otherwise eligible private
 20 nonprofit facility operated by a religious
 21 organization, shall be eligible for contribu-
 22 tions under paragraph (1)(B), without re-
 23 gard to the religious character of the facil-
 24 ity or the primary religious use of the facil-
 25 ity.

1 “(ii) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding
2 clause (i), in spaces used primarily for reli-
3 gious worship services, contributions under
4 paragraph (1)(B) shall only be used to
5 cover costs of purchasing or replacing,
6 without limitation, the building structure,
7 building enclosure components, building
8 envelope, vertical and horizontal circula-
9 tion, physical plant support spaces, elec-
10 trical, plumbing, and mechanical systems
11 (including heating, ventilation, air-condi-
12 tioning, and fire and life safety systems),
13 and related site improvements.”.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section and the amend-
15 ments made by this section shall apply to the provision
16 of assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency
17 declared on or after October 28, 2012.

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