

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1678

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## AN ACT

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705 of the Robert T.  
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 5205) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) by striking “Except” and inserting  
7 “Notwithstanding section 3716(e) of title 31,  
8 United States Code, and except”; and

9 (B) by striking “report for the disaster or  
10 emergency” and inserting “report for project  
11 completion as certified by the grantee”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “report  
14 for the disaster or emergency” and inserting  
15 “report for project completion as certified by  
16 the grantee”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (3) by inserting “for  
18 project completion as certified by the grantee”  
19 after “final expenditure report”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to disaster or  
22 emergency assistance provided to a State or local  
23 government on or after January 1, 2004—

24 (A) no administrative action may be taken  
25 to recover a payment of such assistance after  
26 the date of enactment of this Act if the action

1 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the  
2 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
3 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),  
4 as amended by subsection (a); and

5 (B) any administrative action to recover a  
6 payment of such assistance that is pending on  
7 such date of enactment shall be terminated if  
8 the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)  
9 of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

10 (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the  
11 amendments made by this section, may not be con-  
12 strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-  
13 tration action completed before the date of enact-  
14 ment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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