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H. R. 6840

To provide for the coverage of non-congregate shelter under the Public Assistance program of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for the emergency declared on March 13, 2020 relating to COVID-19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2020

Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. BERA, Mr. CASE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. OMAR, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. SOTO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Emer-
3 gency Non-Congregate Housing Expansion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER ASSISTANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 403,
6 406, 407, and 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
7 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b,
8 5172, 5173, 5192), for the emergency declared on March
9 13, 2020, by the President under section 501 of such Act
10 and under any subsequent major disaster declaration
11 under section 401 of such Act, the provision of non-con-
12 gregate shelter shall be an eligible use of assistance pro-
13 vided by the President under sections 403, 406, 407, or
14 502 of such Act.

15 (b) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding sec-
16 tions 403, 406, 407, and 503 of the Robert T. Stafford
17 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
18 5170b, 5172, 5173, 5193), the Federal share of assistance
19 provided under sections 403, 406, 407, or 502 that is used
20 to provide non-congregate shelter in accordance with sub-
21 section (a) shall be 100 percent.

22 (c) NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER DEFINED.—In this
23 section, the term “non-congregate shelter” means shelter
24 for—

25 (1) individuals who test positive for COVID–19
26 that do not require hospitalization, but need isola-

1 tion or quarantine (including individuals that are
2 discharged from a hospital);

3 (2) individuals who have been exposed to
4 COVID–19 (as documented by a State or local pub-
5 lic health official or a medical professional) that do
6 not require hospitalization, but need isolation or
7 quarantine;

8 (3) individuals who are asymptomatic of
9 COVID–19, but have a higher risk, including indi-
10 viduals over 65 or individuals with certain under-
11 lying health conditions (including respiratory, com-
12 promised immunities, and chronic disease), and that
13 require emergency non-congregate sheltering as a so-
14 cial distancing measure;

15 (4) first responders, healthcare workers, and
16 emergency workers that do not require hospitaliza-
17 tion, but need isolation or quarantine (including in-
18 dividuals that are unable to return home as a pre-
19 caution against exposing the families or housemates
20 of such individual to COVID–19); and

21 (5) homeless individuals that have not been ex-
22 posed or have not tested positive for COVID–19, but
23 require emergency non-congregate sheltering to ad-
24 here to social distancing measures.

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