1104THCONGRESS
2DSESSIONH. R. 3348
AN ACT
To direct the President to establish standards and
events.
emergency assistance in response to snow-related
criteria for the provision of major disaster and

104THCONGRESS
2DSESSIONH. R. 3348
AN ACTTo direct the President to establish standards and criteria
for the provision of major disaster and emergency assist-ance in response to snow-related events.
1Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-2tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2

•HR 3348 EH

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Snow Removal Policy

3 Act of 1996’’.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds that—
6 (1) winter snow storms in recent years, and

7 particularly in 1996, have interrupted essential pub-
8 lic services and utilities, caused widespread disrup-

9 tion of vital transportation networks, stranded many
10 motorists, and isolated many homes and businesses;
11 (2) the impact of the winter snow storms was

12 of such severity and magnitude that effective re-
13 sponse was beyond the capability of State and local

14 governments;
15 (3) the policy of the Federal Emergency Man-
16 agement Agency for providing major disaster and

17 emergency assistance in response to snow-related
18 events is unclear; and
19 (4) regulations should be promulgated for pro-

20 viding major disaster and emergency assistance in
21 response to snow-related events in order to ensure

22 the fair treatment of States and local governments

23 that have incurred costs associated with such a re-
24 sponse.

3

•HR 3348 EH

1 SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND CRI-
2 TERIA FOR SNOW-RELATED EVENTS.

3 (a) NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING.—The

4 President, acting through the Director of the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency, shall issue a notice of
6 proposed rulemaking to promulgate—

7 (1) standards and criteria for declaring a major
8 disaster or emergency under the Robert T. Stafford

9 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in re-
10 sponse to a snow-related event; and
11 (2) standards and criteria for providing assist-
12 ance under such Act in the case of a snow-related

13 major disaster or emergency, including reimburse-

14 ment for snow removal and for debris removal and

15 emergency protective measures.
16 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Rules to be promulgated under

17 this section shall ensure that in determining the eligibility 18 of a State or local government for assistance in connection

19 with a snow-related event, the President will give consider-
20 ation to existing capabilities of the State or local govern-
21 ment.

22 (c) DEADLINES.—The President, acting through the
23 Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,

24 shall issue—

4

•HR 3348 EH

1 (1) a proposed rule under this section not later
2 than 3 months after the date of the enactment of

3 this Act; and
4 (2) a final rule under this section not later than

5 9 months after such date of enactment.

Passed the House of Representatives September 18,
1996.
Attest:

Clerk.