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H. R. 3181

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Predisaster Mitigation
5 Program Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.**

7 Section 203(m) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
8 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
9 5133(m)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2003”
10 and inserting “September 30, 2006”.

1 **SEC. 3. HAZARD MITIGATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section
3 404(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
4 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a)) is
5 amended by striking “7.5” and inserting “15”.

6 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
7 section (a) shall apply with respect to a major disaster
8 declared by the President after September 30, 2002.

9 **SEC. 4. REPAIR ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSE-**
10 **HOLDS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(c)(2) of the Robert
12 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 5174(c)(2)) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “initial”
15 before “assistance” the first place it appears;

16 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

17 (A) in the subparagraph heading by insert-
18 ing “INITIAL” before “ASSISTANCE”; and

19 (B) by inserting “initial” before “assist-
20 ance”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(D) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Subject
23 to the limitation contained in subsection (h),
24 the President may provide additional repair as-
25 sistance under this paragraph to an individual
26 or household that is unable to complete the re-

1 pairs described in subparagraph (A) using in-
2 surance proceeds, loans, or other financial as-
3 sistance, including assistance from the Small
4 Business Administration.”.

5 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
6 section (a) shall apply with respect to a major disaster
7 declared by the President after the date of enactment of
8 this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. STUDY REGARDING COST REDUCTION.**

10 Section 209 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
11 (42 U.S.C. 5121 note; 114 Stat. 1571) is amended by
12 striking “3 years after the date of the enactment of this
13 Act” and inserting “September 30, 2005”.

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