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## AN ACT

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Predisaster Mitigation  
3 Program Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.**

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

9 **SEC. 3. HAZARD MITIGATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section  
11 404(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
12 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c(a)) is  
13 amended by striking “7.5” and inserting “15”.

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

17 **SEC. 4. REPAIR ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSE-**  
18 **HOLDS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(c)(2) of the Robert  
20 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
21 (42 U.S.C. 5174(c)(2)) is amended—

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

24 (2) in subparagraph (C)—

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

1 (B) by inserting “initial” before “assist-  
2 ance”; and

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

4 “(D) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Subject  
5 to the limitation contained in subsection (h),  
6 the President may provide additional repair as-  
7 sistance under this paragraph to an individual  
8 or household that is unable to complete the re-  
9 pairs described in subparagraph (A) using in-  
10 surance proceeds, loans, or other financial as-  
11 sistance, including assistance from the Small  
12 Business Administration.”.

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
14 section (a) shall apply with respect to a major disaster  
15 declared by the President after the date of enactment of  
16 this Act.

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

18 Section 209 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000  
19 (42 U.S.C. 5121 note; 114 Stat. 1571) is amended by

1 striking “3 years after the date of the enactment of this  
2 Act” and inserting “September 30, 2005”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 21,  
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*