

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3670

To extend for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina the time for appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims of certain decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals that are rendered during the period from June 1, 2005, through November 30, 2005.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. REYES, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. EXTENSION FOR PERSONS AFFECTED BY HUR-**
2 **RICANE KATRINA OF TIME FOR APPEAL OF**
3 **CERTAIN DECISIONS RENDERED BY BOARD**
4 **OF VETERANS APPEALS.**

5 (a) APPEAL PERIOD.—Section 7266(a) of title 38,
6 United States Code, shall be applied in the case of a per-
7 son who is a Hurricane Katrina-affected person by sub-
8 stituting “240 days” for “120 days” with respect to any
9 decision of the Board of Veterans Appeals that is rendered
10 during the period beginning on June 1, 2005, and ending
11 on November 30, 2005.

12 (b) HURRICANE KATRINA-AFFECTED PERSON DE-
13 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “Hurri-
14 cane Katrina-affected person” means a person—

15 (1) who as of August 28, 2005, resided in a
16 county identified as being adversely affected by Hur-
17 ricane Katrina in the State of Florida, Louisiana,
18 Mississippi, or Alabama by Federal Disaster Dec-
19 laration notice 1602, 1603, 1604, or 1605, respec-
20 tively (as amended), issued by the Federal Emer-
21 gency Management Agency; or

22 (2) whose claim is under the jurisdiction of the
23 Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in
24 New Orleans, Louisiana, or Jackson, Mississippi.