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# H. R. 4237

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Preservation of Local  
5 Government Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOCAL RECOVERY.**

7 Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
8 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170a et seq.) is  
9 amended by inserting after section 424 the following:

1 **“SEC. 425. LOCAL RECOVERY.**

2       “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
3 vision of Federal law, the President, acting through the  
4 Director, may provide an eligible local government with  
5 financial assistance to enable such government to pay all  
6 or part of the expenses necessary to pay its local public  
7 employees. The Director may provide such assistance for  
8 a period of up to 6 months, or longer if the Director deter-  
9 mines that such local government is unable to generate  
10 enough revenue to pay such expenses.

11       “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—For a local government to be eli-  
12 gible to receive assistance under this section, such govern-  
13 ment shall—

14               “(1) be located in an area declared as an emer-  
15 gency or major disaster; and

16               “(2) certify to the Director that it is unable to  
17 generate enough revenue to pay expenses referred to  
18 in subsection (a).”.

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