

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1856

To provide for community disaster loans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 7 (legislative day, OCTOBER 6), 2005

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Disaster
5 Loan Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISASTER LOANS.**

7 (a) **ESSENTIAL SERVICES.**—Of the amounts provided
8 in Public Law 109–62 for “Disaster Relief”, up to
9 \$750,000,000 may be transferred to the Disaster Assist-
10 ance Direct Loan Program for the cost of direct loans as
11 authorized under section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford
12 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

1 5184) to be used to assist local governments in providing
2 essential services: *Provided*, That such transfer may be
3 made to subsidize gross obligations for the principal
4 amount of direct loans not to exceed \$1,000,000,000
5 under section 417 of the Stafford Act: *Provided further*,
6 That notwithstanding section 417(b) of the Stafford Act,
7 the amount of any such loan issued pursuant to this sec-
8 tion may exceed \$5,000,000: *Provided further*, That not-
9 withstanding section 417(c)(1) of the Stafford Act, such
10 loans may only be canceled with the approval of OMB:
11 *Provided further*, That the cost of modifying such loans
12 shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
13 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a).

14 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the amounts
15 provided in Public Law 109–62 for “Disaster Relief”, up
16 to \$1,000,000 may be transferred to the Disaster Assist-
17 ance Direct Loan Program for administrative expenses to
18 carry out the direct loan program, as authorized by section
19 417 of the Stafford Act.

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