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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 247

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22, 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
Urban Affairs

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## AN ACT

To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

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 “Tornado Shelters Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Housing  
5 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.  
6 5305(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the  
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at  
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(24) the construction or improvement of  
14 tornado- or storm-safe shelters for manufactured  
15 housing parks and residents of other manufactured  
16 housing, the acquisition of real property for sites for  
17 such shelters, and the provision of assistance (in-  
18 cluding loans and grants) to nonprofit or for-profit  
19 entities (including owners of such parks) for such  
20 construction, improvement, or acquisition, except  
21 that a shelter assisted with amounts made available  
22 pursuant to this paragraph shall be located in a  
23 neighborhood consisting predominantly of persons of  
24 low and moderate income, except that a shelter as-  
25 sisted with amounts made available pursuant to this  
26 paragraph may not be made available exclusively for

1 use of the residents of a particular manufactured  
2 housing park or of other manufactured housing, but  
3 shall generally serve the residents of the area in  
4 which it is located; and”.

5 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-  
6 tion to any amounts otherwise made available for grants  
7 under title I of the Housing and Community Development  
8 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there is authorized  
9 to be appropriated for assistance only for activities pursu-  
10 ant to section 105(a)(24) of such Act \$50,000,000 for fis-  
11 cal year 2002.

12 **SEC. 3. USE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS.**

13 (a) **PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT**  
14 **AND PRODUCTS.**—It is the sense of the Congress that, to  
15 the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products  
16 purchased with funds made available for the activities au-  
17 thorized under the amendment made by this Act should  
18 be American-made.

19 (b) **NOTICE REQUIREMENT.**—In providing financial  
20 assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any enti-  
21 ty using funds made available for the activities authorized  
22 under the amendment made by this Act, the Secretary of  
23 Housing and Urban Development, to the greatest extent

- 1 practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing
- 2 the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

Passed the House of Representatives March 22,  
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*