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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 23, 2013

Mr. Bilirakis (for himself, Mr. Rooney, and Ms. Ros-Lehtinen) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Homeowners Flood Insurance Relief Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR PREMIUMS.

Section 1308(g) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015(g)) is amended by striking “either annually or in more frequent installments” and inserting “annually, monthly, or in other installments that are more frequent than annually”.

SEC. 3. CAP ON ANNUAL COST OF FLOOD INSURANCE.

Section 1308 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

“(i) MAXIMUM ANNUAL PREMIUM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the maximum annual chargeable premium rate for a property shall be the total appraised value of all structures located on the property at the time of the purchase of the property by the current owner of the property divided by 30.”.

(a) PHASE-IN.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any increase in the risk premium rate charged for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.) on any property that is covered by a flood insurance policy on the effective date of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–141; 126 Stat. 916 et seq.) that is a result of the enactment of such Act or the amendments made by such Act shall be phased in over a 10-year period, at the rate of 10 percent for each year following such effective date.

(b) APPLICABILITY; REFUND OR CREDIT.—Subsection (a) shall apply as if enacted as part of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–141; 126 Stat. 916 et seq.). The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall refund to insureds, or provide credit to insureds for, any premiums for flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program collected in excess of the rates required pursuant to subsection (a).