

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5310

To amend section 423 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for reimbursement of attorney’s fees under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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

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 “Fairness and Account-
5 ability of Appeals Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPEALS OF ASSISTANCE DECISIONS.**

2 Section 423 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189a) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) ATTORNEY’S FEES.—In any case in which an
6 applicant who requested an appeal under subsection (a)
7 or arbitration under subsection (d) receives a favorable de-
8 cision following such appeal or arbitration, the Adminis-
9 trator shall reimburse such applicant for any attorney’s
10 fees of the applicant relating to such appeal or arbitra-
11 tion.”.

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