

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 4558

To amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support emergency preparedness and response efforts for companion animals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2026

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) 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 “Providing Essential
5 Temporary Shelter Assistance for Emergencies Act” or
6 the “PETSAFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMPANION ANIMALS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 662 of the Post-Katrina
3 Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C.
4 762) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) by striking “50 percent.” and inserting

7 “—

8 “(1) 50 percent; or

9 “(2) with respect to an activity described in
10 subsection (f), 90 percent.”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
12 section (g); and

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(f) PET AND ANIMAL PREPAREDNESS.—A State or
16 local or tribal government may use amounts from a grant
17 under this section to perform emergency preparedness ac-
18 tivities that support companion animals, including to pur-
19 chase or fund—

20 “(1) collapsible crates;

21 “(2) companion animal mobile equipment trail-
22 ers;

23 “(3) pet supplies;

24 “(4) veterinary medical and animal health care
25 supplies;

1 “(5) emergency sheltering equipment and sup-
2 plies;

3 “(6) emergency generators;

4 “(7) disaster response software;

5 “(8) emergency management and response
6 training;

7 “(9) animal response team development; and

8 “(10) field rescue equipment and supplies.”.

9 (b) PREPAREDNESS PLANS.—Section 613 of the
10 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
11 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196b) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (g)—

13 (A) by striking “the needs of individuals
14 with” and inserting “the needs of—

15 “(1) individuals with”;

16 (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by
17 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
18 and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(2) animal shelters that provide housing and
21 care for homeless, lost, or unwanted companion ani-
22 mals prior to, during, and following a major disaster
23 or emergency.”; and

- 1 (2) by redesignating the second subsection des-
- 2 igned as subsection (h) as subsection (i).

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