

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 5276

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to adjust the time period for the eligibility of certain base and overtime wages associated with the repair, restoration, and replacement of damaged facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2026

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Reducing Red Tape
5 for Rebuilding Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 406(a)(2)(D) of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
3 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
4 5172(a)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(D) base and overtime wages for extra
6 hires utilized for substantial damage determina-
7 tions occurring within 180 days after the major
8 disaster is declared or, for all other activities to
9 facilitate the implementation and enforcement
10 of adopted building codes, for a period of not
11 more than 2 years after a date selected by the
12 recipient of the relevant contribution.”.

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