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An Act

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance.

Mar. 18, 2024
[S. 1858]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Disaster Assistance Deadlines Alignment Act. 42 USC 5121 note.

This Act may be cited as the "Disaster Assistance Deadlines Alignment Act".

SEC. 2. DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE.

Section 410 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5177) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a major disaster for which assistance is provided under this section and section 408, the application deadline for an individual seeking assistance under this section shall match the application deadline for individuals and households seeking assistance under section 408.

"(2) EXTENSION.—The President may accept an application from an individual described in paragraph (1) that is submitted after the deadline described in paragraph (1) if—

"(A) the individual has good cause for the late submission; and

"(B) the individual submits the application before the date on which the period during which assistance is provided under this section for the applicable major disaster expires.".

42 USC 5177 note.

SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.

The amendment made by section 2 shall apply only with respect to amounts appropriated on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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