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H. R. 2257

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to make modifications to the temporary housing assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 1997

Mr. STRICKLAND 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 “Disaster Assistance
5 Fairness Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 408(c) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
8 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(c))
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 “(c) IN LIEU EXPENDITURES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any major
2 disaster occurring after January 1, 1997, in lieu of
3 providing other types of temporary housing after a
4 major disaster, the President is authorized to make
5 expenditures for the purpose of—

6 “(A) repairing or restoring to a habitable
7 condition owner-occupied private residential
8 structures made uninhabitable by a major dis-
9 aster which are capable of being restored quick-
10 ly to a habitable condition; and

11 “(B) repairing, restoring to a habitable
12 condition, or replacing owner-occupied private
13 residential structures made uninhabitable by a
14 major disaster which are not capable of being
15 restored quickly to a habitable condition.

16 “(2) PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—A grant made pur-
17 suant to paragraph (1) may not exceed \$10,000
18 (based on fiscal year 1998 constant dollars), except
19 that the President may increase such grant amount
20 if the President determines that unusual cir-
21 cumstances warrant the increase.

22 “(3) FLOOD INSURANCE.—The President may
23 not waive any provision of Federal law requiring the
24 purchase of flood insurance as a condition for the

1 receipt of Federal disaster assistance with respect to
2 assistance provided under paragraph (1)(B).

3 “(4) INCOME REQUIREMENT.—Eligibility for a
4 grant under paragraph (1)(B) shall be limited to
5 households with annual income less than the na-
6 tional median income, as determined by the Sec-
7 retary of Commerce.”.

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