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To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide a 50 percent discount in flood insurance rates for the first 5 years that certain low-cost properties are included in flood hazard zones.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Low-Income Families
5 Flood Insurance Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCOUNTED PREMIUM RATES FOR LOW-COST**
2 **PROPERTIES NEWLY DETERMINED TO BE IN**
3 **FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1308 of the National
5 Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “limitation
8 under subsection (e)” and inserting “limitations
9 under subsection (e) and (f)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(f) 5-YEAR LIMITATION ON PREMIUM RATES FOR
13 NEWLY COVERED LOW-COST PROPERTIES.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any area not
15 previously designated as an area having special flood
16 hazards that becomes designated as such an area,
17 during the period specified in paragraph (2), the
18 chargeable premium rate for flood insurance under
19 this title with respect to any low-cost property that
20 is located within such area shall be the amount
21 equal to 50 percent of the applicable estimated risk
22 premium rate for such area (or subdivision thereof)
23 under section 1307(a)(1).

24 “(2) PERIOD OF DISCOUNT.—The period speci-
25 fied in this paragraph is the period that—

1 “(A) in the case of a property located with-
2 in an area that was initially designated as an
3 area having special flood hazards during the 2-
4 year period ending upon the effective date
5 under section 2(b) of the Low-Income Families
6 Flood Insurance Premium Relief Act—

7 “(i) begins upon such effective date;
8 and

9 “(ii) ends (I) 5 years later, or (II)
10 upon the occurrence of the first flood event
11 after such effective date that causes any
12 damage to such property, whichever occurs
13 first; and

14 “(B) in the case of a property located
15 within an area that is initially designated as an
16 area having special flood hazards after the ef-
17 fective date under section 2(b) of such Act—

18 “(i) begins upon such designation;
19 and

20 “(ii) ends (I) 5 years later, or (II)
21 upon the occurrence of the first flood event
22 after such effective date that causes any
23 damage to such property, whichever occurs
24 first.

1 “(3) LOW-COST PROPERTY.—For purposes of
2 this subsection, the term ‘low-cost property’ means
3 a single-family dwelling, or a dwelling unit in a resi-
4 dential structure containing more than one dwelling
5 unit, that—

6 “(A) is the principal residence of the owner
7 or renter occupying the dwelling or unit; and

8 “(B) has a value, at the time of the initial
9 designation of the area having special flood haz-
10 ards, that does not exceed \$75,000.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments under sub-
12 section (a) shall be made on, and shall apply beginning
13 upon, the expiration of the 30-day period beginning on the
14 date of the enactment of this Act.

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