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# H. R. 3714

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for reimbursement of certain for-profit hospitals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. JINDAL, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BONNER, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Hospital Emergency  
5       Assistance Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS.**

2 Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
3 Emergency Assistance Act is amended by inserting after  
4 section 408 (42 U.S.C. 5174) the following:

5 **“SEC. 409. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FOR-PROFIT HOS-**  
6 **PITALS.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
8 vision of this Act, the President may provide, from any  
9 funds made available to carry out this Act, reimbursement  
10 to a for-profit hospital for damage to, or an expense in-  
11 curred by, the hospital during a major disaster or emer-  
12 gency, as declared under this Act, in accordance with this  
13 section.

14 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A for-profit hospital shall be eli-  
15 gible to receive reimbursement under subsection (a) if, as  
16 determined by the President, in consultation with the Gov-  
17 ernor of a State—

18 “(1) the damage to, or expense incurred by, the  
19 for-profit hospital was a result of a declared major  
20 disaster;

21 “(2) during the declared major disaster, all  
22 public hospitals and private nonprofit facilities lo-  
23 cated within 30 miles; and

24 “(3) during the declared major disaster, the  
25 for-profit hospital acted in accordance with any re-  
26 quirement that would apply to a private nonprofit

1 facility seeking, and eligible for, reimbursement  
2 under this Act.

3 “(c) LIMITATION.—The amount of reimbursement  
4 provided to a for-profit hospital under this section shall  
5 be not greater than the amount of reimbursement avail-  
6 able under this Act for a public hospital or private non-  
7 profit facility to reimburse the hospital or facility for simi-  
8 lar damage or incurred expenses.”.

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