

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3422

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that certain tenants are able to return to affordable housing after a major disaster.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS) 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. ASSISTANCE FOR LANDLORDS OF LOW- TO**  
4       **MODERATE-INCOME TENANTS.**

5       Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
6       and Emergency Assistance Act is amended—

7               (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
2 paragraph (A);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”;

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) subject to paragraph (5), to a person  
7 who owns or operates rental dwelling units de-  
8 scribed in such paragraph, made available for  
9 occupancy only by low- or moderate-income ten-  
10 ants as defined by the Administrator, damaged  
11 or destroyed by a major disaster for the repair,  
12 restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of  
13 the dwelling units.”;

14 (2) at the end of subsection (a), by adding the  
15 following:

16 “(5) CONDITIONS FOR ASSISTANCE TO OWNERS  
17 OR OPERATORS OF CERTAIN DWELLING UNITS.—The  
18 President may make contributions to a person who  
19 owns or operates rental dwelling units if—

20 “(A) before the disaster the units were  
21 made available for occupancy only by low- or  
22 moderate-income tenants as determined by the  
23 Administrator;

24 “(B) the owner or operator will continue  
25 for a minimum period of time determined by

1 the Administrator to make available rental  
2 dwelling units for occupancy only by low- or  
3 moderate-income tenants; and

4 “(C) the owner or operator has applied for  
5 a disaster loan under section 7(b) of the Small  
6 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) and has been  
7 determined to be ineligible for such a loan or  
8 has obtained such a loan in the maximum  
9 amount for which the Small Business Adminis-  
10 tration determines the owner or operator is eli-  
11 gible.”;

12 (3) in subsection (b)(2) by inserting “, dwelling  
13 unit,” after “public facility,”;

14 (4) in subsection (d)(1) by striking “or” and in-  
15 serting “, dwelling units, or a”; and

16 (5) in subsection (e)(1)(A) by inserting “,  
17 dwelling unit,” after “public facility”.

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