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# H. R. 1316

To provide for appropriate notification of communities and homeowners of establishment of flood elevations for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2009

Mr. SENSENBRENNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Flood Elevation Notifi-  
5 cation Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOOD ELE-**  
7 **VATIONS.**

8 Section 1363 of the National Flood Insurance Act of  
9 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4104) is amended by striking the section

1 designation and all that follows through the end of sub-  
2 section (a) and inserting the following:

3       “SEC. 1363. (a) In establishing projected flood ele-  
4 vations for land use purposes with respect to any commu-  
5 nity pursuant to section 1361, the Director shall first pro-  
6 pose such determinations—

7           “(1) by providing the chief executive officer of  
8 each community affected by the proposed elevations,  
9 by certified mail, with a return receipt requested,  
10 notice of the elevations, including a copy of the maps  
11 for the elevations for such community and a state-  
12 ment explaining the process under this section to ap-  
13 peal for changes in such elevations;

14           “(2) by causing notice of such elevations to be  
15 published in the Federal Register, which notice shall  
16 include information sufficient to identify the ele-  
17 vation determinations and the communities affected,  
18 information explaining how to obtain copies of the  
19 elevations, and a statement explaining the process  
20 under this section to appeal for changes in the ele-  
21 vations;

22           “(3) by publishing in a prominent local news-  
23 paper the elevations, a description of the appeals  
24 process for flood determinations, and the mailing ad-  
25 dress and telephone number of a person the owner

1 may contact for more information or to initiate an  
2 appeal; and

3 “(4) by providing written notification, by first  
4 class mail, to each owner of real property affected by  
5 the proposed elevations of—

6 “(A) the status of such property, both  
7 prior to and after the effective date of the pro-  
8 posed determination, with respect to flood zone  
9 and flood insurance requirements under this  
10 Act and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of  
11 1973;

12 “(B) the process under this section to ap-  
13 peal a flood elevation determination; and

14 “(C) the mailing address and phone num-  
15 ber of a person the owner may contact for more  
16 information or to initiate an appeal.”.

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