

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3437

To amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop lifecycle plans and tracking procedures for housing units provided to individuals and households to respond to disaster-related housing needs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Smart Housing in Dis-
3 asters Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF MAJOR DISASTER.**

5 Section 102(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
6 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(2))
7 is amended by inserting “catastrophic incident (as defined
8 in section 501 of the Homeland Security Act (6 U.S.C.
9 311),” before “, or, regardless of cause”.

10 **SEC. 3. LIFECYCLE AND TRACKING PLAN.**

11 Section 683 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Manage-
12 ment Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 772) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

14 “(e) ANNEX TO NATIONAL DISASTER HOUSING
15 STRATEGY.—

16 “(1) DEVELOPMENT OF LIFECYCLE AND
17 TRACKING PLAN.—The Administrator shall develop a
18 lifecycle and tracking plan for housing units pro-
19 vided to individuals and households affected by an
20 emergency or major disaster under the Robert T.
21 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) that establishes policies
23 for procurement, delivery, installation, maintenance,
24 deactivation, and disposal of the units.

25 “(2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall—

1 “(A) emphasize the acquisition of housing
2 units that can be recycled and reused for mul-
3 tiple emergencies or major disasters; and

4 “(B) include a process for the Adminis-
5 trator to track each housing unit from the date
6 of acquisition of the unit through the date of
7 disposal of the unit.

8 “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
9 180 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
10 section, the Administrator shall submit to the Com-
11 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives a report containing the plan.”.

13 **SEC. 4. DISPOSAL OF HOUSING UNITS UNSUITABLE FOR**
14 **HABITATION.**

15 Section 408(d)(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
16 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
17 5174(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(C) DISPOSAL OF HOUSING UNITS UN-
20 SUITABLE FOR HABITATION.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the President
22 determines that a housing unit is unsuit-
23 able for habitation, before disposal of the
24 unit through sale to a recycler or other
25 purchaser, the President shall alter the

1 unit in a manner that will prevent the unit
2 from being used for habitation.

3 “(ii) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER
4 LAWS.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall
5 affect the President’s ability to dispose of
6 surplus real property in accordance with
7 section 545(b)(8) of title 40, United States
8 Code.”.

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