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# H. R. 4935

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT 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 “PAL Extension Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL ACCREDITED LEVEE**  
6       **PERIOD.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding title 44 of the  
8       Code of Federal Regulations or any procedural memo-

1 random issued by the Federal Emergency Management  
2 Agency, a regional director of such Agency may extend  
3 the Provisional Accredited Levee period in accordance  
4 with subsection (b).

5 (b) GOOD FAITH EFFORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—A regional director of the  
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency may ex-  
8 tend, for a period not to exceed 24 months from the  
9 date of the expiration of the original Provisional Ac-  
10 credited Levee (referred to in this Act as “PAL”)”  
11 period of 24 months, such PAL period if such direc-  
12 tor determines that the community, levee owner, or  
13 individual responsible for upgrading the levee has  
14 applied for a waiver and is making a good faith ef-  
15 fort as defined in paragraph (2) to complete such  
16 upgrade to the accredited level.

17 (2) GOOD FAITH EFFORT DEFINED.—For pur-  
18 poses of this Act, the term “good faith effort”  
19 means a community, levee owner, or individual re-  
20 sponsible for upgrading the levee provides evidence  
21 to the regional director that it—

22 (A) has adequate funds available to up-  
23 grade such levee; and

1 (B) has a contract with a qualified private  
2 contractor or an appropriate Federal agency to  
3 verify the certification of the levee.

4 **SEC. 3. NO MAPPING DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.**

5 After a community, levee owner, or individual respon-  
6 sible applies for a waiver and during any extension period  
7 granted, the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
8 shall suspend any mapping activities in the area sur-  
9 rounding the levee.

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