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S. 764

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to increase the maximum amount of assistance to individuals and households.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1, 2009

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Disaster Rebuilding
5 Assistance Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISASTER RELIEF.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408 of the Robert T.
8 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 5174) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (h)(1)—

2 (A) by striking “\$25,000” and inserting
3 “\$50,000”; and

4 (B) by inserting before the period at the
5 end the following: “, except that the President
6 may increase the amount of financial assistance
7 that may be received under this section for an
8 individual or household residing in a State with
9 a high cost of living (as determined by the
10 President)”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(k) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual or household may
13 not receive assistance under this section if the adjusted
14 gross income of that individual or household was more
15 than \$100,000 during the most recent taxable year before
16 the date of the applicable major disaster.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this Act shall apply to any major disaster (as that term
19 is defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
20 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
21 5122)) declared on or after October 21, 2007.

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