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H. R. 5870

To revise the regulations regarding estimated cost of the assistance and localized impacts factors used by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 30, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 Declaration
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF FACTORS MAJOR DISASTER**
2 **DECLARATION.**

3 (a) REVISION OF EXISTING REGULATION.—Not later
4 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
5 the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency shall issue a revised rule for section 206.48 of title
7 44, Code of Federal Regulations, to include additional fac-
8 tors regarding estimated cost of assistance and localized
9 impacts in evaluating a request for a major disaster dec-
10 laration.

11 (b) REVISED FACTORS.—Except as provided in this
12 section, the revised rule shall be identical in its provisions
13 to part 206 of the regulations in effect on the day before
14 the date of enactment of this Act. Such rule shall amend
15 subsection (a)—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) by adding at the end the
17 following: “We also consider this factor equally with
18 the other 5 factors described in this subsection.”;
19 and

20 (2) in paragraph (2) by adding at the end the
21 following: “We also consider the budgetary resources
22 available to local and State governments to respond
23 to and recover from such disaster and the impact of
24 the disaster on a small city or a census-designated
25 place with a population of less than 25,000 or a me-
26 dium city with a population of less than 250,000 if

1 either is located within a large county with a popu-
2 lation of more than 1,000,000 and in a large State
3 with a population of more than 5,000,000 if the level
4 of financial damage in such city exceeds 10 percent
5 of the city's general fund or \$100 per capita of the
6 census-designated place or city.”

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