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H. R. 1668

To increase the number of tenant-based rental assistance vouchers made available for low-income families displaced by Hurricane Sandy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2013

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. JEFFRIES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safely Sheltering Dis-
5 aster Victims Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO PROVIDE TENANT-**
2 **BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-IN-**
3 **COME FAMILIES DISPLACED BY HURRICANE**
4 **SANDY.**

5 (a) **TRANSFER.**—Of the amounts made available for
6 “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Com-
7 munity Planning and Development—Community Develop-
8 ment Fund” in title VIII of the Disaster Relief Appropria-
9 tions Act, 2013 (division A of Public Law 113–2; 127
10 Stat. 15), \$50,000,000, to remain available until ex-
11 pended, is hereby transferred to “Department of Housing
12 and Urban Development—Public and Indian Housing—
13 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance” for an additional
14 amount for the activities and assistance provided in this
15 section.

16 (b) **USE FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**—The amounts
17 transferred by subsection (a) shall be used only for activi-
18 ties and assistance for the provision of tenant-based rental
19 assistance, including related administrative expenses, au-
20 thorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937
21 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) to areas impacted by Hurricane
22 Sandy, subject to the following requirements:

23 (1) **EXPEDITED AVAILABILITY.**—The amounts
24 transferred by subsection (a) shall be made available
25 for such tenant-based rental assistance not later

1 than the expiration of the 60-day period that begins
2 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (2) WAIVER OF PHA PROJECT-BASED LIMITA-
4 TION.—In carrying out the activities authorized
5 under this heading, the Secretary shall waive section
6 8(o)(13)(B) of the United States Housing Act of
7 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)(B)).

8 (3) LOCAL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCE.—
9 Amounts transferred by subsection (a) may be pro-
10 vided only to public housing agencies that agree to
11 provide a preference, pursuant to section 8(o)(6)(A)
12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
13 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(6)(A)), for making tenant-based as-
14 sistance under such section 8(o) available to eligible
15 families displaced by Hurricane Sandy.

16 (4) ELIGIBLE FAMILIES.—Amounts transferred
17 by subsection (a) may be used only for tenant-based
18 rental assistance for families that are otherwise eligi-
19 ble for such assistance under the terms of the pro-
20 gram for such assistance under section 8(o) of the
21 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
22 1437f(o)).

23 (5) CONTINUATION OF ASSISTANCE.—An eligi-
24 ble family that is provided tenant-based rental as-
25 sistance with amounts transferred by subsection (a)

1 may continue to receive such assistance after the
2 transferred amounts are no longer available for such
3 assistance, subject to the eligibility of such family
4 and the availability of amounts for such assistance
5 made available in appropriation Acts.

6 (c) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—Amounts trans-
7 ferred under subsection (a) shall retain their designation
8 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
10 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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