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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the creation of policyholder disaster protection funds, Catastrophe Savings Accounts, and tax credits for natural disaster mitigation expenditures.

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Mr. GRIMM (for himself, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Homeowner Catas-
5 trophe Protection Act of 2013”.

1 **TITLE I—POLICYHOLDER**
2 **DISASTER PROTECTION FUNDS**

3 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Rising costs resulting from natural disasters
6 are placing an increasing strain on the ability of
7 property and casualty insurance companies to assure
8 payment of homeowners' claims and other insurance
9 claims arising from major natural disasters now and
10 in the future.

11 (2) Present tax laws do not provide adequate
12 incentives to assure that natural disaster insurance
13 is provided or, where such insurance is provided,
14 that funds are available for payment of insurance
15 claims in the event of future catastrophic losses from
16 major natural disasters, as present law requires an
17 insurer wishing to accumulate surplus assets for this
18 purpose to do so entirely from its after-tax retained
19 earnings.

20 (3) Revising the tax laws applicable to the prop-
21 erty and casualty insurance industry to permit care-
22 fully controlled accumulation of pretax dollars in
23 separate reserve funds devoted solely to the payment
24 of claims arising from future major natural disasters
25 will provide incentives for property and casualty in-

1 surers to make natural disaster insurance available,
 2 will give greater protection to the Nation's home-
 3 owners, small businesses, and other insurance con-
 4 sumers, and will help assure the future financial
 5 health of the Nation's insurance system as a whole.

6 (4) Implementing these changes will reduce the
 7 possibility that a significant portion of the private
 8 insurance system would fail in the wake of a major
 9 natural disaster and that governmental entities
 10 would be required to step in to provide relief at tax-
 11 payer expense.

12 **SEC. 3. CREATION OF POLICYHOLDER DISASTER PROTEC-**
 13 **TION FUNDS; CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND DIS-**
 14 **TRIBUTIONS FROM FUNDS; OTHER RULES.**

15 (a) CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLICYHOLDER DISASTER
 16 PROTECTION FUNDS.—Subsection (c) of section 832 of
 17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to the taxable
 18 income of insurance companies other than life insurance
 19 companies) is amended by striking “and” at the end of
 20 paragraph (12), by striking the period at the end of para-
 21 graph (13) and inserting “; and”, and by adding at the
 22 end the following new paragraph:

23 “(14) the qualified contributions to a policy-
 24 holder disaster protection fund during the taxable
 25 year.”.

1 (b) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM POLICYHOLDER DISASTER
 2 PROTECTION FUNDS.—Paragraph (1) of section 832(b) of
 3 such Code is amended by striking “and” at the end of
 4 subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end of
 5 subparagraph (E) and inserting “, and”, and by adding
 6 at the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(F) the amount of any distributions from
 8 a policyholder disaster protection fund during
 9 the taxable year, except that a distribution
 10 made to return to the qualified insurance com-
 11 pany any contribution which is not a qualified
 12 contribution (as defined in subsection (h)) for a
 13 taxable year shall not be included in gross in-
 14 come if such distribution is made prior to the
 15 filing of the tax return for such taxable year.”.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS AND OTHER RULES RELATING TO
 17 POLICYHOLDER DISASTER PROTECTION FUNDS.—Section
 18 832 of such Code (relating to insurance company taxable
 19 income) is amended by adding at the end the following
 20 new subsection:

21 “(h) DEFINITIONS AND OTHER RULES RELATING TO
 22 POLICYHOLDER DISASTER PROTECTION FUNDS.—For
 23 purposes of this section—

24 “(1) POLICYHOLDER DISASTER PROTECTION
 25 FUND.—The term ‘policyholder disaster protection

1 fund' (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the
2 'fund') means any custodial account, trust, or any
3 other arrangement or account—

4 “(A) which is established to hold assets
5 that are set aside solely for the payment of
6 qualified losses, and

7 “(B) under the terms of which—

8 “(i) the assets in the fund are re-
9 quired to be invested in a manner con-
10 sistent with the investment requirements
11 applicable to the qualified insurance com-
12 pany under the laws of its jurisdiction of
13 domicile,

14 “(ii) the net income for the taxable
15 year derived from the assets in the fund is
16 required to be distributed no less fre-
17 quently than annually,

18 “(iii) an excess balance drawdown
19 amount is required to be distributed to the
20 qualified insurance company no later than
21 the close of the taxable year following the
22 taxable year for which such amount is de-
23 termined,

24 “(iv) a catastrophe drawdown amount
25 may be distributed to the qualified insur-

1 ance company if distributed prior to the
 2 close of the taxable year following the year
 3 for which such amount is determined,

4 “(v) a State required drawdown
 5 amount may be distributed, and

6 “(vi) no distributions from the fund
 7 are required or permitted other than the
 8 distributions described in clauses (ii)
 9 through (v) and the return to the qualified
 10 insurance company of contributions that
 11 are not qualified contributions.

12 “(2) QUALIFIED INSURANCE COMPANY.—The
 13 term ‘qualified insurance company’ means any insur-
 14 ance company subject to tax under section 831(a).

15 “(3) QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTION.—The term
 16 ‘qualified contribution’ means a contribution to a
 17 fund for a taxable year to the extent that the
 18 amount of such contribution, when added to the pre-
 19 vious contributions to the fund for such taxable
 20 year, does not exceed the excess of—

21 “(A) the fund cap for the taxable year,
 22 over

23 “(B) the fund balance determined as of the
 24 close of the preceding taxable year.

1 “(4) EXCESS BALANCE DRAWDOWN
2 AMOUNTS.—The term ‘excess balance drawdown
3 amount’ means the excess (if any) of—

4 “(A) the fund balance as of the close of
5 the taxable year, over

6 “(B) the fund cap for the following taxable
7 year.

8 “(5) CATASTROPHE DRAWDOWN AMOUNT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘catastrophe
10 drawdown amount’ means an amount that does
11 not exceed the lesser of the amount determined
12 under subparagraph (B) or (C).

13 “(B) NET LOSSES FROM QUALIFYING
14 EVENTS.—The amount determined under this
15 subparagraph shall be equal to the qualified
16 losses for the taxable year determined without
17 regard to clause (ii) of paragraph (8)(A).

18 “(C) GROSS LOSSES IN EXCESS OF
19 THRESHOLD.—The amount determined under
20 this subparagraph shall be equal to the excess
21 (if any) of—

22 “(i) the qualified losses for the taxable
23 year, over

24 “(ii) the lesser of—

1 “(I) the fund cap for the taxable
2 year (determined without regard to
3 paragraph (9)(E)), or

4 “(II) 30 percent of the qualified
5 insurance company’s surplus as re-
6 gards policyholders as shown on the
7 company’s annual statement for the
8 calendar year preceding the taxable
9 year.

10 “(D) SPECIAL DRAWDOWN AMOUNT FOL-
11 LOWING A RECENT CATASTROPHE LOSS
12 YEAR.—If for any taxable year included in the
13 reference period the qualified losses exceed the
14 amount determined under subparagraph (C)(ii),
15 the ‘catastrophe drawdown amount’ shall be an
16 amount that does not exceed the lesser of the
17 amount determined under subparagraph (B) or
18 the amount determined under this subpara-
19 graph. The amount determined under this sub-
20 paragraph shall be an amount equal to the ex-
21 cess (if any) of—

22 “(i) the qualified losses for the taxable
23 year, over

24 “(ii) the lesser of—

1 “(I) $\frac{1}{3}$ of the fund cap for the
 2 taxable year (determined without re-
 3 gard to paragraph (9)(E)), or

4 “(II) 10 percent of the qualified
 5 insurance company’s surplus as re-
 6 gards policyholders as shown on the
 7 company’s annual statement for the
 8 calendar year preceding the taxable
 9 year.

10 “(E) REFERENCE PERIOD.—For purposes
 11 of subparagraph (D), the reference period shall
 12 be determined under the following table:

“For a taxable year beginning in—	The reference period shall be—
2015 and later	The 3 preceding taxable years.
2014	The 2 preceding taxable years.
2013	The preceding taxable year.
2012 or before	No reference period applies.

13 “(6) STATE REQUIRED DRAWDOWN AMOUNT.—
 14 The term ‘State required drawdown amount’ means
 15 any amount that the department of insurance for
 16 the qualified insurance company’s jurisdiction of
 17 domicile requires to be distributed from the fund, to
 18 the extent such amount is not otherwise described in
 19 paragraph (4) or (5).

20 “(7) FUND BALANCE.—The term ‘fund balance’
 21 means—

1 “(A) the sum of all qualified contributions
2 to the fund,

3 “(B) less any net investment loss of the
4 fund for any taxable year or years, and

5 “(C) less the sum of all distributions under
6 clauses (iii) through (v) of paragraph (1)(B).

7 “(8) QUALIFIED LOSSES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
9 losses’ means, with respect to a taxable year—

10 “(i) the amount of losses and loss ad-
11 justment expenses incurred in the qualified
12 lines of business specified in paragraph
13 (9), net of reinsurance, as reported in the
14 qualified insurance company’s annual
15 statement for the taxable year, that are at-
16 tributable to one or more qualifying events
17 (regardless of when such qualifying events
18 occurred),

19 “(ii) the amount by which such losses
20 and loss adjustment expenses attributable
21 to such qualifying events have been re-
22 duced for reinsurance received and recover-
23 able, plus

24 “(iii) any nonrecoverable assessments,
25 surcharges, or other liabilities that are

1 borne by the qualified insurance company
2 and are attributable to such qualifying
3 events.

4 “(B) QUALIFYING EVENT.—For purposes
5 of subparagraph (A), the term ‘qualifying event’
6 means any event that satisfies clauses (i) and
7 (ii).

8 “(i) EVENT.—An event satisfies this
9 clause if the event is 1 or more of the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(I) Windstorm (hurricane, cy-
12 clone, or tornado).

13 “(II) Earthquake (including any
14 fire following).

15 “(III) Winter catastrophe (snow,
16 ice, or freezing).

17 “(IV) Fire.

18 “(V) Tsunami.

19 “(VI) Flood.

20 “(VII) Volcanic eruption.

21 “(VIII) Hail.

22 “(ii) CATASTROPHE DESIGNATION.—
23 An event satisfies this clause if the event—

1 “(I) is designated a catastrophe
2 by Property Claim Services or its suc-
3 cessor organization,

4 “(II) is declared by the President
5 to be an emergency or disaster, or

6 “(III) is declared to be an emer-
7 gency or disaster in a similar declara-
8 tion by the chief executive official of a
9 State, possession, or territory of the
10 United States, or the District of Co-
11 lumbia.

12 “(9) FUND CAP.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘fund cap’
14 for a taxable year is the sum of the separate
15 lines of business caps for each of the qualified
16 lines of business specified in the table contained
17 in subparagraph (C) (as modified under sub-
18 paragraphs (D) and (E)).

19 “(B) SEPARATE LINES OF BUSINESS
20 CAP.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
21 separate lines of business cap, with respect to
22 a qualified line of business specified in the table
23 contained in subparagraph (C), is the product
24 of—

1 “(i) net written premiums reported in
 2 the annual statement for the calendar year
 3 preceding the taxable year in such line of
 4 business, multiplied by

5 “(ii) the fund cap multiplier applica-
 6 ble to such qualified line of business.

7 “(C) QUALIFIED LINES OF BUSINESS AND
 8 THEIR RESPECTIVE FUND CAP MULTIPLIERS.—
 9 For purposes of this paragraph, the qualified
 10 lines of business and fund cap multipliers speci-
 11 fied in this subparagraph are those specified in
 12 the following table:

“Line of Business on Annual Statement Blank:	Fund Cap Multiplier:
Fire	0.25
Allied	1.25
Farmowners Multiple Peril	0.25
Homeowners Multiple Peril	0.75
Commercial Multi Peril (non-liability portion)	0.50
Earthquake	13.00
Inland Marine	0.25.

13 “(D) SUBSEQUENT MODIFICATIONS OF
 14 THE ANNUAL STATEMENT BLANK.—If, with re-
 15 spect to any taxable year beginning after the ef-
 16 fective date of this subsection, the annual state-
 17 ment blank required to be filed is amended to
 18 replace, combine, or otherwise modify any of
 19 the qualified lines of business specified in sub-
 20 paragraph (C), then for such taxable year sub-
 21 paragraph (C) shall be applied in a manner

1 such that the fund cap shall be the same
 2 amount as if such reporting modification had
 3 not been made.

4 “(E) 20-YEAR PHASE-IN.—Notwith-
 5 standing subparagraph (C), the fund cap for a
 6 taxable year shall be the amount determined
 7 under subparagraph (C), as adjusted pursuant
 8 to subparagraph (D) (if applicable), multiplied
 9 by the phase-in percentage indicated in the fol-
 10 lowing table:

“Taxable year beginning in:	Phase-in percentage to be applied to fund cap computed under subparagraphs (A) and (B):
2012	5 percent
2013	10 percent
2014	15 percent
2015	20 percent
2016	25 percent
2017	30 percent
2018	35 percent
2019	40 percent
2020	45 percent
2021	50 percent
2022	55 percent
2023	60 percent
2024	65 percent
2025	70 percent
2026	75 percent
2027	80 percent
2028	85 percent
2029	90 percent
2030	95 percent
2031 and later	100 percent.

11 “(10) TREATMENT OF INVESTMENT INCOME
 12 AND GAIN OR LOSS.—

13 “(A) CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND.—A trans-
 14 fer of property other than money to a fund

1 shall be treated as a sale or exchange of such
2 property for an amount equal to its fair market
3 value as of the date of transfer, and appro-
4 priate adjustment shall be made to the basis of
5 such property. Section 267 shall apply to any
6 loss realized upon such a transfer.

7 “(B) DISTRIBUTIONS IN KIND.—A transfer
8 of property other than money by a fund to the
9 qualified insurance company shall not be treat-
10 ed as a sale or exchange or other disposition of
11 such property. The basis of such property im-
12 mediately after such transfer shall be the great-
13 er of the basis of such property immediately be-
14 fore such transfer or the fair market value of
15 such property on the date of such transfer.

16 “(C) INCOME WITH RESPECT TO FUND AS-
17 SETS.—Items of income of the type described in
18 paragraphs (1)(B), (1)(C), and (2) of sub-
19 section (b) that are derived from the assets held
20 in a fund, as well as losses from the sale or
21 other disposition of such assets, shall be consid-
22 ered items of income, gain, or loss of the quali-
23 fied insurance company. Notwithstanding para-
24 graph (1)(F) of subsection (b), distributions of
25 net income to the qualified insurance company

1 pursuant to paragraph (1)(B)(ii) of this sub-
2 section shall not cause such income to be taken
3 into account a second time.

4 “(11) NET INCOME; NET INVESTMENT LOSS.—
5 For purposes of paragraph (1)(B)(ii), the net in-
6 come derived from the assets in the fund for the tax-
7 able year shall be the items of income and gain for
8 the taxable year, less the items of loss for the tax-
9 able year, derived from such assets, as described in
10 paragraph (10)(C). For purposes of paragraph (7),
11 there is a net investment loss for the taxable year
12 to the extent that the items of loss described in the
13 preceding sentence exceed the items of income and
14 gain described in the preceding sentence.

15 “(12) ANNUAL STATEMENT.—For purposes of
16 this subsection, the term ‘annual statement’ shall
17 have the meaning set forth in section 846(f)(3).

18 “(13) EXCLUSION OF PREMIUMS AND LOSSES
19 ON CERTAIN PUERTO RICAN RISKS.—Notwith-
20 standing any other provision of this subsection, pre-
21 miums and losses with respect to risks covered by a
22 catastrophe reserve established under the laws or
23 regulations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
24 shall not be taken into account under this subsection

1 in determining the amount of the fund cap or the
2 amount of qualified losses.

3 “(14) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pre-
4 scribe such regulations as may be necessary or ap-
5 propriate to carry out the purposes of this sub-
6 section, including regulations—

7 “(A) which govern the application of this
8 subsection to a qualified insurance company
9 having a taxable year other than the calendar
10 year or a taxable year less than 12 months,

11 “(B) which govern a fund maintained by a
12 qualified insurance company that ceases to be
13 subject to this part, and

14 “(C) which govern the application of para-
15 graph (9)(D).”.

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
18 December 31, 2013.

19 **TITLE II—CATASTROPHE** 20 **SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

21 **SEC. 201. CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter F of chapter 1 of the
23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exempt organi-
24 zations) is amended by adding at the end the following
25 new part:

1 **“PART IX—CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

2 **“SEC. 530A. CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.**

3 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—A Catastrophe Savings Ac-
4 count shall be exempt from taxation under this subtitle.
5 Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, such account
6 shall be subject to the taxes imposed by section 511 (relat-
7 ing to imposition of tax on unrelated business income of
8 charitable organizations).

9 “(b) CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNT.—For pur-
10 poses of this section, the term ‘Catastrophe Savings Ac-
11 count’ means a trust created or organized in the United
12 States for the exclusive benefit of an individual or his
13 beneficiaries and which is designated (in such manner as
14 the Secretary shall prescribe) at the time of the establish-
15 ment of the trust as a Catastrophe Savings Account, but
16 only if the written governing instrument creating the trust
17 meets the following requirements:

18 “(1) Except in the case of a qualified rollover
19 contribution—

20 “(A) no contribution will be accepted un-
21 less it is in cash, and

22 “(B) contributions will not be accepted in
23 excess of the account balance limit specified in
24 subsection (c).

25 “(2) The trustee is a bank (as defined in sec-
26 tion 408(n)) or another person who demonstrates to

1 the satisfaction of the Secretary that the manner in
 2 which that person will administer the trust will be
 3 consistent with the requirements of this section.

4 “(3) The interest of an individual in the bal-
 5 ance of his account is nonforfeitable.

6 “(4) The assets of the trust shall not be com-
 7 mingled with other property except in a common
 8 trust fund or common investment fund.

9 “(c) ACCOUNT BALANCE LIMIT.—The aggregate ac-
 10 count balance for all Catastrophe Savings Accounts main-
 11 tained for the benefit of an individual (including qualified
 12 rollover contributions) shall not exceed—

13 “(1) in the case of an individual whose qualified
 14 deductible is not more than \$1,000, \$2,000, and

15 “(2) in the case of an individual whose qualified
 16 deductible is more than \$1,000, the amount equal to
 17 the lesser of—

18 “(A) \$15,000, or

19 “(B) twice the amount of the individual’s
 20 qualified deductible.

21 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

22 “(1) QUALIFIED CATASTROPHE EXPENSES.—
 23 The term ‘qualified catastrophe expenses’ means ex-
 24 penses paid or incurred by reason of a major dis-
 25 aster that has been declared by the President under

1 section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
2 and Emergency Assistance Act.

3 “(2) QUALIFIED DEDUCTIBLE.—With respect
4 to an individual, the term ‘qualified deductible’
5 means the annual deductible for the individual’s
6 homeowners’ insurance policy.

7 “(3) QUALIFIED ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTION.—
8 The term ‘qualified rollover contribution’ means a
9 contribution to a Catastrophe Savings Account—

10 “(A) from another such account of the
11 same beneficiary, but only if such amount is
12 contributed not later than the 60th day after
13 the distribution from such other account, and

14 “(B) from a Catastrophe Savings Account
15 of a spouse of the beneficiary of the account to
16 which the contribution is made, but only if such
17 amount is contributed not later than the 60th
18 day after the distribution from such other ac-
19 count.

20 “(e) TAX TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any distribution from a
22 Catastrophe Savings Account shall be includible in
23 the gross income of the distributee in the manner as
24 provided in section 72.

1 “(2) DISTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED CATAS-
2 TROPHE EXPENSES.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No amount shall be
4 includible in gross income under paragraph (1)
5 if the qualified catastrophe expenses of the dis-
6 tributee during the taxable year are not less
7 than the aggregate distributions during the tax-
8 able year.

9 “(B) DISTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF EX-
10 PENSES.—If such aggregate distributions ex-
11 ceed such expenses during the taxable year, the
12 amount otherwise includible in gross income
13 under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the
14 amount which bears the same ratio to the
15 amount which would be includible in gross in-
16 come under paragraph (1) (without regard to
17 this subparagraph) as the qualified catastrophe
18 expenses bear to such aggregate distributions.

19 “(3) ADDITIONAL TAX FOR DISTRIBUTIONS NOT
20 USED FOR QUALIFIED CATASTROPHE EXPENSES.—

21 The tax imposed by this chapter for any taxable
22 year on any taxpayer who receives a payment or dis-
23 tribution from a Catastrophe Savings Account which
24 is includible in gross income shall be increased by 10
25 percent of the amount which is so includible.

1 “(4) RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS.—No
 2 amount shall be includible in gross income under
 3 paragraph (1) (or subject to an additional tax under
 4 paragraph (3)) if the payment or distribution is
 5 made on or after the date on which the distributee
 6 attains age 62.

7 “(f) TAX TREATMENT OF ACCOUNTS.—Rules similar
 8 to the rules of paragraphs (2) and (4) of section 408(e)
 9 shall apply to any Catastrophe Savings Account.”.

10 (b) TAX ON EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section
 12 4973 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating
 13 to tax on excess contributions to certain tax-favored
 14 accounts and annuities) is amended by striking “or”
 15 at the end of paragraph (4), by inserting “or” at the
 16 end of paragraph (5), and by inserting after para-
 17 graph (5) the following new paragraph:

18 “(6) a Catastrophe Savings Account (as defined
 19 in section 530A),”.

20 (2) EXCESS CONTRIBUTION.—Section 4973 of
 21 such Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(h) EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CATASTROPHE
 24 SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.—For purposes of this section, in the
 25 case of Catastrophe Savings Accounts (within the meaning

1 of section 530A), the term ‘excess contributions’ means
 2 the amount by which the aggregate account balance for
 3 all Catastrophe Savings Accounts maintained for the ben-
 4 efit of an individual exceeds the account balance limit de-
 5 fined in section 530A(c)(1).”.

6 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of parts
 7 for subchapter F of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue
 8 Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 9 lowing new item:

“PART IX. CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 12 December 31, 2013.

13 **TITLE III—TAX CREDIT FOR NAT-** 14 **URAL DISASTER MITIGATION** 15 **PROPERTY**

16 **SEC. 301. NONREFUNDABLE PERSONAL CREDIT FOR NAT-** 17 **URAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROPERTY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
 19 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
 20 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
 21 lowing new section:

22 **“SEC. 25E. NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION PROPERTY.**

23 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-
 24 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
 25 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount

1 equal to 25 percent of the qualified natural disaster miti-
2 gation property expenditures made by the taxpayer during
3 such taxable year in connection with a qualified principal
4 residence of the taxpayer.

5 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed under
6 subsection (a) with respect to any principal residence of
7 the taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed the ex-
8 cess of—

9 “(1) \$5,000 (half such amount in the case of a
10 married individual filing a separate return), over

11 “(2) the aggregate amounts allowed as a credit
12 under this section to the taxpayer (or the taxpayer’s
13 spouse) with respect to such residence for all prior
14 taxable years.

15 “(c) LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.—In
16 the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does
17 not apply, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any
18 taxable year shall not exceed the excess of—

19 “(1) the sum of the regular tax liability (as de-
20 fined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by sec-
21 tion 55, over

22 “(2) the sum of the credits allowable under this
23 subpart (other than this section and sections 23, 24,
24 and 25B) and section 27 for the taxable year.

1 “(d) QUALIFIED NATURAL DISASTER MITIGATION
2 PROPERTY EXPENDITURE.—For purposes of this section,
3 the term ‘qualified natural disaster mitigation property ex-
4 penditure’ means an expenditure for—

5 “(1) property to improve the strength of a roof
6 deck attachment,

7 “(2) property to create a secondary water bar-
8 rier to prevent water intrusion,

9 “(3) property to improve the durability of a
10 roof covering,

11 “(4) property to brace gable-end walls,

12 “(5) property to reinforce the connection be-
13 tween a roof and supporting wall,

14 “(6) property to protect openings from penetra-
15 tion by windborne debris,

16 “(7) property to protect exterior doors and ga-
17 rages,

18 “(8) property to improve the natural resiliency
19 of the property, including the restoration, establish-
20 ment, or enhancement of aquatic resources (having
21 the meanings given such terms by part 332 of title
22 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations), as pre-
23 scribed by the Secretary after consultation with the
24 Administrator of the Environmental Protection

1 Agency and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for
2 Civil Works,

3 “(9) seismic retrofitting, including property to
4 increase resistance to seismic activity, ground mo-
5 tion, or soil failure due to earthquakes, or

6 “(10) such other measures to mitigate natural
7 disaster damage to homes, as prescribed by the Sec-
8 retary after consultation with the Administrator of
9 the Federal Emergency Management Agency and, to
10 the extent applicable, in accordance with section
11 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Ad-
12 vancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note; Public
13 Law 104–113).

14 “(e) QUALIFIED PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.—For pur-
15 poses of this section, the term ‘qualified principal resi-
16 dence’ means the principal residence of the taxpayer (with-
17 in the meaning of section 121) if such residence—

18 “(1) is assessed by the locality in which it is lo-
19 cated at a value which does not exceed 300 percent
20 of the national median home price (determined as of
21 the close of the taxable year for which the credit de-
22 termined under this section is allowed), and

23 “(2) is not severe repetitive loss property (as
24 defined in section 1361A of the National Flood In-
25 surance Act (42 U.S.C. 4102a(b))).

1 “(f) RULES RELATED TO INSPECTIONS AND LABOR
2 COSTS.—For purposes of this section—

3 “(1) INSPECTION REQUIREMENT.—An expendi-
4 ture shall be taken into account in determining the
5 qualified natural disaster mitigation property ex-
6 penditures made by the taxpayer during the taxable
7 year only if the installation of the property with re-
8 spect to which such expenditure is made has been
9 completed in a manner that is deemed to be ade-
10 quate by an inspector that is licensed or certified by
11 the State or other governmental authority, or its
12 designee, having jurisdiction over inspectors in the
13 area where the installed property is located.

14 “(2) LABOR AND INSPECTION COSTS.—For pur-
15 poses of this section, expenditures for labor costs
16 properly allocable to the onsite preparation, assem-
17 bly, or original installation of the property described
18 in subsection (d) (including the cost of inspections
19 referred to in paragraph (1)) shall be taken into ac-
20 count in determining the qualified natural disaster
21 mitigation property expenditures made by the tax-
22 payer during the taxable year.

23 “(g) BASIS ADJUSTMENT.—For purposes of this sec-
24 tion, if a credit is allowed under this section for any ex-
25 penditure with respect to any property, the increase in the

1 basis of such property which would (but for this sub-
2 section) result from such expenditure shall be reduced by
3 the amount of the credit so allowed.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
5 tions for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter
6 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item
7 relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Natural disaster mitigation property.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
10 December 31, 2013.

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