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S. 1480

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
5 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(13) CONDOMINIUM.—The term ‘condo-
8 minium’ means a multi-unit housing project in which

1 each dwelling unit is separately owned, and the re-
 2 maining portions of the real estate are designated
 3 for common ownership solely by the owners of those
 4 units, each owner having an undivided interest in
 5 the common elements, and which is represented by
 6 a condominium association consisting exclusively of
 7 all the unit owners in the project, which is, or will
 8 be responsible for the operation, administration, and
 9 management of the project.

10 “(14) HOUSING COOPERATIVE.—The term
 11 ‘housing cooperative’ means a multi-unit housing
 12 project in which each dwelling unit is subject to sep-
 13 arate use and possession by one or more cooperative
 14 members whose interest in such unit, and in any un-
 15 divided assets of the cooperative association that are
 16 appurtenant to such unit, is evidenced by a member-
 17 ship or share interest in a cooperative association
 18 and a lease or other document of title or possession
 19 granted by such cooperative as the owner of all coop-
 20 erative property.”.

21 **SEC. 2. CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING COOPERATIVES**

22 **DAMAGED BY A MAJOR DISASTER.**

23 (a) INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM.—
 24 Section 408(b)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-

1 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(b)(1))
 2 is amended—

3 (1) by striking “The President” and inserting
 4 the following:

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President”; and

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

7 “(B) CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING CO-
 8 OPERATIVES.—For purposes of providing finan-
 9 cial assistance under subsections (c)(2) and
 10 (c)(3) with respect to residential elements that
 11 are the legal responsibility of an association for
 12 a condominium or housing cooperative, the
 13 terms ‘individual’ and ‘household’ include the
 14 association for the condominium or housing co-
 15 operative.”.

16 (b) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Section
 17 408(h) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
 18 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(h)) is amend-
 19 ed by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND
 21 HOUSING COOPERATIVES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of the limit es-
 23 tablished under paragraph (1), the maximum
 24 amount of assistance that an association for a
 25 condominium or housing cooperative may re-

1 ceive under this section with respect to a single
2 disaster shall be an amount to be determined by
3 the President by regulation.

4 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—The
5 amount determined by the President under sub-
6 paragraph (A) shall be adjusted annually in ac-
7 cordance with paragraph (2).”.

8 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
9 section shall apply to a major disaster or emergency de-
10 clared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
11 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
12 5121 et seq.) after the date of enactment of this Act.

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