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H. R. 1665

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency
Management Agency considers severe local impact in
making a recommendation to the President for a major
disaster declaration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Declaration
3 Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LOCAL IMPACT.**

5 In making recommendations to the President regard-
6 ing a major disaster declaration, the Administrator of the
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall give great-
8 er weight and consideration to severe local impact or re-
9 cent multiple disasters. Further, the Administrator shall
10 make corresponding adjustments to the Agency’s policies
11 and regulations regarding such consideration. Not later
12 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section,
13 the Administrator shall report to the Committee on Trans-
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
15 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
16 ernmental Affairs of the Senate on the changes made to
17 regulations and policies and the number of declarations
18 that have been declared based on the new criteria.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.