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H. R. 1678

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2017

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

AN ACT

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes.

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. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705 of the Robert T.
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5205) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) by striking “Except” and inserting
7 “Notwithstanding section 3716(e) of title 31,
8 United States Code, and except”; and

9 (B) by striking “report for the disaster or
10 emergency” and inserting “report for project
11 completion as certified by the grantee”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “report
14 for the disaster or emergency” and inserting
15 “report for project completion as certified by
16 the grantee”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (3) by inserting “for
18 project completion as certified by the grantee”
19 after “final expenditure report”.

20 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to disaster or
22 emergency assistance provided to a State or local
23 government on or after January 1, 2004—

24 (A) no administrative action may be taken
25 to recover a payment of such assistance after
26 the date of enactment of this Act if the action

1 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the
2 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
3 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),
4 as amended by subsection (a); and

5 (B) any administrative action to recover a
6 payment of such assistance that is pending on
7 such date of enactment shall be terminated if
8 the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)
9 of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

10 (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the
11 amendments made by this section, may not be con-
12 strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-
13 tration action completed before the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.