

## Union Calendar No. 762

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8616

**[Report No. 118–932]**

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to establish a disaster deductible for each State to offset the amount provided to such State in response to a major disaster, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2024

Mr. PERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Ensuring Quality In-  
5 vestments in Preparedness Act of 2024” or the “EQUIP  
6 Act of 2024”.

7 **SEC. 2. DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.**

8 The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
9 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) is amended  
10 by adding at the end the following:

11 **“TITLE VIII—DISASTER**  
12 **DEDUCTIBLE**

13 **“SEC. 801. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in consultation  
15 with State and local governments and other stakeholders,  
16 shall establish a major disaster deductible for each State  
17 in an amount calculated under this title that offsets any  
18 amount received by a State under section 406 for perma-  
19 nent work (referred to by the Administrator of the Federal  
20 Emergency Management Agency as category C through  
21 G).

22 **“(b) CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIBLE.—**

23 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**Beginning with respect to  
24 calendar year 2025, and annually thereafter, the

1 President shall calculate the amount of the major  
2 disaster deductible of each State.

3 “(2) BASE AMOUNT.—The President shall es-  
4 tablish a base amount by multiplying the population  
5 of the State determined by the most recent Amer-  
6 ican Community Survey carried out by the Bureau  
7 of the Census by a factor of 3.

8 “(3) ADJUSTMENT.—In calculating such de-  
9 ductible, the President shall—

10 “(A) use the base amount established  
11 under paragraph (2); and

12 “(B) increase the amount of the deduct-  
13 ible, as determined appropriate, by taking into  
14 consideration the amount of Federal financial  
15 assistance provided to a State under this Act in  
16 response to a major disaster declared under sec-  
17 tion 401 in the 3 years preceding the year for  
18 which the calculation applies.

19 “(c) SPECIFIED INSURANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-  
20 tion, the term ‘specified insurance’ means—

21 “(1) insurance required under section 311; and

22 “(2) insurance under section 406(d).

1 **“SEC. 802. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL SHARE.**

2       “(a) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
3 title may be construed to affect the amount of the Federal  
4 share of funds required under this Act.

5       “(b) NONQUALIFICATION OF STATE OR LOCAL  
6 SHARE TOWARDS DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.—Any funds  
7 used or expenditures made by a State or local governments  
8 to meet non-Federal share requirements under this Act  
9 may not be calculated towards the disaster deductible re-  
10 quired by this title.”.

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