

## Calendar No. 616

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION**S. 388**

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act with respect to the implementation of building codes, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Reported by Mr. PAUL, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Promoting Resilient  
5 Buildings Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.**

2 Section 203(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
 3 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is  
 4 amended—

5 (1) by striking the subsection heading and in-  
 6 serting “DEFINITIONS”;

7 (2) by striking “In this section, the term” and  
 8 inserting the following:

9 “(2) **SMALL IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITY.**—The  
 10 term”; and

11 (3) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so  
 12 designated, “In this section:

13 “(1) **LATEST PUBLISHED EDITIONS.**—The term  
 14 ‘latest public editions’ means the 2 most recently  
 15 published editions of relevant consensus-based codes,  
 16 specifications, and standards.”.

17 **SEC. 3. HAZARD MITIGATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND PRO-**  
 18 **GRAM.**

19 Section 205(f) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
 20 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5135(f))  
 21 is amended—

22 (1) by striking paragraph (5); and

23 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and  
 24 (8) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively.

1 **SEC. 4. RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT AND RESILIENCE PILOT**  
 2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

4 (1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Adminis-  
 5 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal  
 6 Emergency Management Agency.

7 (2) **RESIDENTIAL RESILIENT RETROFIT.**—The  
 8 term “residential resilient retrofit”—

9 (A) means a project that—

10 (i) is designed to increase the resil-  
 11 ience of an existing home or residence  
 12 using mitigation measures that the Admin-  
 13 istrator determines reduce damage and im-  
 14 pacts from natural disaster hazards and  
 15 risks that are most likely to occur in the  
 16 area where the home is located; and

17 (ii) to the extent applicable, are con-  
 18 sistent with—

19 (I) the 2 most recently published  
 20 editions of relevant consensus-based  
 21 codes, specifications, and standards,  
 22 including any amendments made to  
 23 those codes by State, local, or Indian  
 24 tribal governments; and

25 (II) specifications and standards  
 26 that, for the purpose of protecting

1 health, safety, and general welfare of  
2 users of buildings against disasters—

3 (aa) incorporate the latest  
4 hazard-resistant designs; and

5 (bb) establish criteria for the  
6 design, construction, and mainte-  
7 nance of residential structures  
8 and facilities that may be eligible  
9 for assistance under the Robert  
10 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
11 Emergency Assistance Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and

13 (B) includes—

14 (i) elevations of homes and utilities  
15 within and around structures to mitigate  
16 damages;

17 (ii) floodproofing measures;

18 (iii) the construction of tornado safe  
19 rooms;

20 (iv) seismic retrofits;

21 (v) wildfire retrofit and mitigation  
22 measures;

23 (vi) wind retrofits, including roof re-  
24 placements, hurricane straps, and tie-  
25 downs; and

1                   (vii) any other measure that meet the  
 2                   requirements of subparagraph (A), as de-  
 3                   termined by the Administrator.

4           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall  
 5 carry out a residential resilience pilot program through the  
 6 program established under section 203 of the Robert T.  
 7 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
 8 (42 U.S.C. 5133) to make available assistance to States  
 9 and local governments for the purpose of providing grants  
 10 to individuals for residential resilience retrofits.

11          (c) AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—The Administrator may  
 12 use not more than 10 percent of the assistance made avail-  
 13 able to applicants on an annual basis under section 203  
 14 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
 15 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) to provide assistance  
 16 under this section.

17          (d) TIMELINE.—With respect to the pilot program  
 18 carried out under subsection (b), the Administrator  
 19 shall—

20               (1) establish the pilot program not later than 1  
 21 year after the date of enactment of this Act; and

22               (2) terminate the pilot program on September  
 23 30, 2030.

24          (e) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the pilot program  
 25 under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that a

1 State or local government receiving assistance under the  
 2 pilot program provides grants to individuals that dem-  
 3 onstrate financial need.

4 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date  
 5 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit  
 6 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
 7 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-  
 8 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
 9 tives a report that includes—

10 (1) a summary of the grant awards and  
 11 projects carried out under this section;

12 (2) a detailed compilation of results achieved by  
 13 the grant awards and projects carried out under this  
 14 section, including the number of homes receiving ret-  
 15 rofits, the types and average costs of retrofits, and  
 16 demographic information for participants in the pilot  
 17 program;

18 (3) an estimate of avoidance in disaster impacts  
 19 and Federal disaster payments as a result of the  
 20 grant investments carried out under this section,  
 21 and whether that avoidance is different than other  
 22 mitigation projects funded under section 203 of the  
 23 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
 24 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133); and

1           (4) any identified implementation challenges  
 2           and recommendations for improvements to the pilot  
 3           program established under this section.

4           (g) ~~APPLICABILITY.~~—This section shall only apply  
 5 with respect to amounts appropriated on or after the date  
 6 of enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

8           Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this  
 9 Act shall be construed to affect any program other than  
 10 the predisaster hazard mitigation program or the hazard  
 11 mitigation revolving loan fund program established under  
 12 section 203 or 205, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford  
 13 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
 14 5133, 5135).

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16           *This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Resilient*  
 17 *Buildings Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING RESILIENT BUILDINGS.**

19           (a) *PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.*—Section  
 20 203(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
 21 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133(a)) is amended—

22                   (1) *by striking the subsection heading and in-*  
 23 *serting “DEFINITIONS”;*

24                   (2) *by striking “In this section, the term” and*  
 25 *inserting the following:*

1           “(2) *SMALL IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITY*.—*The*  
2       *term*”; and

3           (3) *by inserting before paragraph (2), as so des-*  
4       *ignated, “In this section:*

5           “(1) *LATEST PUBLISHED EDITIONS*.—*The term*  
6       *‘latest published editions’ means the 2 most recently*  
7       *published editions of relevant consensus-based codes,*  
8       *specifications, and standards.’”.*

9       (b) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION*.—*Nothing in this section*  
10   *or the amendments made by this section shall be construed*  
11   *to affect any program other than the predisaster hazard*  
12   *mitigation program established under section 203 of the*  
13   *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-*  
14   *ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133).*



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