

Public Law 109–308  
109th Congress  
An Act

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

Oct. 6, 2006  
[H.R. 3858]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006”.

Pets  
Evacuation and  
Transportation  
Standards Act  
of 2006.  
42 USC 5121  
note.

**SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OPERATIONAL PLANS.**

Section 613 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196b) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h); and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following:

“(g) STANDARDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OPERATIONAL PLANS.—In approving standards for State and local emergency preparedness operational plans pursuant to subsection (b)(3), the Director shall ensure that such plans take into account the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals prior to, during, and following a major disaster or emergency.”.

**SEC. 3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEASURES OF THE DIRECTOR.**

Section 611 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (e)—
  - (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end;
  - (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and
  - (C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) plans that take into account the needs of individuals with pets and service animals prior to, during, and following a major disaster or emergency.”; and

- (2) in subsection (j)—
  - (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and
  - (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) The Director may make financial contributions, on the basis of programs or projects approved by the Director, to the States and local authorities for animal emergency

preparedness purposes, including the procurement, construction, leasing, or renovating of emergency shelter facilities and materials that will accommodate people with pets and service animals.”.

**SEC. 4. PROVIDING ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH HOUSEHOLD PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS FOLLOWING A DISASTER.**

Section 403(a)(3) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b(a)(3)) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at the end;
- (2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following:
  - “(J) provision of rescue, care, shelter, and essential needs—
    - “(i) to individuals with household pets and service animals; and
    - “(ii) to such pets and animals.”.

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