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H. R. 2887

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for condominiums and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. MENG, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. CLARKE, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
5 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(11) CONDOMINIUM.—The term ‘condo-
2 minium’ means a multi-unit housing project in which
3 each dwelling unit is separately owned, and the re-
4 maining portions of the real estate are designated
5 for common ownership solely by the owners of those
6 units, each owner having an undivided interest in
7 the common elements, and which is represented by
8 a condominium association consisting exclusively of
9 all the unit owners in the project, which is, or will
10 be responsible for the operation, administration, and
11 management of the project.

12 “(12) HOUSING COOPERATIVE.—The term
13 ‘housing cooperative’ means a multi-unit housing
14 project in which each dwelling unit is subject to sep-
15 arate use and possession by one or more cooperative
16 members whose interest in such unit, and in any un-
17 divided assets of the cooperative association that are
18 appurtenant to such unit, is evidenced by a member-
19 ship or share interest in a cooperative association
20 and a lease or other document of title or possession
21 granted by such cooperative as the owner of all coop-
22 erative property.”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING COOPERATIVES**
2 **DAMAGED BY A MAJOR DISASTER.**

3 (a) INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM.—
4 Section 408(b)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
5 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(b)(1))
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “The President” and inserting
8 the following:

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The President”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING CO-
12 OPERATIVES.—For purposes of providing finan-
13 cial assistance under subsections (c)(2) and
14 (c)(3) with respect to residential elements that
15 are the legal responsibility of an association for
16 a condominium or housing cooperative, the
17 terms ‘individual’ and ‘household’ include the
18 association for the condominium or housing co-
19 operative.”.

20 (b) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Section
21 408(h) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(h)) is amended by
22 adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND
24 HOUSING COOPERATIVES.—

25 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of the limit es-
26 tablished under paragraph (1), the maximum

1 amount of assistance that an association for a
2 condominium or housing cooperative may re-
3 ceive under this section with respect to a single
4 disaster shall be an amount to be determined by
5 the President by regulation.

6 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—The
7 amount determined by the President under sub-
8 paragraph (A) shall be adjusted annually in ac-
9 cordance with paragraph (2).”.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
11 section shall apply to a major disaster or emergency de-
12 clared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
13 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
14 5121 et seq.) after the date of enactment of this Act.

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