

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1678, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1678

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.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705 of the Robert T.  
5 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 5205) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

2 (A) by striking “Except” and inserting  
3 “Notwithstanding section 3716(e) of title 31,  
4 United States Code, and except”; and

5 (B) by striking “report for the disaster or  
6 emergency” and inserting “report for project  
7 completion as certified by the grantee”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1) by striking “report  
10 for the disaster or emergency” and inserting  
11 “report for project completion as certified by  
12 the grantee”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (3) by inserting “for  
14 project completion as certified by the grantee”  
15 after “final expenditure report”.

16 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

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

20 (A) no administrative action may be taken  
21 to recover a payment of such assistance after  
22 the date of enactment of this Act if the action  
23 is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the  
24 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-

1           agency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),  
2           as amended by subsection (a); and

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

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