

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2548, with an Amendment

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

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2548

To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself, Mr. OLSON, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. MEADOWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hazard Eligibility and
5 Local Projects Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF AC-**
2 **QUISITION OR RELOCATION PROJECTS.**

3 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED**
4 **PROJECTS.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, an entity seeking assistance under
7 a hazard mitigation assistance program shall be eli-
8 gible to receive such assistance for a covered project
9 if the entity—

10 (A) complies with all other eligibility re-
11 quirements of the hazard mitigation assistance
12 program for acquisition or relocation projects,
13 including extinguishing all incompatible encum-
14 brances; and

15 (B) complies with all Federal requirements
16 for the project.

17 (2) **COSTS INCURRED.—**An entity seeking as-
18 sistance under a hazard mitigation assistance pro-
19 gram shall be responsible for any project costs in-
20 curred by the entity for a covered project if the cov-
21 ered project is not awarded, or is determined to be
22 ineligible for, assistance.

23 (b) **DEFINITIONS.—**In this section, the following defi-
24 nitions apply:

25 (1) **COVERED PROJECT.—**The term “covered
26 project” means—

1 (A) an acquisition or relocation project for
2 which an entity began implementation prior to
3 grant award under a hazard mitigation assist-
4 ance program; and

5 (B) a project for which an entity initiated
6 planning or construction before or after re-
7 questing assistance for the project under a haz-
8 ard mitigation assistance program qualifying
9 for a categorical exemption under the National
10 Environmental Policy Act.

11 (2) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PRO-
12 GRAM.—The term “hazard mitigation assistance
13 program” means—

14 (A) the predisaster hazard mitigation
15 grant program authorized under section 203 of
16 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
17 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

18 (B) the hazard mitigation grant program
19 authorized under section 404 of the Robert T.
20 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
21 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170e); and

22 (C) the flood mitigation assistance pro-
23 gram authorized under section 1366 of the Na-
24 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
25 4104c).