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| | TH CONGRESS H. R. |
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| | IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES |
| M_ | introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on |
| | 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. REDUCING LOAN FEES FOR CERTAIN VET- |
| 4 | ERANS AFFECTED BY MAJOR DISASTERS. |
| 5 | Section 3729(b)(4) of title 38, United States Code, |

6 is amended—

| 1 | (1) by striking subparagraph (D), and replacing |
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| 2 | it with the following: |
| 3 | "(D)(i) The term 'initial loan' means a loan to |
| 4 | a veteran guaranteed under section 3710 of this title |
| 5 | or made under section 3711 of this title if the vet- |
| 6 | eran has never obtained a loan guaranteed under |
| 7 | section 3710 or made under section 3711 of this |
| 8 | title. |
| 9 | "(ii) If a veteran has obtained a loan guaran- |
| 10 | teed under section 3710 or made under section 37 |
| 11 | and the dwelling securing such loan was substan- |
| 12 | tially damaged or destroyed by a major disaster de- |
| 13 | clared by the President under section 401 of the |
| 14 | Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency |
| 15 | Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), the Secretary shall |
| 16 | treat as an initial loan, as defined in clause (i), the |
| 17 | next loan the Secretary guarantees or makes to such |
| 18 | veteran under section 3710 or 3711, respectively."; |
| 19 | and |
| 20 | (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking "if the vet- |
| 21 | eran has previously obtained a loan guaranteed |
| 22 | under section 3710 or made under section 3711 of |
| 23 | this title" and inserting "that is not an initial loan". |