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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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO BEGIN PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECTS.**

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4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

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6 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Federal
7 Emergency Management Agency.
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9 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered project” means—
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11 (A) an acquisition or relocation project for
12 which an entity began implementation before a
13 grant was awarded under a hazard mitigation
14 assistance program; and

15 (B) a project for which an entity initiated
16 planning or construction before or after re-
17 questing assistance for the project under a haz-
18 ard mitigation grant program qualifying for a
19 categorical exemption under the National Envi-
20 ronmental Policy Act.

21 (3) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PRO-
22 GRAM.—The term “hazard mitigation assistance
23 program” means—

24 (A) the predisaster hazard mitigation
25 grant program authorized under section 203 of

1 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
2 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133);

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

7 (C) the flood mitigation assistance pro-
8 gram authorized under section 1366 of the Na-
9 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
10 4104c).

11 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE FOR INITIATED
12 PROJECTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, an entity seeking hazard mitigation
15 assistance under a hazard mitigation assistance pro-
16 gram shall be eligible to receive such assistance for
17 a covered project if the entity—

18 (A) complies with all other eligibility re-
19 quirements of the hazard mitigation assistance
20 program for acquisition or relocation projects,
21 including extinguishing all incompatible encum-
22 brances; and

23 (B) complies with all Federal requirements
24 for the project.

1 (2) COSTS INCURRED.—An entity seeking haz-
2 ard mitigation assistance under a hazard mitigation
3 assistance program shall be responsible for any
4 project costs incurred by the entity for a covered
5 project if the covered project is not awarded, or is
6 determined to be ineligible for, assistance.

7 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any
8 application for hazard mitigation assistance for a covered
9 project submitted on or after January 1, 2016.

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