

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 5473

To amend certain laws relating to disaster recovery and relief with respect to the implementation of building codes, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Resilient
5 Buildings Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.**

7 Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
8 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(m) LATEST PUBLISHED EDITIONS.—For purposes
11 of subsections (e)(1)(B)(iv) and (g)(10), the term ‘latest

1 published editions’ means, with respect to relevant con-
2 sensus-based codes, specifications, and standards, the 2
3 most recently published editions.”.

4 **SEC. 3. HAZARD MITIGATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 Section 205(f) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
7 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5135(f) is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (5); and

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and
11 (8) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively.

12 **SEC. 4. RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT AND RESILIENCE PILOT**
13 **PROGRAM.**

14 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
16 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
17 Emergency Management Agency.

18 (2) RESIDENTIAL RESILIENT RETROFITS.—The
19 term “residential resilient retrofits”—

20 (A) means a project that—

21 (i) is designed to increase the resil-
22 ience of an existing home or residence
23 using mitigation measures that the Admin-
24 istrator determines reduce damage and im-
25 pacts from natural disaster hazards and

1 risks that are most likely to occur in the
2 area where the home is located; and

3 (ii) to the extent applicable, are con-
4 sistent with the 2 most recently published
5 editions of relevant consensus-based codes,
6 specifications, and standards, including
7 any amendments made by State, local,
8 Tribal, or territorial governments to those
9 codes, specifications, and standards that
10 incorporate the latest hazard-resistant de-
11 signs and establish criteria for the design,
12 construction, and maintenance of residen-
13 tial structures and facilities that may be
14 eligible for assistance under the Robert T.
15 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
16 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
17 for the purpose of protecting the health,
18 safety, and general welfare of users of the
19 buildings against disasters; and

20 (B) includes—

21 (i) elevations of homes and elevations
22 of utilities within and around structures to
23 mitigate damages;

24 (ii) floodproofing measures;

- 1 (iii) the construction of tornado safe
2 rooms;
- 3 (iv) seismic retrofits;
- 4 (v) wildfire retrofit and mitigation
5 measures;
- 6 (vi) wind retrofits, including roof re-
7 placements, hurricane straps, and tie-
8 downs; and
- 9 (vii) any other measures that meet the
10 requirements of subparagraph (A), as de-
11 termined by the Administrator.

12 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall
13 carry out a residential resilience pilot program through the
14 program established under section 203 of the Robert T.
15 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 5133) to make available assistance to States
17 and local governments for the purpose of providing grants
18 to individuals for residential resilience retrofits.

19 (c) AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—The Administrator may
20 use not more than 10 percent of the assistance made avail-
21 able to applicants on an annual basis under section 203
22 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
23 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) to provide assistance
24 under this section.

1 (d) **TIMELINE.**—The Administrator shall establish
2 the pilot program under this section not later than 1 year
3 after the date of enactment of this Act and the program
4 shall terminate on September 30, 2026.

5 (e) **PRIORITY.**—In carrying out the pilot program
6 under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that a
7 State or local government receiving assistance under the
8 program provides grants to individuals that demonstrate
9 financial need.

10 (f) **REPORT.**—Not later than 4 years after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
12 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
13 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
15 tives a report that includes—

16 (1) a summary of the grant awards and
17 projects carried out under this section;

18 (2) a detailed compilation of results achieved by
19 the grant awards and projects carried out under this
20 section, including the number of homes receiving ret-
21 rofits, the types and average costs of retrofits, and
22 demographic information for participants in the pilot
23 program,

24 (3) an estimate of avoidance in disaster impacts
25 and Federal disaster payments as a result of the

1 grant investments carried out under this section,
2 and whether that avoidance is different than other
3 mitigation projects funded through section 203 of
4 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
5 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133); and

6 (4) any identified implementation challenges
7 and recommendations for improvements to the pilot
8 program.

9 (g) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall only apply to
10 amounts appropriated on or after the date of enactment
11 of this Act.

12 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

13 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
14 Act shall be construed to affect any program other than
15 the predisaster hazard mitigation program or the hazard
16 mitigation revolving loan fund program established under
17 section 203 or 205 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
18 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133,
19 5135), respectively.