

HR 4205

National Earthquake Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 5, 2006
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2005
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Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 2, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Earthquake Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response and the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to meet the qualification requirements for their position by virtue of their emergency management experience, educational background, training, and professional contributions.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a nonrefundable personal credit of 50% of up to \$6,000 of qualified seismic retrofit expenses (principal residence earthquake retrofit expenses). Authorizes the issuance of qualified seismic retrofitting bonds. Provides an exemption from passive activity loss restrictions for seismic retrofitting activity.

Amends the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to authorize the FEMA Director to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to certain local governments, public or nonprofit private hospitals, or public institutions of higher education for earthquake disaster mitigation and recovery planning measures (including retrofitting and disaster recovery plans) with respect to critical facilities and public infrastructures. Establishes the Loss Reduction Trust Fund for grant payments.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Advanced National Seismic System should be funded at its authorization level in order to achieve the goal of deploying a nationwide network of over 7,000 earthquake sensor systems serving the entire United States and providing dense coverage in 26 at-risk urban areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 5, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research.
- **Nov 3, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
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