

HR 5218

Fire-Safe Communities Act

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Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2008
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 21, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 30, 2008

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2390	Related bill	Nov 16, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Fire-Safe Communities Act - Requires the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to publish a federal model ordinance for municipalities at risk (subdivisions located in a fire hazard area) that includes specified elements regarding fire prevention and management, such as: (1) specifications for construction materials and techniques for use in such communities; and (2) standards for roads, culverts, and bridges.

Authorizes the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to modify, for a municipality at risk, the requirements of the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program related to the provision of a non-federal share of funds, so that if such a municipality has adopted an applicable model ordinance and is making significant progress toward implementing it, the Administrator may reduce the required non-federal share to 10% of the grant amount.

Directs the Administrator to provide grants to: (1) municipalities at risk to encourage responsible development in state-identified fire-prone regions and to mitigate the catastrophic effects of fires; and (2) states to create or update fire-hazard assessment maps.

Amends the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to: (1) include as a purpose of the Community and Private Land Fire Assistance Program to enhance the capacity of local governments to integrate fire-resistant community and home design into local planning, zoning, building code, and brush clearing ordinances; and (2) authorize a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing assistance to fire-safe communities located near federal land.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 25, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Feb 21, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Feb 1, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E96-98)
- **Jan 29, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Science and Technology, 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.