

HR 1678

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Mar 22, 2017
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Mar 28, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 29, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 4, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3041	Related bill	Dec 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 737.
115 HR 302	Related bill	Oct 5, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-254.
115 HR 4	Related bill	May 8, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 401.
115 HR 4667	Related bill	Jan 4, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 291.
115 HR 3354	Related bill	Sep 27, 2017: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 230.
115 S 1641	Related bill	Jul 27, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 S 709	Related bill	Mar 23, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of May 3, 2017)

(Sec. 1) This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit any administrative action to recover any payment made to a state or local government for disaster or emergency assistance initiated in any forum (with exceptions for fraud) after three years following the transmission of the final expenditure report for project completion, as certified by the grantee (currently, after three years following the transmission of the final expenditure report for the disaster or emergency).

Such revised prohibition shall apply to any such payment provided on or after January 1, 2004. Any administrative action to recover such a payment that is pending on the date of enactment of this bill shall be terminated.

The bill makes the same report change with respect to the deadline: (1) for any dispute arising under such Act for which there shall be a presumption that accounting records were maintained that adequately identify the source and application of funds provided for financially assisted activities, and (2) by which the inability of the government to produce source documentation supporting expenditure reports shall not constitute evidence to rebut such presumption.

Actions Timeline

- **May 4, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **May 3, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3307-3308)
- **May 3, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 250).(text: CR 5/02/2017 H3023)
- **May 3, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 250). (text: CR 5/02/2017 H3023)
- **May 3, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 2, 2017:** Mr. Barletta moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 2, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3023-3024)
- **May 2, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1678.
- **May 2, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Barletta objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Apr 28, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-100.
- **Apr 28, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 57.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.