

## S 1798

### Federal Flood Management Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1798>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                   | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ        |      | Sep 12, 2017 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]   | D · HI        |      | Sep 12, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 12, 2017 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 115 HR 7024 | Related bill | <b>Oct 2, 2018:</b> Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. |

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This bill directs executive agencies, including military departments, to reduce the risk of flood losses, minimize flood impacts, and restore and preserve natural floodplains. Agencies must also: (1) evaluate the effects of an action taking place in a floodplain, (2) ensure planning programs and budget requests incorporate flood hazard considerations, and (3) indicate their compliance with this bill to the Office of Management and Budget when making a request for a new authorization or appropriation. The bill sets forth characteristics to be used in determining whether an agency action impacts a floodplain. The Mitigation Framework Leadership Group must reassess annually the implementation of these requirements, and provide recommendations to the Water Resources Council.

An agency undertaking a federally funded project must comply with federal flood risk management standards, including construction guidelines, flood-proofing measures, and elevation techniques. Projects may be exempted if compliance would not be in the interest of national security, a project is in response to an emergency, or the standard is demonstrably inappropriate.

An agency facilitating a financial transaction in an area subject to a base flood (a base flood has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any year) has a duty to inform any private party of the hazards.

Agencies must report on their compliance with this bill to the Council on Environmental Quality.

## **Actions Timeline**

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