

## HR 2405

### Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. (May 11, 2017)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1823	Identical bill	Sep 18, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## Summary (as of May 11, 2017)

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### Federal Disaster Assistance Nonprofit Fairness Act of 2017

This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include community centers, including tax-exempt houses of worship, as "private nonprofit facilities" for purposes of disaster relief and emergency assistance eligibility under such Act.

A church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other house of worship, and a private nonprofit facility operated by a religious organization, are eligible for federal contributions for the repair, restoration, and replacement of facilities damaged or destroyed by a major disaster, without regard to the religious character of the facility or the primary religious use of the facility.

This bill is applicable to the provision of assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency declared on or after October 28, 2012.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 11, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **May 11, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.