

HR 5474

Housing Victims of Major Disasters Act of 2018

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Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2018
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 11, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 12, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2996	Related bill	Jun 5, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Housing Victims of Major Disasters Act of 2018

This bill makes a family eligible for housing assistance in connection with a major disaster, including Hurricane Maria of 2017, if it: (1) is occupying an otherwise unused or uninhabited property located in the area for which the major disaster was declared but does not have documented ownership rights to, and is not renting, the property; or (2) is renting a property located in the area for which the major disaster was declared but does not have a written lease for such rental.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall consider a wide range of evidence in determining the eligibility of a family for housing assistance.

FEMA shall enter into agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement a Disaster Housing Assistance Program to provide temporary rental assistance to families displaced by any major disaster during 2017, and shall consult on the implementation of the program for future disasters.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.