

HR 2914

Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 22, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 20, 2020
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 26, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1605	Related bill	May 22, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill makes certain individuals and households eligible for housing assistance in connection with a major disaster, including Hurricane Maria of 2017. To be eligible, an individual or household must be (1) residing on property located in the area for which the major disaster was declared but does not have documented ownership rights to and is not renting such property, or (2) residing or have resided in an area for which the major disaster was declared during the designated incident period.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must consider alternative forms of proof to determine the eligibility of an individual or household for assistance.

FEMA shall create and distribute a declarative form statement that applicants for assistance can use to self-certify eligibility for assistance and shall make the statement available in specified languages at all active Disaster Recovery Centers and on its website and social media.

FEMA may provide financial assistance for repairs to ensure that residences are habitable during longer-term recovery and for permanent housing construction if the President determines that such assistance is a cost effective alternative to other housing solutions.

FEMA shall conduct an analysis comparing the costs, benefits, and effectiveness of assistance provided under the Disaster Housing Assistance Program, including any case management services provided, with other temporary housing options provided by FEMA.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5859-5862)
- **Nov 17, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2914.
- **Nov 17, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5859-5860)
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- **Nov 17, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 116-574.
- **Nov 16, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 472.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 26, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **May 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
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