

S 3092

FIRE Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

Introduced: Oct 27, 2021

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-251.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-251. (Dec 20, 2022)

Law: 117-251 (Enacted Dec 20, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3092>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 27, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 1, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 1, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 1, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 7, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 27, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 12, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 5782	Related bill	Oct 29, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

FEMA Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency Act of 2022 or the FIRE Act

This act addresses the federal government's approach to wildfires.

Specifically, the act requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to report to Congress regarding the use of relocation assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for wildfire risk.

FEMA, in coordination with the National Weather Service, must study, develop recommendations for, and initiate a process for the use of forecasts and data, including information that supports Red Flag Warnings and similar weather alert and notification methods, to establish

- plans and actions that can be implemented prior to a wildfire event that can limit the impact, duration, or severity of the fire; and
- mechanisms to increase interagency collaboration to expedite the delivery of disaster assistance.

The Government Accountability Office must report to Congress regarding wildfires, including the effectiveness of FEMA programs.

Each state, local agency, or private mental health organization providing professional crisis counseling assistance must ensure that those providing case management services to victims of a major disaster have training to address impacts in communities and to individuals with socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

FEMA must conduct a study and develop a plan to address providing housing assistance to survivors of major disasters or emergencies when presented with challenges such as the presence of multiple families within a single household.

The act allows Indian tribal governments to apply for grants for equipping, upgrading, and constructing state and local emergency operations centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2022:** Star Print ordered on the reported bill.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-251.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 8, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 3092 by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 7, 2022:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 3092 by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7038)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Mr. Carter (LA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8557-8560)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3092.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8557-8558)
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 17, 2022:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5141-5144)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5142-5144)
- **Sep 12, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Carper for Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-144.
- **Sep 12, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 482.
- **Feb 2, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.