

## HR 5782

### FIRE Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Oct 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Oct 29, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5782>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Nov 16, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 28, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3092	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-251.

## **FEMA Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency Act of 2021 or the FIRE Act**

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

Specifically, the bill authorizes a public mitigation assistance applicant to relocate an eligible structure upon demonstrating that the structure is at risk from future damage and the relocation reduces the risk to the structure, is cost effective, and does not increase risk to adjacent structures.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the National Weather Service, must conduct a study on Red Flag Warnings and similar weather and notification methods to implement plans and actions prior to a wildfire that can limit the impact, duration, or severity of the fire.

The President must ensure that those providing counseling or case management services to victims of a major disaster are trained to address cultural competency.

FEMA must (1) 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 lack of proof of ownership, and (2) seek to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to study solutions to address the availability and affordability of insurance for wildfire perils and other related matters.

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

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Oct 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2021:** 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.