

## 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. 2575

To prohibit recipients of disaster recovery relief assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development from penalizing applicants that declined assistance from the Small Business Administration.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

September 26, 2019

Mr. Rubio (for himself, Mr. Scott of Florida, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Cornyn, and Mr. Cruz) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## A BILL

- To prohibit recipients of disaster recovery relief assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development from penalizing applicants that declined assistance from the Small Business Administration.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
  - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
  - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Disaster Assistance
  - 5 Simplification Act".
  - 6 SEC. 2. DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS FOR DISASTER RELIEF.
- 7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1	(1) the term "Administration" means the Small
2	Business Administration; and
3	(2) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary
4	of Housing and Urban Development.
5	(b) Prohibitions.—With respect to a grant pro-
6	vided to a grantee under title I of the Housing and Com-
7	munity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)
8	related to a major disaster declared by the President
9	under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
10	lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), the
11	Secretary and the grantee shall not—
12	(1) take into consideration whether an appli-
13	cant for assistance from the grantee applied and was
14	approved for, but declined, assistance related to the
15	major disaster from the Administration under sec-
16	tion 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
17	636(b)); or
18	(2) reduce the amount provided to an applicant
19	described in paragraph (1) by any amount that the
20	applicant would have received from the Administra-
21	tion if the applicant had not declined the assistance.
22	(e) Application.—Subsection (b) shall apply with
23	respect to applicants for assistance from a grantee under
24	title I of the Housing and Community Development Act
25	of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) with respect to a major

- 1 disaster declared by the President under section 401 of
- 2 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
- 3 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) who applied for assistance
- 4 from the Administration under section 7(b) of the Small
- 5 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) related to the major dis-
- 6 aster before, on, or after the date of enactment of this

7 Act.

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