

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6288

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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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 “Responsibly Respond-  
5 ing to Pandemics Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN**  
2 **DEFINITION OF MAJOR DISASTER.**

3 Section 102(2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
4 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)  
5 is amended by inserting “any public health emergency (in-  
6 cluding any pandemic or virus threat),” after “drought),”.

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