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# H. R. 1678

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida) 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. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 705(a)(1) of the Robert  
5 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “Except” and inserting “Not-  
2           withstanding section 3716(e) of title 31, United  
3           States Code, and except”; and

4           (2) by striking “report for the disaster or emer-  
5           gency” and inserting “report for project completion  
6           as certified by the grantee”.

7           (b) APPLICABILITY.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to disaster or  
9           emergency assistance provided to a State or local  
10          government on or after January 1, 2004—

11           (A) no administrative action may be taken  
12          to recover a payment of such assistance after  
13          the date of enactment of this Act if the action  
14          is prohibited under section 705(a)(1) of the  
15          Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
16          gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5205(a)(1)),  
17          as amended by subsection (a); and

18           (B) any administrative action to recover a  
19          payment of such assistance that is pending on  
20          such date of enactment shall be terminated if  
21          the action is prohibited under section 705(a)(1)  
22          of that Act, as amended by subsection (a).

23          (2) LIMITATION.—This section, including the  
24          amendments made by this section, may not be con-  
25          strued to invalidate or otherwise affect any adminis-

1       tration action completed before the date of enact-  
2       ment of this Act.

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