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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MacArthur introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Assistance Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROHIBITED.

(a) In general.—Notwithstanding section 3716(e) of title 31, United States Code, the Federal Emergency
Management Agency may not take any action to recoup covered assistance from the recipient of such assistance if the receipt of such assistance occurred on a date that is more than 3 years before the date on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency first provides to the recipient written notification of an intent to recoup.

(b) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered assistance” means assistance provided—

(1) under section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174); and

(2) in relation to a major disaster declared by the President under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) on or after January 1, 2012.