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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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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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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 Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROHIB-**
7 **ITED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 3716(e)
9 of title 31, United States Code, the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency may not take any action to recoup
2 covered assistance from the recipient of such assistance
3 if the receipt of such assistance occurred on a date that
4 is more than 3 years before the date on which the Federal
5 Emergency Management Agency first provides to the re-
6 cipient written notification of an intent to recoup.

7 (b) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term “covered assistance” means assistance pro-
9 vided—

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

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