

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**8****OFFERED BY MR. EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 17 ____ . PROMOTING RESILIENT BUILDINGS ACT.

2 (a) PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.—Section
3 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
4 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(m) LATEST PUBLISHED EDITIONS.—For purposes
7 of subsections (e)(1)(B)(iv) and (g)(10), the term ‘latest
8 published editions’ means, with respect to relevant con-
9 sensus-based codes, specifications, and standards, the 2
10 most recently published editions.”.

11 (b) HAZARD MITIGATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND
12 PROGRAM.—Section 205(f)(5) of the Robert T. Stafford
13 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
14 5135(f)(5)) is amended—

15 (1) in the paragraph heading by striking “Es-
16 tablishing” and insert “Implementing”;

17 (2) by striking “establish” and insert “imple-
18 ment”;

1 (3) by inserting “2” after “latest”; and

2 (4) by inserting “, including any amendments
3 made by State, local, Tribal, or territorial govern-
4 ments to such codes, specifications, and standards,”
5 after “standards”.

6 (c) RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT AND RESILIENCE PILOT
7 PROGRAM.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of
9 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall
10 carry out a residential resilience pilot program
11 through the program established under section 203
12 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
13 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) to make
14 available assistance to States and local governments
15 for the purpose of providing grants to individuals for
16 residential resilience retrofits.

17 (2) AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—The Administrator
18 may use not more than 10 percent of the assistance
19 made available to applicants on an annual basis
20 under section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
21 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
22 5133) to provide assistance under this section.

23 (3) TIMELINE.—The Administrator shall estab-
24 lish the pilot program under this section not later
25 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act

1 and the program shall terminate on September 30,
2 2028.

3 (4) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the pilot pro-
4 gram under this section, the Administrator shall en-
5 sure that a State or local government receiving as-
6 sistance under the program provides grants to indi-
7 viduals that demonstrate financial need.

8 (5) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
10 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
12 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
13 ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report that in-
14 cludes—

15 (A) a summary of the grant awards and
16 projects carried out under this section;

17 (B) a detailed compilation of results
18 achieved by the grant awards and projects car-
19 ried out under this section, including the num-
20 ber of homes receiving retrofits, the types and
21 average costs of retrofits, demographic informa-
22 tion for participants in the program, and esti-
23 mate avoidance in disaster impacts and Federal
24 disaster payments as a result of the grant in-
25 vestments; and

1 (C) any identified implementation chal-
2 lenges and recommendations for improvements
3 to the pilot program.

4 (6) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall only
5 apply to amounts appropriated on or after the date
6 of enactment of this Act.

7 (7) RESIDENTIAL RESILIENT RETROFITS DE-
8 FINED.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the
10 term “residential resilient retrofits” means a
11 project that—

12 (i) is designed to increase the resil-
13 ience of an existing home or residence
14 using mitigation measures which the ad-
15 ministrator determines reduce damage and
16 impacts from natural disaster hazards and
17 risks that are most likely to occur in the
18 area where the home is located; and

19 (ii) to the extent applicable, are con-
20 sistent with the 2 most recently published
21 editions of relevant consensus-based codes,
22 specifications, and standards, including
23 any amendments made by State, local,
24 tribal, or territorial governments to such
25 codes, specifications, and standards that

1 incorporate the latest hazard-resistant de-
2 signs and establish criteria for the design,
3 construction, and maintenance of residen-
4 tial structures and facilities that may be
5 eligible for assistance under the Robert T.
6 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
7 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
8 for the purpose of protecting the health,
9 safety, and general welfare of the build-
10 ings’ users against disasters.

11 (B) INCLUSION.—In this section, the term
12 “residential resilient retrofits” includes—

13 (i) elevations of homes and elevations
14 of utilities within and around structures to
15 mitigate damages;

16 (ii) floodproofing measures;

17 (iii) the construction of tornado safe
18 rooms;

19 (iv) seismic retrofits;

20 (v) wildfire retrofit and mitigation
21 measures;

22 (vi) wind retrofits, including roof re-
23 placements, hurricane straps, and tie-
24 downs; and

1 (vii) any other measures that meet the
2 requirements of subparagraph (A), as de-
3 termined by the Administrator.

