

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1748

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide that aliens who are not qualified aliens are ineligible for certain assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. BOEBERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “FEMA for America
5 First Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF ALIENS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

2 Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
3 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 431. ELIGIBILITY OF ALIENS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an alien other-
7 wise eligible for any assistance provided to individuals
8 under this Act, only a qualified alien shall be eligible for
9 such assistance.

10 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
12 vided, the terms used have the same meaning given
13 such terms in section 101(a) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

15 “(2) QUALIFIED ALIEN.—The term ‘qualified
16 alien’ has the meaning given such term in section
17 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
18 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641),
19 except that such term does not include—

20 “(A) an alien who—

21 “(i) is granted asylum under section
22 208 of the Immigration and Nationality
23 Act (8 U.S.C. 1158); and

24 “(ii) has not sought adjustment to the
25 status of alien lawfully admitted for per-

1 manent residence under section 209(b) of
2 such Act;

3 “(B) a refugee who—

4 “(i) is admitted to the United States
5 under section 207 of such Act; and

6 “(ii) has not sought adjustment to the
7 status of alien lawfully admitted for per-
8 manent residence under section 209(a) of
9 such Act; or

10 “(C) an alien who is paroled into the
11 United States under section 212(d)(5) of such
12 Act.”.

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