

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3600

To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the punishment of larceny during natural disasters.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2025

Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Mr. NEHLS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Law On Offender  
5 Transgressions during Emergencies and Recovery Act of  
6 2025” or as the “LOOTER Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. LARCENY DURING NATURAL DISASTERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter \_\_ of title 18, United  
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

1 “§ \_\_\_\_ . **Larceny during natural disasters**

2 “(a) PETIT LARCENY.—Whoever, during any period  
3 where any county in a State is subject to an emergency  
4 declared pursuant to section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford  
5 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 5191), commits petit larceny in that State (as defined  
7 under the law of the State in which the offense occurred)  
8 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than  
9 1 year, or both.

10 “(b) GRAND LARCENY.—Whoever, during any period  
11 where any county in a State is subject to an emergency  
12 declared pursuant to section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford  
13 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 5191), commits grand larceny in that State (as defined  
15 under the law of the State in which the offense occurred)  
16 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than  
17 5 years, or both.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing:

“\_\_\_\_. Larceny during natural disasters.”.

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