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H. R. 6249

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide substance use and alcohol use disorder services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BALINT (for herself, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COSTA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) 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 “Addressing Addiction
5 After Disasters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRISIS COUNSELING ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

2 Section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by inserting “, substance use, or alco-
7 hol use” after “private mental health”; and

8 (B) by inserting “, substance use, and al-
9 cohol use” after “relieve mental health”; and

10 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “, substance
11 use, or alcohol use” before “organization providing”.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON CHANGES TO APPLICATION.**

13 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
15 Management Agency, in consultation with the Assistant
16 Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the Di-
17 rector for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and
18 State alcohol and drug agencies, shall review, adjust, and
19 report to Congress any changes made to the application
20 for assistance under section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford
21 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
22 5183) and to any other relevant guidance documents to
23 reflect the amendments made by this Act.

24 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

25 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
26 conduct a review of the assistance provided under the cri-

1 sis counseling assistance and training program established
2 pursuant to section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
3 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183)
4 and submit to Congress a report describing—

5 (1) the duration of assistance provided to indi-
6 viduals under such program; and

7 (2) the compliance of the Administrator of the
8 Federal Emergency Management Agency with the
9 requirement that such assistance may only be used
10 for mental health, substance use, and alcohol use
11 problems caused or aggravated by a major disaster
12 or its aftermath.

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