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Title of Bill: Natural Disaster Assistance Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS

- 1 Preamble: Whereas the effects of some natural disasters are out of our control, it is
2 necessary for the federal government to provide immediate assistance to the states declared
3 in emergency. The memories of Hurricane Katrina, the wildfires in the west, and the recent
4 floods and past ice storms in New England are a few disasters that could use assistance from
5 the federal government. During times of disasters, many lives are affected and homes are
6 damaged or lost. As a direct consequence, individuals are displaced from their homes
7 and/or environment.
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- 9 SECTION 1: Let the term natural disaster be defined as any natural catastrophe that has an
10 effect on the environment that results in loss of life, loss of income, property damage and/or
11 loss, and/or human suffering.
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- 13 SECTION 2: Let it be that the government has to provide immediate assistance to the state
14 experiencing the natural disaster as defined in SECTION 1 within 48 hours.
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- 16 SECTION 3: Let the term immediate assistance refer to relief programs such as shelters if
17 homes are lost or damaged and financial income to purchase necessities such as food, water,
18 and/or clothing.
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- 20 SECTION 4: Let it be that a delegate will be chosen for each state by its voters to represent
21 them as well as communicate with others in times of emergency.
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- 23 SECTION 5: Let it be that federal programs such as the American Red Cross and the
24 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will communicate with the delegate from
25 the state in which the disaster occurred to provide aid and assistance to its people.
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- 27 SECTION 6: Let it be that the government is authorized to provide financial and military
28 assistance to the state declared an emergency to help rebuild and reconnect family as well as
29 provide security if necessary.
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- 31 SECTION 7: Let it be that it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that
32 local and federal agencies are prepared to act in state of emergencies. The federal
33 government shall encourage local and federal agencies to devise natural disaster
34 preparedness programs.
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- 36 SECTION 8: Let it be that the federal government shall encourage local and state

37 governments as well as the individuals of each state to respond accordingly to disaster
38 warnings and evacuate if necessary.
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40 SECTION 9: This bill shall go into effect 45 days after passage.