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To delay and phase-in increases in flood insurance premium rates under the national flood insurance program for certain properties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALAZZO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 “Flood Insurance Pre-
5 mium Relief Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION AND**
7 **PHASE-IN OF PREMIUM RATE INCREASES**
8 **FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES.**

9 (a) NEWLY PURCHASED PROPERTIES.—

1 (1) DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION.—For any
2 property that is purchased after July 6, 2012, and
3 before January 1, 2015, the risk premium rate
4 charged for flood insurance under the national flood
5 insurance program under the National Flood Insur-
6 ance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.) shall—

7 (A) during the 12-month period beginning
8 upon such purchase, be the amount of such risk
9 premium rate chargeable for such property im-
10 mediately before such purchase; and

11 (B) thereafter, be a rate that is not less
12 than those estimated under section 1307(a)(1)
13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 4014(a)(1)), as required
14 by paragraph (2) of that section, subject to
15 paragraph (2) of this subsection.

16 (2) PHASE-IN OF INCREASED RATES.—Upon
17 the expiration of any 12-month period referred to in
18 paragraph (1)(A) with respect to any property, any
19 increase in the risk premium rate charged for flood
20 insurance for such property that is a result of para-
21 graph (1)(B) shall be phased in over a 10-year pe-
22 riod, at the rate of 10 percent for each year fol-
23 lowing the expiration of such 12-month period.

24 (b) PROPERTIES WITH NEW FLOOD INSURANCE
25 RATE MAPS.—

1 (1) DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION.—For any
2 property that is located in an area that is partici-
3 pating in the national flood insurance program
4 under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968,
5 that is covered by a flood insurance policy on the
6 date of a covered flood insurance rate map update,
7 and for which the risk premium rate charged for
8 flood insurance for such property has increased, or
9 will increase, as a result of such update, the risk
10 premium rate charged for flood insurance under the
11 national flood insurance program shall, during the
12 12-month period beginning upon the effective date of
13 such covered flood insurance rate map update, be
14 the amount of such risk premium rate chargeable
15 for such property immediately before the effective
16 date of such update.

17 (2) PHASE-IN OF INCREASED RATES.—Upon
18 the expiration of any 12-month period referred to in
19 paragraph (1) with respect to any property, any in-
20 crease in the risk premium rate charged for flood in-
21 surance for such property that is a result of such
22 covered flood insurance rate map update shall be
23 phased in over a 10-year period, at the rate of 10
24 percent for each year following the expiration of
25 such 12-month period.

1 (3) COVERED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP UP-
2 DATE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term
3 “covered flood insurance rate map update” means
4 any revision or updating of flood insurance rate
5 maps under the National Flood Insurance Act of
6 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42
7 U.S.C. 4002 et seq.), or the Biggert-Waters Flood
8 Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (subtitle A of title II
9 of division F of Public Law 112–141), that takes ef-
10 fect after July 6, 2012, and before January 1, 2015.

11 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT PHASE-IN OF PREMIUM RATE IN-**
12 **CREASES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES.**

13 (a) PROPERTIES PURCHASED IN 2015 OR AFTER.—
14 Paragraph (2) of section 1307(g) of the National Flood
15 Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4014(g)(2)) is amended
16 by striking “after the date of enactment of the Biggert-
17 Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012” and insert-
18 ing the following: “on or after January 1, 2015, except
19 that any increase in the risk premium rate charged for
20 flood insurance resulting from this paragraph for any such
21 property shall be phased in over a 10-year period, at the
22 rate of 10 percent for each year following such purchase”.

23 (b) PROPERTIES WITH NEW FLOOD INSURANCE
24 RATE MAPS EFFECTIVE IN 2015 OR AFTER.—Subsection

1 (h) of section 1308 of the National Flood Insurance Act
2 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4015(h)) is amended—

3 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting before the
4 period at the end the following: “and to section 2(b)
5 of the Flood Insurance Premium Relief Act of
6 2013”; and

7 (2) in the second sentence—

8 (A) by striking “Any increase” and insert-
9 ing “In the case of any such update that takes
10 effect on or after January 1, 2015, any in-
11 crease”; and

12 (B) by striking “5-year period, at the rate
13 of 20 percent” and inserting “10-year period,
14 at the rate of 10 percent”.

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