

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1665

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## AN ACT

To ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency considers severe local impact in making a recommendation to the President for a major disaster declaration.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Declaration  
3 Improvement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LOCAL IMPACT.**

5 In making recommendations to the President regard-  
6 ing a major disaster declaration, the Administrator of the  
7 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall give great-  
8 er weight and consideration to severe local impact or re-  
9 cent multiple disasters. Further, the Administrator shall  
10 make corresponding adjustments to the Agency’s policies  
11 and regulations regarding such consideration. Not later  
12 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section,  
13 the Administrator shall report to the Committee on Trans-  
14 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
15 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
16 ernmental Affairs of the Senate on the changes made to  
17 regulations and policies and the number of declarations  
18 that have been declared based on the new criteria.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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