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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4141

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Disaster Assistance  
5 Reform Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND**  
2 **HOUSEHOLDS IN CONTIGUOUS STATES.**

3 Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5176) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(k) DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND  
7 HOUSEHOLDS IN CONTIGUOUS STATES.—Notwith-  
8 standing the provisions of this Act and only for purposes  
9 of this section, the President shall provide an individual  
10 or household in a State contiguous to a State for which  
11 a major disaster has been declared with assistance under  
12 this section if such individual or household—

13 “(1) has been adversely affected by the major  
14 disaster; and

15 “(2) resides in a county included in the request  
16 for a declaration made by the Governor of the State  
17 and such county is in a State contiguous to a State  
18 for which a major disaster has been declared, and  
19 certain counties in each of such States have com-  
20 parable damage estimates. For a damage estimate to  
21 be comparable, the ratio determined by dividing the  
22 number of the houses impacted by the population in  
23 a county in a State that has not been declared a  
24 major disaster has to equal or exceed the ratio for  
25 the county, eligible for disaster assistance for such  
26 disaster in the State declared a major disaster, that

- 1 has the lowest number of houses impacted divided by
- 2 the population in such county”.

