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H. R. 8616

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to establish a disaster deductible for each State to offset the amount provided to such State in response to a major disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY 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 “Ensuring Quality In-
5 vestments in Preparedness Act of 2024” or the “EQUIP
6 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.**

2 The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
3 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“TITLE VIII—DISASTER**
6 **DEDUCTIBLE**

7 **“SEC. 801. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in consultation
9 with State and local governments and other stakeholders,
10 shall establish a major disaster deductible for each State
11 in an amount calculated under this title that offsets any
12 amount received by a State under section 406 for perma-
13 nent work (referred to by the Administrator of the Federal
14 Emergency Management Agency as category C through
15 G).

16 “(b) CALCULATION OF DEDUCTIBLE.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with respect to
18 calendar year 2025, and annually thereafter, the
19 President shall calculate the amount of the major
20 disaster deductible of each State.

21 “(2) BASE AMOUNT.—The President shall es-
22 tablish a base amount by multiplying the population
23 of the State determined by the most recent Amer-
24 ican Community Survey carried out by the Bureau
25 of the Census by a factor of 3.

1 “(3) ADJUSTMENT.—In calculating such de-
2 ductible, the President shall—

3 “(A) use the base amount established
4 under paragraph (2); and

5 “(B) increase the amount of the deduct-
6 ible, as determined appropriate, by taking into
7 consideration the amount of Federal financial
8 assistance provided to a State under this Act in
9 response to a major disaster declared under sec-
10 tion 401 in the 3 years preceding the year for
11 which the calculation applies.

12 “(c) SPECIFIED INSURANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term ‘specified insurance’ means—

14 “(1) insurance required under section 311; and

15 “(2) insurance under section 406(d).

16 **“SEC. 802. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL SHARE.**

17 “(a) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
18 title may be construed to affect the amount of the Federal
19 share of funds required under this Act.

20 “(b) NONQUALIFICATION OF STATE OR LOCAL
21 SHARE TOWARDS DISASTER DEDUCTIBLE.—Any funds
22 used or expenditures made by a State or local governments
23 to meet non-Federal share requirements under this Act

- 1 may not be calculated towards the disaster deductible re-
- 2 quired by this title.”.

