

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5623
OFFERED BY MR. LARSEN OF WASHINGTON**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Addressing Addiction
3 After Disasters Act”.

4 SEC. 2. CRISIS COUNSELING ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.

5 Section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
6 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by inserting “, substance use, or alco-
10 hol use” after “private mental health”; and

11 (B) by inserting “, substance use, and al-
12 cohol use” after “relieve mental health”; and

13 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “, substance
14 use, or alcohol use” before “organization providing”.

15 SEC. 3. REPORT ON CHANGES TO APPLICATION.

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
18 Management Agency, in consultation with the Assistant

1 Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the Di-
2 rector for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and
3 State alcohol and drug agencies, shall review, adjust, and
4 report to Congress any changes made to the application
5 for assistance under section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford
6 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
7 5183) and to any other relevant guidance documents to
8 reflect the amendments made by this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

10 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
11 conduct a review of the assistance provided under the cri-
12 sis counseling assistance and training program established
13 pursuant to section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
14 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183)
15 and submit to Congress a report describing—

16 (1) the duration of assistance provided to indi-
17 viduals under such program; and

18 (2) the compliance of the Administrator of the
19 Federal Emergency Management Agency with the
20 requirement that such assistance may only be used
21 for mental health, substance use, and alcohol use
22 problems caused or aggravated by a major disaster
23 or its aftermath.

