

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 501
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Resilient
3 Buildings Act of 2025”.

4 SEC. 2. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION.

5 Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
6 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(m) LATEST PUBLISHED EDITIONS.—For purposes
9 of subsections (e)(1)(B)(iv) and (g)(10), the term ‘latest
10 published editions’ means, with respect to relevant con-
11 sensus-based codes, specifications, and standards, the 2
12 most recently published editions.”.

**13 SEC. 3. HAZARD MITIGATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND PRO-
14 GRAM.**

15 Section 205(f) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
16 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5135(f))
17 is amended—

18 (1) by striking paragraph (5); and

1 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (6), (7), and
2 (8) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively.

3 **SEC. 4. RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT AND RESILIENCE PILOT**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
7 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
8 Emergency Management Agency.

9 (2) RESIDENTIAL RESILIENT RETROFITS.—The
10 term “residential resilient retrofits”—

11 (A) means a project that—

12 (i) is designed to increase the resil-
13 ience of an existing home or residence
14 using mitigation measures that the Admin-
15 istrator determines reduce damage and im-
16 pacts from natural disaster hazards and
17 risks that are most likely to occur in the
18 area where the home is located; and

19 (ii) to the extent applicable, are con-
20 sistent with the 2 most recently published
21 editions of relevant consensus-based codes,
22 specifications, and standards, including
23 any amendments made by State, local,
24 Tribal, or territorial governments to those
25 codes, specifications, and standards that

1 incorporate the latest hazard-resistant de-
2 signs and establish criteria for the design,
3 construction, and maintenance of residen-
4 tial structures and facilities that may be
5 eligible for assistance under the Robert T.
6 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
7 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
8 for the purpose of protecting the health,
9 safety, and general welfare of users of the
10 buildings against disasters; and

11 (B) includes—

12 (i) elevations of homes and elevations
13 of utilities within and around structures to
14 mitigate damages;

15 (ii) floodproofing measures;

16 (iii) the construction of tornado safe
17 rooms;

18 (iv) seismic retrofits;

19 (v) wildfire retrofit and mitigation
20 measures;

21 (vi) wind retrofits, including roof re-
22 placements, hurricane straps, and tie-
23 downs; and

1 (vii) any other measures that meet the
2 requirements of subparagraph (A), as de-
3 termined by the Administrator.

4 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator shall
5 carry out a residential resilience pilot program through the
6 program established under section 203 of the Robert T.
7 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 5133) to make available assistance to States
9 and local governments for the purpose of providing grants
10 to individuals for residential resilience retrofits.

11 (c) AMOUNT OF FUNDS.—The Administrator may
12 use not more than 10 percent of the assistance made avail-
13 able to applicants on an annual basis under section 203
14 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
15 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) to provide assistance
16 under this section.

17 (d) TIMELINE.—The Administrator shall establish
18 the pilot program under this section not later than 1 year
19 after the date of enactment of this Act and the program
20 shall terminate on September 30, 2030.

21 (e) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the pilot program
22 under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that a
23 State or local government receiving assistance under the
24 program provides grants to individuals that demonstrate
25 financial need.

1 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 6 years after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
3 to the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
4 mental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Trans-
5 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
6 tives a report that includes—

7 (1) a summary of the grant awards and
8 projects carried out under this section;

9 (2) a detailed compilation of results achieved by
10 the grant awards and projects carried out under this
11 section, including the number of homes receiving ret-
12 rofits, the types and average costs of retrofits, and
13 demographic information for participants in the pilot
14 program;

15 (3) an estimate of avoidance in disaster impacts
16 and Federal disaster payments as a result of the
17 grant investments carried out under this section,
18 and whether that avoidance is different than other
19 mitigation projects funded through section 203 of
20 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
21 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133); and

22 (4) any identified implementation challenges
23 and recommendations for improvements to the pilot
24 program.

1 (g) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall only apply to
2 amounts appropriated on or after the date of enactment
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

5 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
6 Act shall be construed to affect any program other than
7 the predisaster hazard mitigation program or the hazard
8 mitigation revolving loan fund program established under
9 section 203 or 205 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
10 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133,
11 5135), respectively.

