

## 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 84

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 4, 2021

Mr. DesJarlais introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

## 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; FINDINGS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Prevent Restrictions On Volunteers' Incomes During
- 6 Emergencies Act" or the "PROVIDE Act".
- 7 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

1	(1) volunteers are essential during national dis-
2	asters and emergencies;
3	(2) in times of these disasters and emergencies,
4	residents from one State may aid those in a dif-
5	ferent State and provide necessary assistance;
6	(3) assistance from across State lines may con-
7	tinue for many weeks or months; and
8	(4) therefore, it is in the interest of Congress
9	to ensure that those who volunteer in a State in
10	which they do not reside are not burdened by an un-
11	fair income tax.
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- (1) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term "emergency period" means the period of time in which a Federally declared disaster or emergency is in effect.
  - (2) FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.—The term "Federally declared disaster or emergency" means any disaster or emergency declared by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with Federal law.
  - (3) Local government.—The term "local government" means a county, city, town, village, or other general purpose political subdivision, instrumentality, or authority of a State.
  - (4) STATE.—The term "State" means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Indian Tribes.