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H. R. 1194

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure food assistance during a major disaster or emergency declared under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) 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 “Expanding Access to
5 Emergency Meals Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.**

7 Section 312(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
8 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155(b))
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION ON DUPLICA-
2 TION OF ASSISTANCE.—During the period of a
3 major disaster or emergency declared under this Act,
4 this section shall not prohibit the provision of Fed-
5 eral assistance under this Act to any person who is
6 or may be entitled to receive nutrition assistance
7 through a program administered by the Secretary of
8 Agriculture, and receipt of such assistance shall not
9 be considered duplicative assistance, except that a
10 person receiving benefits (as defined in section 3 of
11 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
12 2012)) under only section 5(h)(1) of the Food and
13 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(h)(1)) may
14 not simultaneously receive food for distribution to
15 households authorized under section 413 of this Act
16 or be certified to receive benefits under section 5(a)
17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
18 2014(a)).”.

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