

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1059

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for an heir of a deceased homeowner to receive certain housing-related disaster assistance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for an heir of a deceased homeowner to receive certain housing-related disaster assistance.

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. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING-RELATED DIS-**  
4       **ASTER ASSISTANCE.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(b) of the Robert T.  
6       Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
7       (42 U.S.C. 5174(b)) is amended by adding at the end the  
8       following:

1           “(3) ELIGIBILITY OF HEIRS OF DECEASED  
2 HOMEOWNERS.—In the event the owner of an owner-  
3 occupied private residence dies, an heir taking legal  
4 possession of the residence under applicable law  
5 shall be eligible for assistance under subsections  
6 (c)(2) and (c)(3) in place of the deceased owner.”.

7           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a major disaster  
9 declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford  
10 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 5121 et seq.) on or after January 1, 2008.

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