

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3955

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. BLUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Small Municipality  
5 Flood Relief Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM.**

2 Section 404(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-  
3 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c(b))  
4 is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
6 graph (4); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(3) **AUTHORITY TO REMOVE GRANT CONDI-**  
10 **TIONS.**—A recipient of assistance for an acquisition  
11 or relocation project shall be released from any re-  
12 striction imposed with respect to a parcel of property  
13 under an agreement entered into under paragraph  
14 (2)(B) if—

15 “(A) the local government that has juris-  
16 diction over the property submits to the State  
17 a request for the release;

18 “(B) the request is made more than 5  
19 years after the date of the closeout of the acqui-  
20 sition or relocation project;

21 “(C) on the date of the request, the parcel  
22 is not in an area designated by the Adminis-  
23 trator, for purposes of the National Flood In-  
24 surance Program, as an area having special  
25 flood hazards;

1           “(D) the local government certifies that no  
2 coercion took place against the original property  
3 owner in acquiring the parcel;

4           “(E) the State in which the parcel is lo-  
5 cated approves the request and submits to the  
6 Administrator, not later than 60 days after the  
7 date of receipt of the request, a recommenda-  
8 tion for approval of the request;

9           “(F) the local government—

10           “(i) repays to the Administrator the  
11 amount of hazard mitigation assistance re-  
12 ceived from the Federal Government under  
13 paragraph (1) for the acquisition or reloca-  
14 tion project; or

15           “(ii) substitutes for the property a dif-  
16 ferent parcel of property that—

17           “(I) has at least 2 times the  
18 acreage of the original property;

19           “(II) is subject to the same re-  
20 strictions imposed under paragraph  
21 (2)(B);

22           “(III) will not be subject to the  
23 authority to remove the grant condi-  
24 tions provided under paragraph (3);  
25 and

1                                   “(IV) is determined to be as cost-  
2                                   effective; and

3                                   “(G) the Administrator gives final approval  
4                                   to the request.”.

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