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H. R. 5623

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide substance use and alcohol use disorder services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. BALINT (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA) 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 “Addressing Addiction
5 After Disasters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRISIS COUNSELING ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING.**

2 Section 416 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5183) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “professional counseling
7 services, including” and inserting “mental
8 health, substance use disorder, and alcohol use
9 disorder services, including professional coun-
10 seling services and”;

11 (B) by inserting “, substance use disorder,
12 or alcohol use disorder” after “private mental
13 health”; and

14 (C) by inserting “, substance use disorder,
15 and alcohol use disorder” after “relieve mental
16 health”; and

17 (2) in subsection (b) by inserting “, substance
18 use disorder, or alcohol use disorder” before “orga-
19 nization providing”.

20 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

21 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
22 of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and
23 Substance Use, including the Director for the Center for
24 Substance Abuse Treatment, in consultation with the Ad-
25 ministrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
26 cy and State alcohol and drug agencies, shall review, ad-

1 just, and report to Congress any changes made to the ap-
2 plication for assistance under section 416 of the Robert
3 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 5183) and to any other relevant guidance doc-
5 uments to reflect the amendments made by this Act.

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