

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3858

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) 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 “Pets Evacuation and
5 Transportation Standards Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY**
2 **PREPAREDNESS OPERATIONAL PLANS.**

3 Section 613 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196b) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
7 section (h); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(g) STANDARDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL EMER-
11 GENCY PREPAREDNESS OPERATIONAL PLANS.—In ap-
12 proving standards for State and local emergency prepared-
13 ness operational plans pursuant to subsection (b)(3), the
14 Director shall ensure that such plans take into account
15 the needs of individuals with household pets and service
16 animals following a major disaster or emergency.”.

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