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To require search and rescue dogs to be treated in the same manner as seeing-eye dogs in the event of a federally declared disaster, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. WALTZ) 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 “Search and Rescue
5 Dog Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS.**

7 In the case of any major disaster or emergency de-
8 clared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-

1 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
2 5121 et seq.), and with respect to any area within a dec-
3 laration under such Act or while in transit to any such
4 area, any search and rescue dog certified pursuant to reg-
5 ulations and requirements issued by the Administrator of
6 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be
7 treated in the same manner as a service animal is treated
8 pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
9 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and its implementing regula-
10 tions at 28 CFR 35.136 and 36.302.

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