

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R.** _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Timely Payments for
5 Flood Victims Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1312 of the National
3 Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4019) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Adminis-
6 trator” and inserting “Subject to other provisions of
7 this section, the Administrator”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(d) DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF CLAIMS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
12 provide that, in the case of any claim for damage to
13 or loss of property under flood insurance coverage
14 made available under this title, a final determination
15 regarding approval of a claim for payment or dis-
16 approval of the claim be made, and notification of
17 such determination be provided to the insured mak-
18 ing such claim, not later than the expiration of the
19 30-day period (as such period may be extended pur-
20 suant to paragraph (2)) beginning upon the day on
21 which such claim was made. Payment of approved
22 claims shall be made as soon as possible after such
23 approval.

24 “(2) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—The Adminis-
25 trator shall provide that the period referred to in
26 paragraph (1) may be extended by an single addi-

1 tional period of 15 days in cases where extraordinary
2 circumstances are demonstrated. The Administrator
3 shall, by regulation, establish criteria for dem-
4 onstrating such extraordinary circumstances and for
5 determining to which claims such extraordinary cir-
6 cumstances apply.”.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
8 section (a) shall apply to any claim under flood insurance
9 coverage made available under the National Flood Insur-
10 ance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.) pending on
11 the date of the enactment of this Act and any claims made
12 after such date of enactment.