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1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Tornado Shelters Act”.

3 SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.

4 Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Develop-  
5 ment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the  
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at  
9 the end and inserting a semicolon;

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-  
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(24) the construction or improvement of tor-  
13 nado-safe shelters for residents of manufactured  
14 housing, and the provision of assistance (including  
15 loans and grants) to nonprofit and for-profit entities  
16 (including owners of manufactured housing parks)  
17 for such construction or improvement, except that—

18 “(A) a shelter assisted with amounts pro-  
19 vided pursuant to this paragraph may be lo-  
20 cated only in a neighborhood (including a man-  
21 ufactured housing park) that—



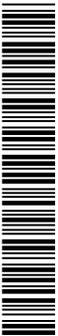
1           “(i) contains not less than 20 manu-  
2           factured housing units that are within such  
3           proximity to the shelter that the shelter is  
4           available to the residents of such units in  
5           the event of a tornado;

6           “(ii) consists predominantly of per-  
7           sons of low and moderate income; and

8           “(iii) is located within a State in  
9           which a tornado has occurred during the  
10          fiscal year for which the amounts to be  
11          used under this paragraph were made  
12          available or any of the 3 preceding fiscal  
13          years, as determined by the Secretary after  
14          consultation with the Director of the Fed-  
15          eral Emergency Management Agency;

16          “(B) such a shelter shall comply with  
17          standards for construction and safety as the  
18          Secretary, after consultation with the Director  
19          of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
20          shall provide to ensure protection from torna-  
21          does;

22          “(C) such a shelter shall be of a size suffi-  
23          cient to accommodate, at a single time, all occu-  
24          pants of manufactured housing units located



1 within the neighborhood in which the shelter is  
2 located; and

3 “(D) amounts may not be used for a shel-  
4 ter as provided under this paragraph unless  
5 there is located, within the neighborhood in  
6 which the shelter is located (or, in the case of  
7 a shelter located in a manufactured housing  
8 park, within 1,500 feet of such park), a warn-  
9 ing siren that is operated in accordance with  
10 such local, regional, or national disaster warn-  
11 ing programs or systems as the Secretary, after  
12 consultation with the Director of the Federal  
13 Emergency Management Agency, considers ap-  
14 propriate to ensure adequate notice of occu-  
15 pants of manufactured housing located in such  
16 neighborhood or park of a tornado; and”.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 In addition to any amounts otherwise made available  
19 for grants under title I of the Housing and Community  
20 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there  
21 is authorized to be appropriated for assistance only for  
22 activities pursuant to section 105(a)(24) of such Act  
23 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.

