

H.R. 1558, the “Repeatedly Flooded Communities Preparation Act”  
Section-by-Section Summary  
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**SEC. 1 SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Repeatedly Flooded Communities Preparation Act”.

**SEC. 2 COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPETITIVELY FLOODED AREAS.**

The Administrator shall require any covered flood prone areas to develop a community-specific plan for mitigating continuing flood risks if they have 50 or more repetitive loss structures or 5 or more severe repetitive loss structures. Such communities: (1) must map and identify repeatedly flooded properties and infrastructures to determine the specific areas that should be priorities for voluntary buyouts, drainage improvements, or other mitigation efforts; and, (2) develop a community plan to address those identified areas, along with submitting a plan to the FEMA Administrator.

To assist communities under this bill, the Administrator shall, upon request provide covered communities with appropriate data regarding the property addresses and dates of claims associated with insured properties within the community. In making determinations regarding financial assistance, the Administrator may consider the extent to which a community has complied with this bill and is working to remedy problems with addressing repeatedly flooded areas.

Communities that fail to develop or make sufficient progress in executing their plan would be subject to appropriate sanctions, as determined by FEMA. Such sanctions shall include suspension from the NFIP and probation under such program.

No later than the expiration of the six (6) year period after enactment, and not less than every two (2) years thereafter, the Administrator shall submit a report to Congress regarding the progress of implementation plans developed pursuant to this bill.