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H. R. 6478

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide certain assistance for Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Mr. MOYLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Typhoon Mawar Re-
5 construction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TYPHOON MAWAR RECONSTRUCTION AND RESIL-**
2 **IENCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
5 Management Agency may provide repair and replacement
6 assistance for hospital facilities, navigational waterways,
7 power generation and transmission, and communication,
8 pursuant to section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
9 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5172)
10 for major disaster declarations covering Guam or the
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands declared
12 after the enactment of this Act, and the major disaster
13 declarations DR–4715–GU and DR–4716–MP to—

14 (1) replace or restore the function of the dam-
15 aged facility, or any system necessary for the oper-
16 ation of such facility, to industry standards for safe-
17 ty, security, and resilience of the facility and system
18 to future threats; and

19 (2) direct any Federal agency, with reimburse-
20 ment by the Administrator, to utilize the authorities
21 and the resources of such agency granted to such
22 agency under Federal law (including personnel,
23 equipment, supplies, facilities, and managerial, tech-
24 nical, and advisory services) to provide repair and
25 restoration assistance directly to the Guam commu-
26 nities, in lieu of financial reimbursement by grant.

1 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, the Federal share of assistance, including
3 direct Federal assistance, provided for the repair, replace-
4 ment assistance, and restoration of navigational water-
5 ways, power generation and transmission, for hospital fa-
6 cilities, and communication pursuant to sections 406 and
7 428 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
8 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5172 and 5189f) for the
9 major disaster declarations DR-4715-GU and DR-4716-
10 MP, shall be 100 percent of the eligible costs described
11 in subsection (a).

12 (c) CLARIFICATION.—Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of law, for the purposes section 6(b)(1)(B)(i) of
14 the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to ap-
15 prove the ‘Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the
16 Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union With the
17 United States of America’, and for other purposes”, ap-
18 proved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1806(b)(1)(B)(i)), any
19 repair or replacement project funded by the Federal
20 Emergency Management Agency under the major disaster
21 declarations DR-4715-GU and DR-4716-MP shall be
22 considered directly connected to, supporting, associated
23 with, or adversely affected by the military realignment oc-

- 1 currence on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the North-
- 2 ern Mariana Islands.

