

House Bill 1019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that each state agency that  
3 issues permits, licenses, certificates, and identification cards to citizens of this state shall  
4 issue replacement permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards without charge to  
5 citizens who apply for such replacement permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards  
6 and who demonstrate that their original permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards  
7 were lost or destroyed as the direct result of a natural disaster; to provide for related matters;  
8 to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
12 provisions regarding state government, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
13 follows:

14 "50-1-9.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'natural disaster' shall mean a flood, tornado,  
16 hurricane, earthquake, or other occurrence for which the President of the United States has  
17 made a federal disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
18 Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5121-5206.

19 (b) Each state agency that issues permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards to  
20 citizens of this state including, but not limited to, drivers' licenses, state identification cards,  
21 professional licenses, professional certifications, professional registrations, professional  
22 permits, and birth certificates, shall issue replacement permits, licenses, certificates, or  
23 identification cards without charge to citizens who apply for such replacement permits,  
24 licenses, certificates, or identification cards and who demonstrate that their original  
25 permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards were lost or destroyed as the direct  
26 result of a natural disaster if such application is made within 60 days following a federal

27 disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance  
28 Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 5121-5206, and if such citizen is a resident of the area included  
29 within such federal disaster declaration."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
32 without such approval.

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.