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To: Sel Cmte on Hurricane  
Recovery

HOUSE BILL NO. 1323

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A RESIDENTIAL  
2 STRUCTURE IN HANCOCK, HARRISON OR JACKSON COUNTY THAT WAS  
3 DESTROYED BY HURRICANE KATRINA AND THAT WAS LOCATED ON PROPERTY  
4 THAT DOES NOT MEET THE CURRENT LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM  
5 SIZE OF A LOT FOR A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO  
6 HAVE A NEW RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED ON THE PROPERTY  
7 WITHOUT HAVING TO MEET THE CURRENT LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
8 MINIMUM SIZE OF A LOT, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED  
9 PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** Any person who owns a residential structure in  
12 Hancock, Harrison or Jackson County that was destroyed by  
13 Hurricane Katrina and that was located on property that does not  
14 meet the current requirements of the county or municipality in  
15 which the property is located for the minimum size of a lot for a  
16 residential structure, shall be authorized to have a new  
17 residential structure constructed on the property without having  
18 to meet the current requirements of the county or municipality for  
19 the minimum size of a lot for a residential structure, provided  
20 that: (a) the square footage of the new residential structure is  
21 not greater than the square footage of the residential structure  
22 that was destroyed; (b) the use and purpose of the property will  
23 remain the same as it was before Hurricane Katrina; and (c) the  
24 construction of the new residential structure is begun before  
25 September 1, 2007.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after its passage.