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S. 4044

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2022

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Replacing Essential
5 Passports and Licenses After Certain Emergencies Act”
6 or the “REPLACE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL DOCUMENT FEE WAIVER.**

2 Section 1238(a) of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act
3 of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 5174b) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “applies re-
5 gardless” and inserting “and the requirement of the
6 President to waive fees under paragraph (4) apply
7 regardless”;

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
9 graph (5); and

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

12 “(4) MANDATORY AUTOMATIC WAIVER.—The
13 President, in consultation with the Governor of a
14 State, shall automatically provide a fee waiver de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1) to an individual or house-
16 hold that has been adversely affected by a major dis-
17 aster declared under section 401 of the Robert T.
18 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170)—

20 “(A) for which the President provides as-
21 sistance to individuals and households under
22 section 408 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 5174); and

23 “(B) that destroyed a critical document de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1) of the individual or
25 household.”.