

Senate File 206 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 206
BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH/REBUILD IOWA

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 71)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for waivers of certain community attraction
2 and tourism program requirements and including retroactive
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15F.207 **Waivers of matching funds**
2 **requirements.**

3 1. An applicant for financial assistance under the
4 provisions of this subchapter may apply to the vision Iowa
5 board for a waiver of any local or private matching moneys
6 required of the applicant by the board pursuant to section
7 15F.202.

8 2. To qualify for a waiver pursuant to this section, an
9 applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

10 a. The applicant shall be located in an area declared a
11 disaster area by the governor or by a federal official.

12 b. The applicant shall apply for the waiver within two years
13 of the date the disaster declaration was issued.

14 c. The applicant shall demonstrate that a waiver is
15 necessary as a result of the natural disaster. For the
16 purposes of this paragraph, a waiver shall be considered
17 necessary if the disaster has materially contributed to
18 difficulties in financing the applicant's project.

19 3. The board may grant a waiver for all or a portion of the
20 amount requested to be waived pursuant to this section.

21 4. The board may place reasonable conditions or
22 requirements specific to the project on any applicant receiving
23 a waiver pursuant to this section.

24 Sec. 2. **RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.**

25 1. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2008, for
26 disaster declarations issued on or after that date.

27 2. Notwithstanding section 15F.207, subsection 2, paragraph
28 "b", an applicant located in a disaster area declared during
29 calendar year 2008 may qualify for a waiver pursuant to section
30 15F.207 if the applicant applies for the waiver on or before
31 June 30, 2013.

32 **EXPLANATION**

33 This bill provides for waivers of the matching funds
34 requirements for applicants under the community attraction and
35 tourism program and the river enhancement community attraction

1 and tourism program if the applicants are located in declared
2 disaster areas.

3 In 2009, the general assembly passed Senate File 336
4 providing for such waivers, but only between July 1, 2009,
5 and June 30, 2010. In order to extend the availability of
6 waivers, the bill makes them a permanent part of the program.
7 The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2008, for disaster
8 declarations issued on or after that date. Applicants located
9 in a disaster area declared during 2008 must apply for a waiver
10 on or before June 30, 2013.