



## Access to Retirement Plan Funds for Victims of Hurricanes Rita and Wilma

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On December 22, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (GO Zone), Public Law 109-135. The GO Zone permits individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and/or Hurricane Wilma easier access to funds in retirement plans. In particular, the GO Zone repeals most of the employee-benefit provisions provided in the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (KETRA) that applied only to victims of Hurricane Katrina, and makes them applicable to victims of Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Wilma, as well as Hurricane Katrina.

For details about the employee-benefit provisions in KETRA that are restated in the GO Zone, [click here](#).

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