

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2499

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Entrepre-
3 neurship Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT SBA EXPRESS LOAN GUARANTEE FEE**
5 **WAIVER FOR VETERANS.**

6 Section 7(a)(31) of the Small Business Act (15
7 U.S.C. 636(a)(31)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(G) GUARANTEE FEE WAIVER FOR VET-
10 ERANS.—

11 “(i) GUARANTEE FEE WAIVER.—The
12 Administrator may not collect a guarantee
13 fee described in paragraph (18) in connec-
14 tion with a loan made under this para-
15 graph to a veteran or spouse of a veteran
16 on or after October 1, 2015.

17 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—If the President’s
18 budget for the upcoming fiscal year, sub-
19 mitted to Congress pursuant to section
20 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,
21 includes a cost for the program established
22 under this subsection that is above zero,
23 the requirements of clause (i) shall not
24 apply to loans made during such upcoming
25 fiscal year.

1 “(iii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
2 graph, the term ‘veteran or spouse of a
3 veteran’ means—

4 “(I) a veteran, as defined in sec-
5 tion 3(q)(4);

6 “(II) an individual who is eligible
7 to participate in the Transition Assist-
8 ance Program established under sec-
9 tion 1144 of title 10, United States
10 Code;

11 “(III) a member of a reserve
12 component of the Armed Forces
13 named in section 10101 of title 10,
14 United States Code;

15 “(IV) the spouse of an individual
16 described in subclause (I), (II), or
17 (III); or

18 “(V) the surviving spouse (as de-
19 fined in section 101 of title 38,
20 United States Code) of an individual
21 described in subclause (I), (II), or
22 (III) who died while serving on active
23 duty or as a result of a disability that
24 is service-connected (as defined in
25 such section).”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON ACCESSIBILITY AND OUTREACH TO FE-**
2 **MALE VETERANS BY THE SMALL BUSINESS**
3 **ADMINISTRATION.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress
6 a report assessing the level of outreach to and consultation
7 with female veterans regarding access to capital by wom-
8 en's business centers (as described in section 29 of the
9 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)) and Veterans Busi-
10 ness Outreach Centers (as referred to in section 32 of such
11 Act (15 U.S.C. 657b)).

Passed the House of Representatives July 13, 2015.

Attest:

Clerk.

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