

Union Calendar No. 446

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7984

[Report No. 118-537]

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

JUNE 4, 2024

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Rural Small Business
5 Resilience Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVID-**
7 **UALS LOCATED IN RURAL AREAS.**

8 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business
10 Administration shall ensure that the Associate Adminis-
11 trator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience
12 of the Administration takes such actions as necessary to
13 ensure that individuals located in rural areas (as defined
14 in paragraph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business
15 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declara-
16 tion has been made under such section 7(b) have full ac-
17 cess to assistance provided under such section, including
18 by providing targeted outreach and marketing materials
19 to such individuals.

20 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

21 The second paragraph (16) (relating to statute of
22 limitations) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15
23 U.S.C. 636(b)) is redesignated as paragraph (17).

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