

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7984

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## AN ACT

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.

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 “Rural Small Business  
3 Resilience Act”.

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

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

18 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

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

Passed the House of Representatives June 11, 2024.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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