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S. 154

To amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of transmissible diseases are eligible for disaster relief.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 17, 2017

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Small Business Relief
5 From Disease Induced Economic Hardship Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(k)(2) of the Small Busi-
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (C), striking the period
4 and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(D) communicable diseases for which the Fed-
7 eral Government issues a travel alert or travel warn-
8 ing.”.

9 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
10 section (a) shall apply to a communicable disease—

11 (1) for which the Federal Government issues a
12 travel alert or travel warning before, on, or after the
13 date of enactment of this Act; and

14 (2) the effects of which are experienced on or
15 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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