

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 2143

To increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN 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 “Veterans Entrepre-
5 neurship Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Small Business Administration;

1 “(G) GUARANTEE FEE WAIVER FOR VET-
2 ERANS.—

3 “(i) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
4 graph, the term ‘veteran or spouse of a
5 veteran’ means—

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

8 “(II) a member of the Armed
9 Forces serving on active duty who is
10 eligible to participate in the Transi-
11 tion Assistance Program established
12 under section 1144 of title 10, United
13 States Code;

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

18 “(IV) the spouse of an individual
19 described in subclause (I), (II), or
20 (III); or

21 “(V) the surviving spouse of an
22 individual described in subclause (I),
23 (II), or (III) who died while serving
24 on active duty or as a result of a serv-
25 ice-connected (as defined in section

1 101 of title 38, United States Code)
2 disability.

3 “(ii) GUARANTEE FEE WAIVER.—The
4 Administrator may not assess a guarantee
5 fee under paragraph (18) in connection
6 with a loan made under this paragraph to
7 a veteran or spouse of a veteran on or
8 after October 1, 2014.”.

9 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON FINANCIAL PLANNING AND COUN-**
10 **SELING FOR OWNERS OF SMALL BUSINESS**
11 **CONCERNS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND**
12 **RESERVES.**

13 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
14 of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress
15 a report assessing the feasibility of providing financial
16 planning and counseling to owners of small business con-
17 cerns who are members of a reserve component prior to
18 deployment.

19 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON ACCESSIBILITY AND OUTREACH TO FE-**
20 **MALE VETERANS BY THE SMALL BUSINESS**
21 **ADMINISTRATION.**

22 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress
24 a report assessing the level of outreach to and consultation

1 with female veterans by women’s business centers and
2 Veterans Business Outreach Centers.

3 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON THE MILITARY RESERVISTS ECONOMIC**
4 **INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM.**

5 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress
7 a report on the Military Reservists Economic Injury Dis-
8 aster Loan Program (in this section referred to as the
9 “program”) authorized under section 7(b)(3) of the Small
10 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(3)), which shall include—

11 (1) a discussion of the outreach efforts of the
12 Small Business Administration to increase participa-
13 tion in the program;

14 (2) the number of loans made under the pro-
15 gram;

16 (3) an analysis of the effectiveness of the pro-
17 gram; and

18 (4) recommendations for improving the pro-
19 gram.

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