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H. R. 2670

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, 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 “Microloan Moderniza-
3 tion Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS OF 25/75 RULE.**

5 (a) **WAIVER AUTHORIZED.**—Section 7(m)(4)(E)(i) of
6 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(E)(i)) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following: “The Admin-
8 istrator shall by rule establish a process by which inter-
9 mediaries may apply for and the Administrator may grant
10 a waiver from the requirements of this clause.”.

11 (b) **CONTENTS OF RULE.**—In the rule required by
12 the amendment made by subsection (a), the Administrator
13 of the Small Business Administration shall require any ap-
14 plicant for a waiver to—

15 (1) to specify how such applicant will use the
16 additional technical assistance; and

17 (2) provide assurance in a form provided for by
18 the Administrator in the rule that the intermediary
19 will have sufficient funds to provide technical assist-
20 ance to all of the intermediary’s borrowers.

21 (c) **RULEMAKING REQUIREMENTS.**—The rule re-
22 quired by subsection (a) shall be promulgated after notice
23 and the opportunity for comment of not less than 60 days.
24 Such regulation shall be codified in the Code of Federal
25 Regulations and shall incorporate any delegation of the

1 Administrator’s authority to approve waivers to any ap-
2 propriate subsidiary official.

3 **SEC. 3. MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY LENDING LIMIT IN-**
4 **CREASED.**

5 Section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15
6 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)) is amended by striking
7 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$6,000,000”.

8 **SEC. 4. EXTENDED REPAYMENT TERMS.**

9 Section 7(m)(6) of the Small Business Act (15
10 U.S.C. 636(m)(6)) is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(F) REPAYMENT TERMS FOR LOANS TO
13 SMALL BUSINESSES.—The Administrator may
14 not impose limitations on the term for repay-
15 ment of a loan made by an intermediary to a
16 small business concern or entrepreneur, except
17 that—

18 “(i) in the case of a loan made by an
19 intermediary of \$10,000 or less, the repay-
20 ment term shall be not more than 6 years;
21 and

22 “(ii) in the case of a loan greater than
23 \$10,000, the repayment term shall be not
24 more than 10 years.”.

1 **SEC. 5. LINES OF CREDIT AUTHORIZED.**

2 Section 7(m)(6)(A) of the Small Business Act (15
3 U.S.C. 636(m)(6)(A)) is amended by inserting after
4 “short-term” insert “(including lines of credit)”.

5 **SEC. 6. GAO STUDY OF MICROENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION.**

6 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
8 shall complete a study on and report to the Committee
9 on Small Business of the House of Representatives on the
10 following:

11 (1) The operations (including services provided,
12 structure, size, and area of operation) of a rep-
13 resentative sample of—

14 (A) intermediaries that are eligible for par-
15 ticipation in the microloan program under sec-
16 tion 7(m) of the Small Business Act and that
17 do participate; and

18 (B) intermediaries (including those oper-
19 ated for profit, operated as nonprofits, and
20 those affiliated with a United States institution
21 of higher learning) that are so eligible and that
22 do not participate.

23 (2) The reasons why intermediaries described in
24 paragraph (1)(B) choose not to participate.

1 (3) Recommendations on how to encourage in-
2 creased participation in the microloan program by
3 intermediaries described in paragraph (1)(B).

4 (4) Recommendations on how to decrease the
5 costs associated with participation in the microloan
6 program for eligible intermediaries.

7 **SEC. 7. OFFICE OF ADVOCACY ECONOMIC STUDY OF MAN-**
8 **DATORY SAVINGS REQUIREMENT.**

9 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small
11 Business Administration shall submit to the Committee on
12 Small Business of the House of Representatives a report
13 on the economic impact of a mandatory savings require-
14 ment on business concerns eligible to participate in the
15 microloan program under section 7(m) of the Small Busi-
16 ness Act, including on the benefits and costs of such a
17 requirement and recommendations on implementation of
18 such a requirement.

 Passed the House of Representatives July 13, 2015.

Attest:

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Clerk.