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H. R. 9329

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow waivers of annual establishment registration fees for small businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCSHON (for himself and Mr. YARMUTH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 Estab-
5 lishment Registration Waiver Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF ANNUAL ESTABLISHMENT REGISTRA-**
7 **TION FEES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

8 Section 738 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
9 Act (21 U.S.C. 379j) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3)(B)—

(A) by striking “No fee” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—No fee”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) SMALL BUSINESSES FEE WAIVER.—

“(I) DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS.—For the purposes of this clause, the term ‘small business’ means an entity that reported \$1,000,000 or less of gross receipts or sales in its most recent Federal income tax return for a taxable year, including such returns of all of its affiliates.

“(II) WAIVER.—The Secretary may grant a waiver of the fee required under subparagraph (A) for the annual registration (excluding the initial registration) of an establishment for a year, if the Secretary finds that the establishment is a small business and paying the fee for such year represents a financial hardship to the es-

1 tablishment as determined on the
2 basis of criteria established by the
3 Secretary.

4 “(III) FIRMS SUBMITTING TAX
5 RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES IN-
6 TERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.—The es-
7 tablishment shall support its claim
8 that it meets the definition under sub-
9 clause (I) by submission of a copy of
10 its most recent Federal income tax re-
11 turn for a taxable year, and a copy of
12 such returns of its affiliates, which
13 show an amount of gross sales or re-
14 ceipts that is less than the maximum
15 established in subclause (I). The es-
16 tablishment, and each of such affili-
17 ates, shall certify that the information
18 provided is a true and accurate copy
19 of the actual tax forms they submitted
20 to the Internal Revenue Service. If no
21 tax forms are submitted for any affil-
22 iate, the establishment shall certify
23 that the establishment has no affili-
24 ates.

1 “(IV) FIRMS NOT SUBMITTING
2 TAX RETURNS TO THE UNITED
3 STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERV-
4 ICE.—In the case of an establishment
5 that has not previously submitted a
6 Federal income tax return, the estab-
7 lishment and each of its affiliates
8 shall demonstrate that it meets the
9 definition under subclause (I) by sub-
10 mission of a signed certification, in
11 such form as the Secretary may direct
12 through a notice published in the Fed-
13 eral Register, that the establishment
14 or affiliate meets the criteria for a
15 small business and a certification, in
16 English, from the national taxing au-
17 thority, if extant, of the country in
18 which the establishment or, if applica-
19 ble, affiliate is headquartered. The
20 certification from such taxing author-
21 ity shall bear the official seal of such
22 taxing authority and shall provide the
23 establishment’s or affiliate’s gross re-
24 ceipts or sales for the most recent
25 year in both the local currency of such

1 country and in United States dollars,
2 the exchange rate used in converting
3 such local currency to dollars, and the
4 dates during which these receipts or
5 sales were collected. The establish-
6 ment shall also submit a statement
7 signed by the head of the establish-
8 ment's firm or by its chief financial
9 officer that the establishment has sub-
10 mitted certifications for all of its af-
11 filiates, or that the establishment has
12 no affiliates.

13 “(V) REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

14 An establishment seeking a fee waiver
15 for a year under this clause shall sub-
16 mit supporting information to the
17 Secretary at least 60 days before the
18 fee is required pursuant to subpara-
19 graph (C). The decision of the Sec-
20 retary regarding whether an entity
21 may receive the waiver for such year
22 is not reviewable.”;

23 (2) in subsection (d)(2)(B)(iii), by inserting “,
24 if extant,” after “national taxing authority”; and

- 1 (3) in subsection (e)(2)(B)(iii), by inserting “,
2 if extant,” after “national taxing authority”.

