

Calendar No. 131

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 1703**

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2025

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SHEEHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

JULY 29, 2025

Reported by Ms. ERNST, without amendment

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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 “Rural Small Business
5 Resilience Act”.

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

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
5 ministration shall ensure that the Associate Administrator
6 of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience of the
7 Administration takes such actions as necessary to ensure
8 that individuals located in rural areas (as defined in para-
9 graph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15
10 U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declaration has
11 been made under such section 7(b) have full access to as-
12 sistance provided under such section, including by pro-
13 viding targeted outreach and marketing materials to those
14 individuals.

15 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

16 The second paragraph (16) (relating to the statute
17 of limitations) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act
18 (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) is redesignated as paragraph (17).

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