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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 1999

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

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## AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses.

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 “Disaster Mitigation  
3 Coordination Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Busi-  
6 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at  
8 the end; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(C) during fiscal years 2000 through  
11 2004, to establish a disaster mitigation pro-  
12 gram to make such loans (either directly or in  
13 cooperation with banks or other lending institu-  
14 tions through agreements to participate on an  
15 immediate or deferred (guaranteed) basis) as  
16 the Administrator may determine to be nec-  
17 essary or appropriate to enable small business  
18 concerns to implement mitigation measures pur-  
19 suant to a formal disaster mitigation program  
20 established by the Federal Emergency Manage-  
21 ment Agency, except that no loan or guarantee  
22 may be extended to a small business concern  
23 under this subparagraph unless the Administra-  
24 tion finds the concern is otherwise unable to ob-  
25 tain credit for the purposes described in this  
26 subparagraph.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 2 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is  
 3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.—The  
 5 following program levels are authorized for loans under  
 6 section 7(b)(1)(C):

7 “(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

8 “(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

9 “(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

10 “(4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

11 “(5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.”.

12 (c) EVALUATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—On January 31, 2003, the  
 14 Administrator of the Small Business Administration  
 15 shall submit to the Committees on Small Business  
 16 of the House of Representatives and the Senate a  
 17 report on the effectiveness of the pilot program au-  
 18 thorized by section 7(b)(1)(C) of the Small Business  
 19 Act, as added by subsection (a) of this section.

20 (2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall  
 21 include—

22 (1) information relating to—

23 (A) the areas served under the pilot pro-  
 24 gram;

1 (B) the number and dollar value of loans  
2 made under the pilot program; and

3 (C) the estimated savings to the Federal  
4 Government resulting from the pilot program;  
5 and

6 (2) such other information as the Administrator  
7 determines to be appropriate for evaluating the pilot  
8 program.

Passed the House of Representatives March 2,  
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*