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# S. 3285

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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## 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 “Disadvantaged Busi-  
5 ness Disaster Eligibility Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION TERM FOR VICTIMS**  
2 **OF HURRICANE KATRINA OR HURRICANE**  
3 **RITA.**

4 (a) **RETROACTIVITY.**—If a small business concern  
5 (within the meaning given that term in section 3 of the  
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)), while participating  
7 in any program or activity under the authority of para-  
8 graph (10) of section 7(j) of the Small Business Act (15  
9 U.S.C. 636(j)), was located in a parish or county described  
10 in subsection (b) of this section and was affected by Hurri-  
11 cane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005, the pe-  
12 riod during which that small business concern is permitted  
13 continuing participation and eligibility in that program or  
14 activity shall be extended for 24 months after the date  
15 such participation and eligibility would otherwise termi-  
16 nate.

17 (b) **PARISHES AND COUNTIES COVERED.**—Sub-  
18 section (a) applies to any parish in the State of Louisiana,  
19 or any county in the State of Mississippi or in the State  
20 of Alabama, that has been designated by the Adminis-  
21 trator of the Small Business Administration as a disaster  
22 area by reason of Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane  
23 Rita of 2005 under disaster declaration 10176, 10177,  
24 10178, 10179, 10180, 10181, 10205, or 10206.

25 (c) **REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE.**—The Administrator  
26 of the Small Business Administration shall ensure that the

1 case of every small business concern participating before  
2 the date of enactment of this Act in a program or activity  
3 covered by subsection (a) is reviewed and brought into  
4 compliance with this section.

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