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H. R. 2808

To extend the participation term for small business concerns affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita in certain programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 5, 2011

Mr. Richmond (for himself, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, and Ms. Sewell) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 "Gulf Coast Disadvan-
- 5 taged Business Relief Act of 2011".

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 while participating in any program or activity under the
- 6 authority of paragraph (10) of section 7(j) of the Small
- 7 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(j)), was located in a parish
- 8 or county described in subsection (b) of this section and
- 9 was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane
- 10 Rita of 2005, the period during which that small business
- 11 concern is permitted continuing participation and eligi-
- 12 bility in that program or activity shall be extended for 24
- 13 months after the date such participation and eligibility
- 14 would otherwise terminate.
- 15 (b) Parishes and Counties Covered.—Sub-
- 16 section (a) applies to any parish in the State of Louisiana,
- 17 or any county in the State of Mississippi or in the State
- 18 of Alabama, that has been designated by the Adminis-
- 19 trator as a disaster area by reason of Hurricane Katrina
- 20 of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005 under disaster declara-
- 21 tion 10176, 10177, 10178, 10179, 10180, 10181, 10205,
- 22 or 10206.
- (c) Review and Compliance.—The Administrator
- 24 shall ensure that the case of every small business concern
- 25 participating before the date of enactment of this Act in

- 1 a program or activity covered by subsection (a) is reviewed
- 2 and brought into compliance with this section.
- 3 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
- 4 In this Act:
- 5 (1) The term "small business concern" has the 6 meaning given such term under section 3 of the
- 7 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).
- 8 (2) The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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