

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6021

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to ensure that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is eligible for certain Small Business Administration programs, and for other purposes.

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 “Northern Mariana Is-
3 lands Small Business Development Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
5 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN**
6 **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 The Small Business Act is amended—

9 (1) in section 21(a) (15 U.S.C. 648(a))—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before
11 “the Administration shall require” the fol-
12 lowing new sentence: “The previous sentence
13 shall not apply to an applicant that has its
14 principal office located in the Commonwealth of
15 the Northern Mariana Islands.”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (4)(C)(ix), by striking
17 “and American Samoa” and inserting “Amer-
18 ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
19 Northern Mariana Islands”; and

20 (2) in section 34(a)(9) (15 U.S.C. 657d(a)(9)),
21 by striking “and American Samoa” and inserting

- 1 “American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
- 2 Northern Mariana Islands”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 14,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.