

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7984

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 2024

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

AN ACT

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-
tration to improve access to disaster assistance for indi-
viduals located in rural areas, 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 “Rural Small Business
3 Resilience Act”.

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

6 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business
8 Administration shall ensure that the Associate Adminis-
9 trator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience
10 of the Administration takes such actions as necessary to
11 ensure that individuals located in rural areas (as defined
12 in paragraph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business
13 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declara-
14 tion has been made under such section 7(b) have full ac-
15 cess to assistance provided under such section, including
16 by providing targeted outreach and marketing materials
17 to such individuals.

18 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

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

Passed the House of Representatives June 11, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.