

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1429

To amend the Small Business Act to allow for petitions for reconsideration of size standards for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. BOST (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) 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 “Stronger Voice for
5 Small Business Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SIZE STAND-**
7 **ARDS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

8 Section 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
9 632(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(9) PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
2 SIZE STANDARDS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A person may file a
4 petition for reconsideration with the Office of
5 Hearings and Appeals (as designated in part
6 134 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations,
7 that was in effect on January 1, 2016, or any
8 successor to such Office) of a size standard re-
9 vised, modified, or established by the Adminis-
10 trator pursuant to this subsection.

11 “(B) TIME LIMIT.—A person filing a peti-
12 tion for reconsideration described in subpara-
13 graph (A) shall file such petition not later than
14 30 days after the publication in the Federal
15 Register of the notice of final rule to revise,
16 modify, or establish size standards described in
17 paragraph (6).

18 “(C) PROCESS FOR AGENCY REVIEW.—The
19 Office of Hearings and Appeals shall use the
20 same process it uses to decide challenges to the
21 size of a small business concern to decide a pe-
22 tition for review pursuant to this paragraph.

23 “(D) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The publication
24 of a final rule in the Federal Register described
25 in subparagraph (B) shall be considered final

1 agency action for purposes of seeking judicial
2 review. Filing a petition for reconsideration
3 under subparagraph (A) shall not be a condi-
4 tion precedent to judicial review of any such
5 size standard.”.

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