

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2603

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. SABLAN 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 “Northern Mariana Is-

5 lands Small Business Act”.

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

5 The Small Business Act is amended—

6 (1) in section 7(m)(7)(B) (15 U.S.C.
7 636(m)(7)(B))—

8 (A) by striking “and American Samoa”
9 each place such term appears and inserting
10 “American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of
11 the Northern Mariana Islands”; and

12 (B) in clause (i)(I)(bb), by striking “¹/₅₅”
13 and inserting “¹/₅₆”;

14 (2) in section 21(a) (15 U.S.C. 648(a))—

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

21 (B) in paragraph (4)(C)(ix), by striking
22 “and American Samoa” and inserting “Amer-
23 ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands”; and

25 (3) in section 34(a)(9) (15 U.S.C. 657d(a)(9)),
26 by striking “and American Samoa” and inserting

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

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