

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7984

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. MANN) 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 “Rural Small Business
5 Resilience Act”.

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

8 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business

1 Administration shall ensure that the Associate Adminis-
2 trator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience
3 of the Administration takes such actions as necessary to
4 ensure that individuals located in rural areas (as defined
5 in paragraph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business
6 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declara-
7 tion has been made under such section 7(b) have full ac-
8 cess to assistance provided under such section, including
9 by providing targeted outreach and marketing materials
10 to such individuals.

11 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

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

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