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# S. 77

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2019

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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## 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 “Small Business Relief  
5 From Disease Induced Economic Hardship Act of 2019”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(k)(2) of the Small Busi-  
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(2)) is amended—

9               (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
10       the end;

1           (2) in subparagraph (C), striking the period  
2           and inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4           “(D) communicable diseases for which the Fed-  
5           eral Government issues a travel alert or travel warn-  
6           ing.”.

7           (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
8           section (a) shall apply to a communicable disease—

9           (1) for which the Federal Government issues a  
10          travel alert or travel warning before, on, or after the  
11          date of enactment of this Act; and

12          (2) the effects of which are experienced on or  
13          after the date of enactment of this Act.

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