107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 4710

To amend title 44, United States Code, to reduce paperwork burdens for small-business concerns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 9, 2002

Ms. Velázquez introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend title 44, United States Code, to reduce paperwork burdens for small-business concerns.

- 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. REDUCTION OF PAPERWORK BURDENS FOR
- 4 SMALL-BUSINESS CONCERNS.
- 5 (a) Federal Agency Responsibilities.—Section
- 6 3506(c) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—
- 7 (1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking "and" at
- 8 the end;

1	(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
2	the end and inserting "; and; and
3	(3) by adding at the end the following new
4	paragraph:
5	"(4) before submission to the Director for re-
6	view under this subchapter, estimate the type and
7	number of small-business concerns (within the mean-
8	ing of such term as used in the Small Business Act)
9	to which each collection of information would apply,
10	and how the requirements of such collection of infor-
11	mation would apply to each industry type according
12	to the North American Industrial Classification Sys-
13	tem.".
14	(b) OMB RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section 3504(c) of
15	such title is amended—
16	(1) in paragraph (4), by striking "and" at the
17	end;
18	(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period and
19	inserting "; and; and
20	(3) by adding at the end the following new
21	paragraphs:
22	"(6) take into account the burden placed on
23	small-business concerns (within the meaning of such
24	term as used in the Small Business Act) when ap-
25	proving proposed agency collections of information;

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"(7) publish annually in the Federal Register, and make available through the Internet, information regarding all Federal paperwork requirements applicable to small-business concerns, organized by industry type according to the North American Industrial Classification System;

"(8) track requirements for collections of information for which the authorization has expired, determine whether the applicable agencies continue to collect such information after the expiration of such authorities, publish in the Federal Register notice that entities need not comply with the expired authorities, and notify the Congress and the Vice President regarding the use by agencies of any expired authorities; and

"(9) identify requirements for collections of information for which the authorization will soon expire and make efforts to prevent continuation of collections of information using such authority after the expiration of such authority.".

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