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H. R. 1195

To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PITTENGER (for himself and Mr. HECK of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to establish advisory boards, and for other purposes.

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 “Bureau of Consumer
5 Financial Protection Advisory Boards Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY BOARDS WITHIN**
2 **THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PRO-**
3 **TECTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Consumer Financial Protec-
5 tion Act of 2010 is amended by inserting after section
6 1014 (12 U.S.C. 5494) the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 1014A. ADVISORY BOARDS.**

8 “(a) SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD.—

9 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall es-
10 tablish a Small Business Advisory Board—

11 “(A) to advise and consult with the Bu-
12 reau in the exercise of the Bureau’s functions
13 under the Federal consumer financial laws ap-
14 plicable to eligible financial products or services;
15 and

16 “(B) to provide information on emerging
17 practices of small business concerns that pro-
18 vide eligible financial products or services, in-
19 cluding regional trends, concerns, and other rel-
20 evant information.

21 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

22 “(A) NUMBER.—The Director shall ap-
23 point no fewer than 15 and no more than 20
24 members to the Small Business Advisory
25 Board.

1 “(B) QUALIFICATION.—Members ap-
2 pointed pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be
3 representatives of small business concerns
4 that—

5 “(i) provide eligible financial products
6 or services;

7 “(ii) are service providers to covered
8 persons; and

9 “(iii) use consumer financial products
10 or services in financing the business activi-
11 ties of such concern.

12 “(C) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In
13 appointing members pursuant to subparagraph
14 (A), the Director is encouraged to ensure the
15 participation of minority- and women-owned
16 small business concerns and their interests,
17 without regard to party affiliation.

18 “(3) MEETINGS.—The Small Business Advisory
19 Board—

20 “(A) shall meet from time to time at the
21 call of the Director; and

22 “(B) shall meet at least twice each year.

23 “(b) CREDIT UNION ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

24 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall es-
25 tablish a Credit Union Advisory Council to advise

1 and consult with the Bureau on consumer financial
2 products or services that impact credit unions.

3 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Director shall appoint
4 no fewer than 15 and no more than 20 members to
5 the Credit Union Advisory Council. In appointing
6 such members, the Director is encouraged to ensure
7 the participation of credit unions predominantly
8 serving traditionally underserved communities and
9 populations and their interests, without regard to
10 party affiliation.

11 “(3) MEETINGS.—The Credit Union Advisory
12 Council—

13 “(A) shall meet from time to time at the
14 call of the Director; and

15 “(B) shall meet at least twice each year.

16 “(c) COMMUNITY BANK ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

17 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall es-
18 tablish a Community Bank Advisory Council to ad-
19 vise and consult with the Bureau on consumer finan-
20 cial products or services that impact community
21 banks.

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Director shall appoint
23 no fewer than 15 and no more than 20 members to
24 the Community Bank Advisory Council. In appoint-
25 ing such members, the Director is encouraged to en-

1 sure the participation of community banks predomi-
2 nantly serving traditionally underserved communities
3 and populations and their interests, without regard
4 to party affiliation.

5 “(3) MEETINGS.—The Community Bank Advi-
6 sory Council—

7 “(A) shall meet from time to time at the
8 call of the Director; and

9 “(B) shall meet at least twice each year.

10 “(d) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—
11 Members of the Small Business Advisory Board, the Cred-
12 it Union Advisory Council, or the Community Bank Advi-
13 sory Council who are not full-time employees of the United
14 States shall—

15 “(1) be entitled to receive compensation at a
16 rate fixed by the Director while attending meetings
17 of the Small Business Advisory Board, the Credit
18 Union Advisory Council, or the Community Bank
19 Advisory Council, including travel time; and

20 “(2) be allowed travel expenses, including trans-
21 portation and subsistence, while away from their
22 homes or regular places of business.

23 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

24 “(1) the term ‘eligible financial product or serv-
25 ice’ means a financial product or service that is of-

1 ferred or provided for use by consumers primarily for
2 personal, family, or household purposes as described
3 in clause (i), (iii), (v), (vi), or (ix) of section
4 1002(15)(A); and

5 “(2) the term ‘small business concern’ has the
6 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Small
7 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).”.

8 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The table
9 of contents in section 1 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street
10 Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5301
11 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating
12 to section 1014 the following new item:

“Sec. 1014A. Advisory Boards.”.

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