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H. R. 2056

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Microloan Moderniza-
3 tion Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act—

6 (1) the term “intermediary” has the meaning
7 given that term in section 7(m)(11) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(11)); and

9 (2) the term “microloan program” means the
10 program established under section 7(m) of the Small
11 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)).

12 **SEC. 3. MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY LENDING LIMIT IN-**
13 **CREASED.**

14 Section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15
15 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)) is amended by striking
16 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$6,000,000”.

17 **SEC. 4. MICROLOAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

18 Section 7(m)(4)(E) of the Small Business Act (15
19 U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(E)) is amended by striking “25 per-
20 cent” each place such term appears and inserting “50 per-
21 cent”.

22 **SEC. 5. SBA STUDY OF MICROENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
24 of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
25 ministration shall conduct a study and submit to the Com-
26 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the
2 House of Representatives a report on—

3 (1) the operations (including services provided,
4 structure, size, and area of operation) of a rep-
5 resentative sample of—

6 (A) intermediaries that are eligible to par-
7 ticipate in the microloan program and that do
8 participate; and

9 (B) intermediaries that are eligible to par-
10 ticipate in the microloan program and that do
11 not participate;

12 (2) the reasons why eligible intermediaries de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) choose not to partici-
14 pate in the microloan program;

15 (3) recommendations on how to encourage in-
16 creased participation in the microloan program by
17 eligible intermediaries described in paragraph
18 (1)(B); and

19 (4) recommendations on how to decrease the
20 costs associated with participation in the microloan
21 program for eligible intermediaries.

22 **SEC. 6. GAO STUDY ON MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY PRAC-**
23 **TICES.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States

1 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-
2 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small
3 Business of the House of Representatives a report evalu-
4 ating—

5 (1) oversight of the microloan program by the
6 Small Business Administration, including oversight
7 of intermediaries participating in the microloan pro-
8 gram; and

9 (2) the specific processes used by the Small
10 Business Administration to ensure—

11 (A) compliance by intermediaries partici-
12 pating in the microloan program; and

13 (B) the overall performance of the
14 microloan program.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.