

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2655

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, 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 “Small Business Inno-
3 vation Protection Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act—

6 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
7 ministrator of the SBA;

8 (2) the term “Director” means the Under Sec-
9 retary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and
10 Director of the USPTO;

11 (3) the term “SBA” means the Small Business
12 Administration;

13 (4) the term “small business concern” has the
14 meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Small
15 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a));

16 (5) the term “small business development cen-
17 ter” means a center described in section 21 of the
18 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648); and

19 (6) the term “USPTO” means the United
20 States Patent and Trademark Office.

21 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

22 Congress finds that—

23 (1) the USPTO and the SBA are positioned
24 to—

1 (A) build upon several successful intellec-
2 tual property and training programs aimed at
3 small business concerns; and

4 (B) increase the availability of and the
5 participation in those programs across the
6 United States; and

7 (2) any education and training program admin-
8 istered by the USPTO and the SBA should be scal-
9 able so that the program is able to reach more small
10 business concerns.

11 **SEC. 4. SBA AND USPTO PARTNERSHIPS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator and the
14 Director shall enter into a partnership agreement under
15 which the Administrator and Director shall—

16 (1) develop high-quality training, including in-
17 person or modular training sessions, for small busi-
18 ness concerns relating to—

19 (A) domestic and international protection
20 of intellectual property; and

21 (B) how such protections should be consid-
22 ered in the business plans and growth strategies
23 of the small business concerns; and

1 (2) leverage existing training materials already
2 developed to educate inventors and small business
3 concerns.

4 (b) TRAINING.—The training developed under sub-
5 section (a) may be provided by the Administrator, the Di-
6 rector, or small business development centers established
7 under section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 648)—

9 (1) through electronic resources, including
10 Internet-based webinars; and

11 (2) at physical locations, including at—

12 (A) a small business development center;

13 or

14 (B) the headquarters or a regional office of
15 the USPTO.

16 **SEC. 5. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

17 Section 21(c)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
18 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

19 (1) in subparagraph (S), by striking “and” at
20 the end;

21 (2) in subparagraph (T), by striking the period
22 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

24 “(U) training developed by the Administrator
25 and the Director of the United States Patent and

1 Trademark Office, which may be delivered in person
2 or through a website to small business concerns re-
3 lating to—

4 “(i) domestic and international intellectual
5 property protections; and

6 “(ii) how such protections should be con-
7 sidered in the business plans and growth strate-
8 gies of the small business concerns.”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 10, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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