

## Calendar No. 507

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R. 2655**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2018

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**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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Inno-  
5 vation Protection Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-  
9 ministrator of the SBA;

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

4           (3) the term “SBA” means the Small Business  
5           Administration;

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

15          Congress finds that—

16           (1) the USPTO and the SBA are positioned  
17          to—

18           (A) build upon several successful intellec-  
19           tual property and training programs aimed at  
20           small business concerns; and

21           (B) increase the availability of and the  
22           participation in those programs across the  
23           United States; and

24           (2) any education and training program admin-  
25          istered by the USPTO and the SBA should be scal-

1       able so that the program is able to reach more small  
2       business concerns.

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

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5       date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator and the  
6       Director shall enter into a partnership agreement under  
7       which the Administrator and Director shall—

8               (1) develop high-quality training, including in-  
9               person or modular training sessions, for small busi-  
10              ness concerns relating to—

11                       (A) domestic and international protection  
12                      of intellectual property; and

13                       (B) how such protections should be consid-  
14                      ered in the business plans and growth strategies  
15                      of the small business concerns; and

16              (2) leverage existing training materials already  
17              developed to educate inventors and small business  
18              concerns.

19       (b) TRAINING.—The training developed under sub-  
20       section (a) may be provided by the Administrator, the Di-  
21       rector, or small business development centers established  
22       under section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
23       648)—

24              (1) through electronic resources, including  
25              Internet-based webinars; and

1 (2) at physical locations, including at—

2 (A) a small business development center;

3 or

4 (B) the headquarters or a regional office of  
5 the USPTO.

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

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

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

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

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

14 “(U) training developed by the Administrator  
15 and the Director of the United States Patent and  
16 Trademark Office, which may be delivered in person  
17 or through a website to small business concerns re-  
18 lating to—

19 “(i) domestic and international intellectual  
20 property protections; and

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

Passed the House of Representatives July 10, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*



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