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# H. R. 5929

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for small business concerns located in the United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2018

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. PLASKETT, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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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 “United States Virgin  
5 Islands Small Business Contracting Assistance Act of  
6 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
2 **BUSINESS.**

3 Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(ee) UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESS.—  
7 In this Act, the term ‘United States Virgin Islands busi-  
8 ness’ means a small business concern that has its principal  
9 office located in the United States Virgin Islands.”.

10 **SEC. 3. SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT FOR UNITED STATES VIR-**  
11 **GIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES.**

12 Section 15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644)  
13 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15 “(w) SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT FOR UNITED STATES  
16 VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES.—

17 “(1) CREDIT FOR MEETING CONTRACTING  
18 GOALS.—If an agency awards a prime contract to  
19 United States Virgin Islands business during the pe-  
20 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this sub-  
21 section and ending on the date that is 4 years after  
22 such date of enactment, the value of the contract  
23 shall be doubled for purposes of determining compli-  
24 ance with the goals for procurement contracts under  
25 subsection (g)(1)(A)(i) during such period.

1           “(2) REPORT.—Along with the report required  
2           under subsection (h)(1), the head of each Federal  
3           agency shall submit to the Administrator, and make  
4           publicly available on the scorecard described in sec-  
5           tion 868(b) of the National Defense Authorization  
6           Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (15 U.S.C. 644 note), an  
7           analysis of the number and dollar amount of prime  
8           contracts awarded pursuant to paragraph (1) for  
9           each fiscal year of the period described in such para-  
10          graph.”.

11 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY TRANSFERS.**

12          Section 7(j)(13)(F) of the Small Business Act (15  
13 U.S.C. 636(j)(13)(F)) is amended by adding at the end  
14 the following new clause:

15           “(iii)(I) In this clause, the term ‘covered period’  
16           means the period beginning on the date of enact-  
17           ment of this clause and ending on the date that is  
18           3 years after such date of enactment.

19           “(II) The Administrator may transfer tech-  
20           nology or surplus property under clause (i) to a  
21           United States Virgin Islands business during the  
22           covered period if the such business meets the re-  
23           quirements for such a transfer, without regard to  
24           whether such business is a Program Participant.”.

1 **SEC. 5. CONTRACTING INCENTIVES FOR PROTEGE FIRMS**  
2 **THAT ARE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
3 **BUSINESSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45(a) of the Small Busi-  
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(a)) is amended by adding at  
6 the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(3) UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSI-  
8 NESSES.—During the period beginning on the date  
9 of enactment of this paragraph and ending on the  
10 date that is 3 years after such date of enactment,  
11 the Administrator shall identify potential incentives  
12 to a covered mentor that awards a subcontract to its  
13 covered protege, including—

14 “(A) positive consideration in any past per-  
15 formance evaluation of the covered mentor;

16 “(B) the application of costs incurred for  
17 providing training to such covered protege to  
18 the subcontracting plan (as required under  
19 paragraph (4) or (5) of section 8(d)) of the cov-  
20 ered mentor; and

21 “(C) such other incentives as the Adminis-  
22 trator determines appropriate.”.

23 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 45(d) of the Small Busi-  
24 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 657r(d)) is amended by adding at  
25 the end the following new paragraphs:

1           “(4) COVERED MENTOR.—The term ‘covered  
2           mentor’ means a mentor that enters into an agree-  
3           ment under this Act, or under any mentor-protege  
4           program approved under subsection (b)(1), with a  
5           covered protege.

6           “(5) COVERED PROTEGE.—The term ‘covered  
7           protege’ means a protege of a covered mentor that  
8           is a United States Virgin Islands business.”.

9   **SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONSHIPS**  
10                           **FOR PROTEGE FIRMS THAT ARE UNITED**  
11                           **STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES.**

12           Section 45(b)(3)(A) of the Small Business Act (15  
13   U.S.C. 657r(b)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “, except  
14   that, during the 3-year period beginning on the date of  
15   the enactment of the United States Virgin Islands Small  
16   Business Contracting Assistance Act of 2018, such re-  
17   strictions shall not apply to up to 2 mentor-protege rela-  
18   tionships if such relationships are between a covered pro-  
19   tege and covered mentor” after “each participant”.

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