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To reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2020

Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. STAUBER, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 “Providing Resources
5 for Emergency Preparedness and Resilient Enterprises
6 Act” or the “PREPARE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b) of the Small Busi-
9 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)(C)—

2 (A) by striking “during fiscal years 2000
3 through 2004, to establish a predisaster mitiga-
4 tion program” and inserting “to establish a
5 pre-disaster mitigation program”;

6 (B) by inserting “in accordance with para-
7 graph (16) and” before “as the Administrator
8 may”;

9 (C) by striking “to enable small busi-
10 nesses” and inserting “to small business con-
11 cerns to enable such concerns”; and

12 (D) by striking “in support of a formal”
13 and all that follows and inserting “to protect
14 the commercial real estate, equipment, inven-
15 tory, supplies, and materials of such concerns
16 from damages related to disasters;”; and

17 (2) by inserting after paragraph (15) the fol-
18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(16) PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM
20 LOANS.—

21 “(A) ANNUAL LOAN CAP.—The aggregate
22 amount of loans made under the pre-disaster
23 mitigation program under paragraph (1)(C) to
24 a borrower may not exceed \$500,000 in any 12-
25 month period.

1 “(B) OUTREACH.—In carrying out the pre-
2 disaster mitigation program under paragraph
3 (1)(C), the Administrator shall—

4 “(i) conduct outreach campaigns to
5 small business concerns regarding such
6 program, including—

7 “(I) advertising to educate such
8 concerns on the importance of disaster
9 mitigation; and

10 “(II) campaigns to promote par-
11 ticipation in such program by small
12 business concerns located in economi-
13 cally depressed areas;

14 “(ii) provide instructions on how to
15 participate in such program; and

16 “(iii) provide detailed information on
17 the purposes for which funds from loans
18 made under such program may be used.

19 “(C) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Not more
20 than 4 percent of the funds made available to
21 the Administrator to carry out the pre-disaster
22 mitigation program under paragraph (1)(C)
23 may be reserved by the Administrator for—

24 “(i) the administrative costs of such
25 program; and

1 “(ii) the activities described in sub-
2 paragraph (B).”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 20(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(c) PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM.—There
7 is authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of car-
8 rying out the program established under section
9 7(b)(1)(C) the following amounts:

10 “(1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021.

11 “(2) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

12 “(3) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

13 “(4) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

14 “(5) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.”.

15 (c) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—Not later than January
16 31, 2025, the Administrator of the Small Business Admin-
17 istration shall submit to the Committee on Small Business
18 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee
19 on Small Business of the House of Representatives a re-
20 port on the pre-disaster mitigation program under section
21 7(b)(1)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
22 636(b)(1)(C)), as amended by this Act, including—

23 (1) a list of the geographic areas in which re-
24 cipients of loans under the program are located;

1 (2) the number and dollar value of the loans
2 made under the program;

3 (3) the estimated aggregate value resulting
4 from the use of mitigation techniques funded by
5 loans made under the program, including—

6 (A) the lost productivity and expenses that
7 were avoided; and

8 (B) the amount saved by the Federal Gov-
9 ernment;

10 (4) the information required by paragraph (3)
11 disaggregated by region, by State, and by industry;
12 and

13 (5) the estimated dollar value of loans that
14 would have been made under section 7(b)(1)(A) of
15 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(A))
16 without the loans made under the program.

17 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
18 Act shall apply only with respect to loans made under sec-
19 tion 7(b)(1)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
20 636(b)(1)(C)), as amended by this Act, on or after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

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