

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2142

To allow remote participation on review panels under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 2019

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Helping Entrepreneurs
5 Affects Regulatory Decisions Act of 2019” or the
6 “HEARD Act of 2019”.

7 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY**
8 **ACT.**

9 Section 609(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
10 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, through an
2 in-person meeting or by electronic participation,”
3 after “panel”;

4 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (3) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(7) a covered agency shall take reasonable
10 steps to ensure that representatives of small entities
11 may participate electronically in a review panel con-
12 vened under this subsection.”.

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