

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4531

To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. MEUSER (for himself and Mr. PHILLIPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on 7(a) agents, 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 “7(a) Loan Agent Over-
5 sight Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON 7(a) AGENTS.**

7 Section 47 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 657t) is amended by adding at the end the following new
9 subsection:

10 “(j) ANNUAL REPORT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall submit
2 to Congress, in addition to the report required under
3 subsection (h)(2), an annual report including, for
4 the calendar year covered by the report—

5 “(A) the number of 7(a) agents assisting
6 applicants for loans under section 7(a),
7 disaggregated by 7(a) agents who are attorneys,
8 accountants, consultants, packagers, and lender
9 service providers (as defined by section 103.1 of
10 title 13, Code of Federal Regulations);

11 “(B) the number of fraudulent loans made
12 for which an applicant used services of a 7(a)
13 agent;

14 “(C) the purchase rate by the Adminis-
15 trator of loans for which an applicant used
16 services of a 7(a) agent;

17 “(D) the number and aggregate dollar
18 value of referral fees paid to 7(a) agents,
19 disaggregated by whether the applicant or 7(a)
20 lender paid such fees;

21 “(E) without identifying individual 7(a)
22 agents by name, a consolidated analysis of the
23 risk created by the individual 7(a) agents re-
24 sponsible for not less than 1 percent of—

1 “(i) the dollar value of loans made
2 with the assistance of 7(a) agents; and

3 “(ii) the number of loans made with
4 the assistance of 7(a) agents;

5 “(F) an analysis of interest rates on loans
6 for which an applicant or 7(a) lender used serv-
7 ices of an agent; and

8 “(G) a description of how the Adminis-
9 trator communicates with 7(a) agents.

10 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 “(A) 7(A) AGENT.—The term ‘7(a) agent’
12 means a person who provides covered services
13 on behalf of a lender or applicant.

14 “(B) COVERED SERVICES.—The term ‘cov-
15 ered services’ means—

16 “(i) assistance with completing an ap-
17 plication for a loan under section 7(a) (in-
18 cluding preparing a business plan, cash
19 flow projections, financial statements, and
20 related documents); or

21 “(ii) consulting, broker, or referral
22 services with respect to a loan under sec-
23 tion 7(a).”.

○