

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 298

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2023

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
Urban Affairs

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## AN ACT

To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Access to  
3 Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR RURAL-AREA SMALL BUSI-**  
5 **NESSES.**

6 Section 4(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
7 (15 U.S.C. 78d(j)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (4)(C), by inserting “rural-  
9 area small businesses,” after “women-owned small  
10 businesses,”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (6)(B)(iii), by inserting  
12 “rural-area small businesses,” after “women-owned  
13 small businesses,”.

Passed the House of Representatives January 30,  
2023.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*