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[Report No. 115-]

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2017

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. MOULTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

JUNE --, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 6, 2017]

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, 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 “Microloan Moderniza-*
5 *tion Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act—*

8 *(1) the term “intermediary” has the meaning*
9 *given that term in section 7(m)(11) of the Small*
10 *Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(11)); and*

11 *(2) the term “microloan program” means the*
12 *program established under section 7(m) of the Small*
13 *Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)).*

14 **SEC. 3. MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY LENDING LIMIT IN-**
15 **CREASED.**

16 *Section 7(m)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15*
17 *U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(C)) is amended by striking “\$5,000,000”*
18 *and inserting “\$6,000,000”.*

19 **SEC. 4. MICROLOAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

20 *Section 7(m)(4)(E) of the Small Business Act (15*
21 *U.S.C. 636(m)(4)(E)) is amended by striking “25 percent”*
22 *each place such term appears and inserting “50 percent”.*

23 **SEC. 5. SBA STUDY OF MICROENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION.**

24 *Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of*
25 *this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-*

1 *tration shall conduct a study and submit to the Committee*
2 *on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and*
3 *the Committee on Small Business of the House of Represent-*
4 *atives a report on—*

5 *(1) the operations (including services provided,*
6 *structure, size, and area of operation) of a representa-*
7 *tive sample of—*

8 *(A) intermediaries that are eligible to par-*
9 *ticipate in the microloan program and that do*
10 *participate; and*

11 *(B) intermediaries that are eligible to par-*
12 *ticipate in the microloan program and that do*
13 *not participate;*

14 *(2) the reasons why eligible intermediaries de-*
15 *scribed in paragraph (1)(B) choose not to participate*
16 *in the microloan program;*

17 *(3) recommendations on how to encourage in-*
18 *creased participation in the microloan program by el-*
19 *igible intermediaries described in paragraph (1)(B);*
20 *and*

21 *(4) recommendations on how to decrease the costs*
22 *associated with participation in the microloan pro-*
23 *gram for eligible intermediaries.*

1 **SEC. 6. GAO STUDY ON MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY PRAC-**
2 **TICES.**

3 *Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of*
4 *this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall*
5 *submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepren-*
6 *neurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Busi-*
7 *ness of the House of Representatives a report evaluating—*

8 *(1) oversight of the microloan program by the*
9 *Small Business Administration, including oversight*
10 *of intermediaries participating in the microloan pro-*
11 *gram; and*

12 *(2) the specific processes used by the Small Busi-*
13 *ness Administration to ensure—*

14 *(A) compliance by intermediaries partici-*
15 *pating in the microloan program; and*

16 *(B) the overall performance of the*
17 *microloan program.*