

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6021

To amend the Small Business Act to ensure that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is eligible for certain Small Business Administration programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mrs. RADEWAGEN) 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 “Northern Mariana Is-
5 lands Small Business Development Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
2 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN**
3 **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-**
4 **GRAMS.**

5 The Small Business Act is amended—

6 (1) in section 21(a) (15 U.S.C. 648(a))—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before
8 “The Administration shall require” the fol-
9 lowing new sentence: “The previous sentence
10 shall not apply to an applicant that has its
11 principal office located in the Commonwealth of
12 the Northern Mariana Islands.”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (4)(C)(ix), by striking
14 “and American Samoa” and inserting “Amer-
15 ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
16 Northern Mariana Islands”; and

17 (2) in section 34(a)(9) (15 U.S.C. 657d(a)(9)),
18 by striking “and American Samoa” and inserting
19 “American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
20 Northern Mariana Islands”.

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