

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 787, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 787

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. THANEDAR) 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 “Plain Language in
5 Contracting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY IN COVERED NOTICES**
2 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each covered notice shall be writ-
4 ten in a manner—

5 (1) such that a small business concern can eas-
6 ily understand the intent of the covered notice; and

7 (2) that—

8 (A) is clear, concise, and well-organized;
9 and

10 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
11 follows other best practices appropriate to the
12 subject or field of the covered notice and the in-
13 tended audience of the covered notice.

14 (b) INCLUSION OF KEY WORDS IN COVERED NO-
15 TICES.—Each covered notice shall, to the maximum extent
16 practicable, include key words in the description of the
17 covered notice such that a small business concern seeking
18 contract opportunities using the single, Government-wide
19 point of entry described under section 1708 of title 41,
20 United States Code, can easily identify and understand
21 such covered notice.

22 (c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
24 the Small Business Administration shall issue rules to
25 carry out this section.

26 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED NOTICE.—The term “covered no-
2 tice” means a notice pertaining to small business
3 concerns published by a Federal agency on the sin-
4 gle Government-wide point of entry described under
5 section 1708 of title 41, United States Code.

6 (2) SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.—The
7 terms “Federal agency” and “small business con-
8 cern” have the meanings given those terms, respec-
9 tively, in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15
10 U.S.C. 632).

11 **SEC. 3. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

12 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
13 requirements of this Act.