

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act to adjust the Community Bank Leverage Ratio, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Community Bank Cap-  
5 ital Flexibility and Growth Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY BANK LEVERAGE RATIO.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of the Economic  
3 Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act  
4 (12 U.S.C. 5371 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(A), by striking  
6 “\$10,000,000,000” and inserting  
7 “**[\$15,000,000,000]**”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “not less  
9 than 8 percent and not more than 10 percent” and  
10 inserting “not less than 6 percent and not more  
11 than 8 percent”.

12 (b) RULEMAKING DEADLINE.—Not later than the  
13 end of the **[180-day]** period beginning on the date of en-  
14 actment of this Act, and after reviewing the report issued  
15 pursuant to section 3(b), the Board of Governors of the  
16 Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency,  
17 and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall pro-  
18 pose and, not later than **[1 year]** after the date of the  
19 enactment of this Act, such agencies shall finalize rules  
20 to carry out the amendments made by subsection (a).

21 **SEC. 3. REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY BANK LEVERAGE**  
22 **RATIO.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors of the  
24 Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency,  
25 and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall com-  
26 mence a review of the Community Bank Leverage Ratio

1 (“CBLR”) developed under section 201 of the Economic  
2 Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act,  
3 and rules issued thereunder, which shall include a consid-  
4 eration of how to modify and calibrate the CBLR to en-  
5 courage more qualifying community banks to opt-in to the  
6 CBLR framework, with an additional focus on—

7 (1) those qualifying community banks with  
8 fewer assets; and

9 (2) providing regulatory compliance burden re-  
10 lief so that the CBLR is simple to apply.

11 (b) REPORT.—【Not later than the end of the 【150-  
12 day】 period beginning on the date of enactment of this  
13 Act,】 the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-  
14 tem, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal De-  
15 posit Insurance Corporation shall issue a report to the  
16 Committee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
18 Urban Affairs of the Senate containing—

19 (1) all findings and determinations made in car-  
20 rying out the review under subsection (a); and

21 (2) specific recommendations on modifications,  
22 if any, to—

23 (A) the calculation of the numerator and  
24 denominator of the CBLR;

1 (B) the treatment of specific asset classes  
2 or exposures to better reflect the risk profiles of  
3 community banks;

4 (C) the definition of and qualifying criteria  
5 for a qualifying community bank;

6 (D) enhancements to the procedures for  
7 opting into or out of the CBLR framework, in-  
8 cluding streamlined reporting and transition  
9 mechanisms;

10 (E) the grace period to facilitate the tran-  
11 sition to and from a modified CBLR regime;  
12 and

13 (F) any statutory changes that may be  
14 needed to address such recommendations.

15 (c) QUALIFYING COMMUNITY BANK DEFINED.—In  
16 this section, the term “qualifying community bank” has  
17 the meaning given that term in section 201(a)(3)(A) of  
18 the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer  
19 Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5371 note).