

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7984

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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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 “Rural Small Business  
5 Resilience Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVID-**  
7 **UALS LOCATED IN RURAL AREAS.**

8 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business

1 Administration shall ensure that the Associate Adminis-  
2 trator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience  
3 of the Administration takes such actions as necessary to  
4 ensure that individuals located in rural areas (as defined  
5 in paragraph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business  
6 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declara-  
7 tion has been made under such section 7(b) have full ac-  
8 cess to assistance provided under such section, including  
9 by providing targeted outreach and marketing materials  
10 to such individuals.

11 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

12       The second paragraph (16) (relating to statute of  
13 limitations) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15  
14 U.S.C. 636(b)) is redesignated as paragraph (17).

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