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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and  
Entrepreneurship

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## AN ACT

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Microloan Moderniza-  
3 tion Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act—

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

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

12 **SEC. 3. MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY LENDING LIMIT IN-**  
13 **CREASED.**

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

17 **SEC. 4. MICROLOAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

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

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

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
25 ministration shall conduct a study and submit to the Com-  
26 mittee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the

1 Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the  
2 House of Representatives a report on—

3 (1) the operations (including services provided,  
4 structure, size, and area of operation) of a rep-  
5 resentative sample of—

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

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

12 (2) the reasons why eligible intermediaries de-  
13 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) choose not to partici-  
14 pate in the microloan program;

15 (3) recommendations on how to encourage in-  
16 creased participation in the microloan program by  
17 eligible intermediaries described in paragraph  
18 (1)(B); and

19 (4) recommendations on how to decrease the  
20 costs associated with participation in the microloan  
21 program for eligible intermediaries.

22 **SEC. 6. GAO STUDY ON MICROLOAN INTERMEDIARY PRAC-**  
23 **TICES.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
25 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States

1 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and En-  
2 trepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small  
3 Business of the House of Representatives a report evalu-  
4 ating—

5           (1) oversight of the microloan program by the  
6           Small Business Administration, including oversight  
7           of intermediaries participating in the microloan pro-  
8           gram; and

9           (2) the specific processes used by the Small  
10          Business Administration to ensure—

11                   (A) compliance by intermediaries partici-  
12                   pating in the microloan program; and

13                   (B) the overall performance of the  
14                   microloan program.

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*