

## Union Calendar No. 83

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2966

[Report No. 119–112]

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself and Mr. CLOUD) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

MAY 21, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 17, 2025]

# **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 “American Entrepreneurs*  
 5       *First Act of 2025”.*

6       **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP STATUS DOCU-**  
 7                       **MENTATION FOR CERTAIN LOAN PROGRAMS**  
 8                       **OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.**

9       *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small*  
 10       *Business Administration shall ensure that any application*  
 11       *for a loan submitted under section 7(a) of the Small Busi-*  
 12       *ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or title V of the Small Business*  
 13       *Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) includes the*  
 14       *following information:*

15               *(1) The date of birth for each individual appli-*  
 16       *cant for such loan or for each individual owner of an*  
 17       *applicant concern.*

18               *(2) Certification that—*

19                       *(A) an individual applicant for such loan*  
 20       *is a citizen of the United States, a national of*  
 21       *the United States, or a lawful permanent resi-*  
 22       *dent of the United States; or*

23                       *(B) an applicant concern for such loan or*  
 24       *a guarantor for such loan is 100 percent bene-*  
 25       *ficially owned by individuals who are either citi-*

1           zens of the United States, nationals of the United  
2           States, or lawful permanent residents of the  
3           United States.

4           (3) *Certification that no direct or indirect owner*  
5           *of an applicant concern for such loan is an ineligible*  
6           *person.*

7           (4) *Documentation of the alien registration num-*  
8           *ber of any lawful permanent resident who is—*

9                     (A) *an individual applicant for such loan;*  
10                    or

11                   (B) *an owner of an applicant concern.*

12           (b) *PROHIBITION.—An applicant for a loan under sec-*  
13           *tion 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or*  
14           *title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15*  
15           *U.S.C. 695 et seq.) is ineligible for such loan if—*

16                   (1) *the applicant submits the application for*  
17                   *such loan after the date of the enactment of this Act*  
18                   *and such application does not contain the informa-*  
19                   *tion required under subsection (a);*

20                   (2) *in the case such applicant is an applicant*  
21                   *concern, any direct or indirect owner of such appli-*  
22                   *cant concern is an ineligible person; or*

23                   (3) *in the case such applicant is an individual*  
24                   *applicant, such applicant is an ineligible person.*

1       (c) *INELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.*—*In this Act, the*  
2 *term “ineligible person” means—*

3           (1) *an asylee;*

4           (2) *a refugee;*

5           (3) *an individual issued a visa to remain in the*  
6 *United States;*

7           (4) *an alien classified as a nonimmigrant under*  
8 *any subparagraph of section 101(a)(15) of the Immi-*  
9 *gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15));*

10          (5) *an alien to whom deferred action has been*  
11 *granted pursuant to the Deferred Action for Child-*  
12 *hood Arrivals policy announced by the Secretary of*  
13 *Homeland Security on June 15, 2012; or*

14          (6) *an alien present in the United States without*  
15 *lawful status under the immigration laws (as such*  
16 *term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration*  
17 *and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).*

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