

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3496

To amend the Small Business Act for microloan eligibility for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2025

Ms. KING-HINDS 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 “Northern Mariana Is-

5 lands Small Business Access Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
7 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN THE**
8 **MICROLOAN PROGRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(m)(7)(B) of the Small
10 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(7)(B)) is amended by in-

1 serting “, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
2 lands” after “Guam” each place it appears.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
4 7(m)(11)(C)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 636(m)(11)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “rural” and all
6 that follows through the end of the clause and inserting
7 “rural; and”.

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