

Union Calendar No. 23

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 787

[Report No. 119-34]

To require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

MARCH 24, 2025

Additional sponsor: Ms. GOODLANDER

MARCH 24, 2025

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 28, 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 “Plain Language in Con-*
5 *tracting Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY IN COVERED NOTICES**

7 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Each covered notice shall be written*
9 *in a manner—*

10 *(1) such that a small business concern can easily*
11 *understand the intent of the covered notice; and*

12 *(2) that—*

13 *(A) is clear, concise, and well-organized;*
14 *and*

15 *(B) to the maximum extent practicable, fol-*
16 *lows other best practices appropriate to the sub-*
17 *ject or field of the covered notice and the in-*
18 *tended audience of the covered notice.*

19 *(b) INCLUSION OF KEY WORDS IN COVERED NO-*
20 *TICES.—Each covered notice shall, to the maximum extent*
21 *practicable, include key words in the description of the cov-*
22 *ered notice such that a small business concern seeking con-*
23 *tract opportunities using the single Government-wide point*
24 *of entry described under section 1708 of title 41, United*

1 *States Code, can easily identify and understand such cov-*
2 *ered notice.*

3 (c) *RULEMAKING.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
4 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the*
5 *Small Business Administration shall issue rules to carry*
6 *out this section.*

7 (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

8 (1) *COVERED NOTICE.*—*The term “covered no-*
9 *tice” means a notice pertaining to small business con-*
10 *cerns published by a Federal agency on the single*
11 *Government-wide point of entry described under sec-*
12 *tion 1708 of title 41, United States Code.*

13 (2) *SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.*—*The*
14 *terms “Federal agency” and “small business concern”*
15 *have the meanings given those terms, respectively, in*
16 *section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).*

17 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

18 *No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-*
19 *priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made by*
20 *this Act.*

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