

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1703

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2025

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SHEEHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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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 1 year after the date of enactment  
9 of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-

1   ministration shall ensure that the Associate Administrator  
2   of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience of the  
3   Administration takes such actions as necessary to ensure  
4   that individuals located in rural areas (as defined in para-  
5   graph (16) of section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15  
6   U.S.C. 636(b)(16))) for which a disaster declaration has  
7   been made under such section 7(b) have full access to as-  
8   sistance provided under such section, including by pro-  
9   viding targeted outreach and marketing materials to those  
10  individuals.

11  **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**

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

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