

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2656

To amend the Small Business Act to codify the Rule of Two, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2025

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Protecting Small Busi-
5 ness Competitions Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CODIFICATION OF THE RULE OF TWO.**

7 Section 15(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 644(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(4) RULE OF TWO.—Each contract, task order, or
10 delivery order for the purchase of goods or services that

1 has an anticipated value greater than the simplified acqui-
2 sition threshold shall be reserved for small business con-
3 cerns when the contracting officer reasonably expects—
4 “(A) to obtain offers from 2 or more respon-
5 sible small business concerns; and
6 “(B) to award the contract, task order, or deliv-
7 ery order at a fair market price.”.

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