

## 116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. R. 6040

To amend the Small Business Act to ensure small businesses affected by the onset of communicable diseases are eligible for disaster relief.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 28, 2020

Ms. Velázquez (for herself, Ms. Judy Chu of California, and Ms. Meng) 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 "Small Business Relief
- 5 From Communicable Disease Induced Economic Hardship
- 6 Act of 2020".

| 1  | SEC. 2. ECONOMIC INJURY LOANS FOR COMMUNICABLE         |
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| 2  | DISEASES.                                              |
| 3  | (a) Definition of a Disaster.—Section 3(k)(2) of       |
| 4  | the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(2)) is amend- |
| 5  | ed—                                                    |
| 6  | (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" at          |
| 7  | the end;                                               |
| 8  | (2) in subparagraph (C), striking the period           |
| 9  | and inserting "; and; and                              |
| 10 | (3) by adding at the end the following:                |
| 11 | "(D) a communicable disease for which the              |
| 12 | Federal Government has issued a travel alert or        |
| 13 | travel warning.".                                      |
| 14 | (b) Terms.—Section 7(b)(2) of the Small Business       |
| 15 | Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(2)) is amended—                  |
| 16 | (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period        |
| 17 | at the end and inserting "; or";                       |
| 18 | (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-       |
| 19 | lowing:                                                |
| 20 | "(E) a disaster described under section                |
| 21 | 3(k)(2)(D) for which the Federal Government            |
| 22 | has issued a public health emergency."; and            |
| 23 | (3) by adding at the end the following: "A loan        |
| 24 | made pursuant to a disaster described under sub-       |
| 25 | paragraph (E) shall not require the payment of in-     |
| 26 | terest.".                                              |

| 1 | (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this          |
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| 2 | section shall apply to a communicable disease—          |
| 3 | (1) for which the Federal Government issues a           |
| 4 | travel alert or travel warning before, on, or after the |
| 5 | date of enactment of this Act; and                      |
| 6 | (2) the effects of which are experienced on or          |
| 7 | after the date of enactment of this Act.                |