

## 116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H. R. 6021

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 28, 2020

Mr. Sablan (for himself and Mrs. Radewagen) 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 Development Act".

1	SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
2	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN
3	SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-
4	GRAMS.
5	The Small Business Act is amended—
6	(1) in section 21(a) (15 U.S.C. 648(a))—
7	(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before
8	"The Administration shall require" the fol-
9	lowing new sentence: "The previous sentence
10	shall not apply to an applicant that has its
11	principal office located in the Commonwealth of
12	the Northern Mariana Islands."; and
13	(B) in paragraph (4)(C)(ix), by striking
14	"and American Samoa" and inserting "Amer-
15	ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
16	Northern Mariana Islands'; and
17	(2) in section $34(a)(9)$ (15 U.S.C. $657d(a)(9)$ ),
18	by striking "and American Samoa" and inserting
19	"American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
20	Northern Mariana Islands''