

HR 205

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Apr 9, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Apr 8, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 9, 2003
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the House on January 7, 2003. However, because action occurred on the measure, the summary has been expanded.)

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2003 - Amends the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA), acting through the Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers, to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small businesses through participating Small Business Development Centers (Centers), the Association for Small Business Development Centers (Association), and Federal compliance partnership programs. Requires the Administrator to enter into arrangements with participating Centers to provide: (1) access to regulatory information and resources; (2) training and education activities; (3) confidential counseling to owners and operators of small businesses regarding compliance with Federal and State regulations; (4) technical assistance; and (5) referrals to experts and other providers of compliance assistance. Requires quarterly reports to the SBA from participating Centers.

Directs the Administrator to act as the repository of and clearinghouse for data and information submitted by Centers and to transmit annual program reports to the President and the congressional small business committees.

Requires the Administrator, giving substantial weight to the Association's recommendations, to select the Centers programs of two States from each of ten groups of States for participation in the program. Authorizes the Administrator to make additional selections after three years. Directs the Administrator to give selection preference to programs that have a plan for consulting with Federal and State agencies to ensure that assistance provided under this Act is not duplicated by any other Federal or State program. Sets forth the formula for determining program grant amounts.

Requires the Comptroller General to evaluate the program and transmit evaluation results to the Administrator and the small business committees.

Authorizes appropriations.

Provides privacy requirements applicable to such Centers.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 9, 2003:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Mr. Manzullo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2879-2883)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 205.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2909-2910)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 4 (Roll no. 116).(text: CR H2879-2880)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 4 (Roll no. 116). (text: CR H2879-2880)
- **Apr 8, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.