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# S 1463

Small Business Drought Relief Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Commerce Introduced: Jul 21, 2005

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12941-12942)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12941-12942) (Nov 16, 2005)

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#### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

#### **Cosponsors** (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Oct 5, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2005

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

#### **Policy Area:**

#### Commerce

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1815	Related bill	Jan 6, 2006: Became Public Law No: 109-163.

#### **Summary** (as of Jul 21, 2005)

Small Business Drought Relief Act of 2005 - Amends the Small Business Act to include within the definition of "disaster," for purposes of disaster loans provided to small businesses through the Small Business Administration (SBA), droughts and below average water levels in the Great Lakes or any other U.S. body of water that supports commerce by small businesses. Authorizes such loan assistance for farm- and nonfarm-related small businesses affected by droughts. Limits the amount that may be used during each of FY2005-FY2008 to provide drought disaster loans to non-farm related concerns.

Requires the SBA to respond in writing to a State Governor regarding its determination concerning the provision of disaster loan assistance within 30 days after receiving such Governor's certification that small businesses in that State have suffered economic injury as a result of a disaster.

## **Actions Timeline**

- Nov 16, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12941-12942)
- Jul 21, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 21, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8682)
- Jul 21, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8682-8683)