

## HR 1259

### Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Finance and Financial Sector

**Introduced:** Mar 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (Apr 14, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1259>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Mar 4, 2015
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Mar 24, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Mar 25, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 13, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2132	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2015:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 251.
114 S 1910	Related bill	<b>Jul 30, 2015:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 176.
114 HR 1389	Related bill	<b>Apr 8, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
114 S 871	Related bill	<b>Mar 26, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2048-2049)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Helping Expand Lending Practices in Rural Communities Act**

(Sec. 2) Directs the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to establish an application process under which a person who lives or does business in a state may apply to have an area in the state identified as a rural area if it has not yet been so designated by the CFPB for purposes of federal consumer financial law.

Prescribes criteria for the CFPB to consider when evaluating the application.

Requires the CFPB to: (1) grant or deny the application within 90 days after the public comment period ends; and (2) publish the grant or denial in the Federal Register, including an explanation of the factors upon which the CFPB relied in making its determination.

Sunsets this Act two years after its enactment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 14, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Financial Services. H. Rept. 114-60.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 41.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Mr. Neugebauer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2121-2123)
- **Apr 13, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1259.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** 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 13, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2127)
- **Apr 13, 2015:** 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): 401 - 1 (Roll no. 145).(text: CR H2122)
- **Apr 13, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 401 - 1 (Roll no. 145). (text: CR H2122)
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 56 - 2.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.