

## HR 1597

### Commercial Market Representatives Clarification Act

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## Sponsor

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## Committee Activity

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Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 17, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Commerce

## Related Bills

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115 HR 2810	Related bill	Dec 12, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-91.
115 HR 1773	Related bill	Mar 29, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

## **Commercial Market Representatives Clarification Act**

This bill amends the Small Business Act to specify the principal duties of Commercial Market Representatives, government contracting staff stationed at area Small Business Administration (SBA) offices and reporting to specified senior SBA officers.

Such duties shall include:

- helping prime federal government contractors to find small business concerns capable of performing subcontracts;
- counseling such contractors on their responsibility to maximize subcontracting opportunities for small business concerns;
- instructing such contractors on methods and tools to identify potential subcontractors that are small business concerns;
- assisting such contractors to increase awards to small business subcontractors through visits, training, and reviews of past performance;
- giving counseling on how a small business concern may promote its capacity to such contractors; and
- conducting periodic reviews of such contractors to assess compliance with required subcontracting plans regarding small business subcontractors.

## **Actions Timeline**

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