

## S 1853

### Small Business Disaster Relief Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Sep 25, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Sep 25, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1853>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 25, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4148	Identical bill	Nov 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

### Summary (as of Sep 25, 2017)

#### Small Business Disaster Relief Act of 2017

This bill amends the Small Business Act to authorize the Small Business Administration (SBA) to exceed the \$100,000 limit on small business development center assistance grants to accommodate extraordinary occurrences having a catastrophic impact on small business concerns in a community.

The bill amends the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 to permit: (1) the use of SBA and Farm Service Agency (formerly, Farmers Home Administration) loans for enterprises that are vital to recovery efforts in a disaster area (including debris removal services, manufactured housing, gasoline, telecommunications, or building materials); and (2) such loans to waive any required evaluation of creditworthiness in exchange for a fee set by the SBA or the Farm Service Agency.

## Actions Timeline

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