

S 4008

Small Business COVID Relief Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Apr 5, 2022

Current Status: Cloture on the motion to proceed not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 43. Record Vote Number:

Latest Action: Cloture on the motion to proceed not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 43. Record Vote Number: 192. (CR S2614) (May 19, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 5, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 27, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4471	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
117 S 4282	Related bill	May 19, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
117 S 3711	Related bill	Feb 28, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
117 HR 5429	Related bill	Sep 29, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
117 S 2889	Related bill	Sep 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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This bill provides support for restaurants and other businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the bill provides additional funding for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide grants to support the ongoing operations of eligible restaurants and similar establishments. The SBA must report weekly and biweekly information about grant applications, awards, and denials.

Additionally, the bill funds grants to support other eligible businesses impacted by the pandemic, including

- gyms and fitness centers,
- minor league sports teams,
- businesses located near land ports of entry,
- businesses that provide and support live events, and
- businesses located in certain U.S. exclaves with limited accessibility.

A business may receive a grant under only one program.

The bill also establishes procedures for the SBA to implement and provide administrative support for these grant programs. The SBA must institute an oversight and audit plan to review the use of grants under these programs.

Further, the bill provides additional funding for grants to support eligible transportation service providers.

Finally, the bill designates the funding as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2022:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S2607, S2611-2616)
- **May 19, 2022:** Cloture on the motion to proceed not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 43. Record Vote Number: 192. (CR S2614)
- **May 17, 2022:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S2534)
- **May 17, 2022:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S2534)
- **Apr 27, 2022:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- **Apr 6, 2022:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 344.
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 5, 2022:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.