

HR 2966

American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Apr 17, 2025

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Jun 9, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Apr 17, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 9, 2025
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	May 21, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HRES 458	Procedurally related	Jun 4, 2025: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

American Entrepreneurs First Act

This bill revises the application requirements for the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan and 504 loan programs.

Specifically, the bill requires applications for such loans to include (1) the applicant's date of birth; and (2) a certification that the applicant or all beneficial owners are citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents of the United States.

The bill specifies that certain individuals are ineligible for such loans, including (1) asylees, (2) refugees, (3) individuals issued a visa to remain in the United States, (4) individuals legally classified as nonimmigrants, (5) individuals to whom deferred action has been granted pursuant to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and (6) individuals without lawful status under the immigration laws of the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Jun 6, 2025:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 458. (consideration: CR H2510-2515)
- **Jun 6, 2025:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2483, H.R. 2931, H.R. 2966 and H.R. 2987. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2483 under a structured rule and for consideration of H.R. 2931, H.R. 2966, and H.R. 2987 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Jun 6, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2966.
- **Jun 6, 2025:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 6, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 190 (Roll no. 156).
- **Jun 6, 2025:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 217 - 190 (Roll no. 156). (text: CR H2510-2511)
- **Jun 6, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 3, 2025:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 458 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2483, H.R. 2931, H.R. 2966 and H.R. 2987. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2483 under a structured rule and for consideration of H.R. 2931, H.R. 2966, and H.R. 2987 under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **May 21, 2025:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 119-112.
- **May 21, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 83.
- **Apr 30, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 30, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 15 - 11.
- **Apr 17, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 17, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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