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To amend the Small Business Act to promote lending to small business concerns in States in which there are a declining number of federally insured financial institutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MACHTLEY (for himself and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Lend-
5 ing and Credit Availability Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOAN GUARANTEES IN QUALIFIED STATES.**

2 (a) PARTICIPATION AUTHORITY.—Section 7(a) of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(22) LOAN GUARANTEES IN QUALIFIED
6 STATES.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administration
8 shall, in accordance with the requirements of
9 this paragraph, participate on a guaranteed
10 basis in loans under this subsection to small
11 business concerns in qualified States.

12 “(B) GUARANTEE AMOUNTS.—In agree-
13 ments to participate on a guaranteed basis in
14 loans described in subparagraph (A), such par-
15 ticipation by the Administration shall be—

16 “(i) not less than 90 percent of the
17 balance of the loan outstanding at the time
18 of disbursement, if the loan is not less
19 than \$200,000, nor more than \$500,000;
20 and

21 “(ii) not less than 95 percent of the
22 balance of the loan outstanding at the time
23 of disbursement, if the loan is less than
24 \$200,000.

25 “(C) TEMPORARY WAIVER OF GUARANTEE
26 FEES.—

1 “(i) FIRST 2 FISCAL YEARS.—In each
2 of the first 2 fiscal years beginning after
3 the date of the enactment of this para-
4 graph, the Administration shall waive any
5 guarantee fee in connection with a loan de-
6 scribed in subparagraph (A).

7 “(ii) REMAINING FISCAL YEARS.—In
8 the 3rd, 4th, and 5th fiscal years begin-
9 ning after the date of the enactment of
10 this paragraph, the Administration may
11 collect a guarantee fee in connection with
12 a loan described in subparagraph (A) in an
13 amount equal to not more than 1 percent
14 of the outstanding balance of the guaran-
15 teed amount of the loan. Any such fee
16 shall be payable by the participating lend-
17 ing institution and may be charged to the
18 borrower.

19 “(D) RETENTION OF FEE PERCENTAGE BY
20 LENDERS.—In order to encourage lending insti-
21 tutions to make loans to small business con-
22 cerns in qualified States, the Administration
23 shall permit lending institutions to retain, on
24 loans described in subparagraph (A) of

1 \$200,000 or less, $\frac{1}{2}$ of any fee to be paid to
2 the Administration under subparagraph (C)(ii).

3 “(E) PRESUMPTION.—For a loan de-
4 scribed in subparagraph (A), any reasonable
5 doubt as to the ability of an applicant to repay
6 the loan shall be resolved in favor of the appli-
7 cant.

8 “(F) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of
9 this paragraph shall be in effect in each of the
10 first 5 fiscal years beginning after the date of
11 the enactment of this paragraph. For such pe-
12 riod, provisions of this section which are incon-
13 sistent with this paragraph shall not apply.

14 “(G) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
15 paragraph, the following definitions apply:

16 “(i) INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITU-
17 TION.—The term ‘insured depository insti-
18 tution’—

19 “(I) has the same meaning as in
20 section 3 of the Federal Deposit In-
21 surance Act; and

22 “(II) includes an insured credit
23 union, as defined in section 101 of the
24 Federal Credit Union Act.

1 “(ii) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means
2 each of the several States and the District
3 of Columbia.

4 “(iii) QUALIFIED STATE.—The term
5 ‘qualified State’ means any State in
6 which—

7 “(I) during the 12-month period
8 ending on the date of enactment of
9 this paragraph, 1 or more insured de-
10 pository institutions having combined
11 total assets of not less than
12 \$100,000,000 closed due to an inabil-
13 ity to meet the demands of depositors;
14 or

15 “(II) during the 12-month period
16 ending on the date of enactment of
17 this paragraph, 2 or more insured de-
18 pository institutions having combined
19 total assets of not less than
20 \$150,000,000 closed due to an inabil-
21 ity to meet the demands of deposi-
22 tors.”.

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