

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To support entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard and Reserve, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To support entrepreneurs serving in the National Guard
and Reserve, and for other purposes.

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 “National Guard and
5 Reserve Entrepreneurship Support Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF LOAN ASSISTANCE AND DEFERRAL**
2 **ELIGIBILITY TO RESERVISTS BEYOND PERI-**
3 **ODS OF MILITARY CONFLICT.**

4 (a) SMALL BUSINESS ACT AMENDMENTS.—Section
5 7 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (i) in clause (i), by striking “con-
10 cern;” and inserting “concern; and”;

11 (ii) by striking clause (ii); and

12 (iii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
13 clause (ii); and

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), strike “during a
15 period of military conflict”; and

16 (2) in subsection (n)(1)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “dur-
18 ing a period of military conflict”;

19 (B) by striking subparagraph (C); and

20 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
21 subparagraph (C).

22 (b) APPLICABILITY TO DISASTER LOANS.—Section
23 402(e)(2) of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small
24 Business Development Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–50;
25 15 U.S.C. 636 note) is amended by striking “as the result
26 of a period of military conflict occurring or ending”.

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE DEPLOYMENT**
2 **SUPPORT AND BUSINESS TRAINING PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) **EXPANSION OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRA-**
5 **TION OUTREACH PROGRAMS.**—Section 8(b)(17) of the
6 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(17)) is amended
7 by striking “and members of a reserve component of the
8 Armed Forces” and inserting “members of a reserve com-
9 ponent of the Armed Forces, and the spouses of veterans
10 and members of a reserve component of the Armed
11 Forces”.

12 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**—Section 32b of
13 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657) is amended by
14 adding at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(g) **NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE DEPLOYMENT**
16 **SUPPORT AND BUSINESS TRAINING.**—In making grants
17 carried out under Section 8(b)(17), the Associate Admin-
18 istrator shall establish a program, to be known as the ‘Na-
19 tional Guard and Reserve Deployment Support and Busi-
20 ness Training Program,’ to provide training, counseling
21 and other assistance to support members of a reserve com-
22 ponent of the Armed Forces and their spouses. In carrying
23 out this section, the Associate Administrator may—

24 “(1) modify existing programs and resources
25 made available through section 8(b)(17) to provide
26 pre-deployment and other information specific to

1 members of a reserve component of the Armed
2 Forces and their spouses;

3 “(2) collaborate with the Chief of the National
4 Guard Bureau or the Chief’s designee, State Ad-
5 junct Generals or their designees, and other public
6 and private partners; and

7 “(3) provide training, information and other re-
8 sources to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau
9 or the Chief’s designee and State Adjunct Generals
10 or their designees for the purpose of supporting
11 members of a reserve component of the Armed
12 Forces and the spouses of veterans and members of
13 a reserve component of the Armed Forces.”.