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S. 2896

To amend the Small Business Act to define the term “State” for the purposes of the microloan program carried out under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. HIRONO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Northern Mariana Is-
5 lands Entrepreneurship Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. MICROLOAN PROGRAM DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 7(m)(11) of the Small Business Act (15
8 U.S.C. 636(m)(11)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(E) the term ‘State’ means each of the
5 several States of the United States, the District
6 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
7 Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam,
8 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
9 lands, and American Samoa.”.

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