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# S. 3682

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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

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## 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 “American Small Busi-  
5 ness Competition Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOAN LIMITS.**

2 (a) BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM.—Section 7(a)(3) of  
3 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(3)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-  
6 graph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and  
7 (C)”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at  
9 the end;

10 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
11 paragraph (D); and

12 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(C) if the total amount outstanding and  
15 committed (by participation or otherwise) to the  
16 borrower from the business loan and investment  
17 fund established by this Act would exceed  
18 \$7,500,000 (or if the gross loan amount would  
19 exceed \$10,000,000), for a small business con-  
20 cern—

21 “(i) that is principally engaged in ag-  
22 riculture, manufacturing, or production of  
23 a technology listed on the Critical and  
24 Emerging Technologies List issued by the  
25 National Security Council, or any suc-  
26 cessor thereto;

1           “(ii) for which the headquarters of the  
2           small business concern is located in the  
3           United States; and

4           “(iii) that includes in the application  
5           of the small business concern for the loan  
6           under this subsection information regard-  
7           ing any foreign individual or entity that  
8           owns not less than 5 percent of the small  
9           business concern; and”.

10       (b) 504 LOAN PROGRAM.—Section 502(2)(A) of the  
11       Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.  
12       696(2)(A)) is amended—

13           (1) in clause (i), by striking “or (v)” and in-  
14           serting “(v), or (vi)”;

15           (2) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;

16           (3) in clause (v), by striking the period at the  
17           end and inserting “; and”; and

18           (4) by adding at the end the following:

19                   “(vi) \$10,000,000 for each project of  
20                   a small business concern principally en-  
21                   gaged in agriculture, manufacturing, or  
22                   production of a technology listed on the  
23                   Critical and Emerging Technologies List  
24                   issued by the National Security Council, or  
25                   any successor thereto.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT REGARDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR**  
2 **SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act, the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
5 ministration shall submit to Congress a report that—

6 (1) provides a description of the effect of infla-  
7 tion and supply chain disruption during the 3-year  
8 period ending on the date of enactment of this Act  
9 on the cost to small business concerns (as defined  
10 under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15  
11 U.S.C. 636)) of obtaining access to capital,  
12 disaggregated by industry; and

13 (2) makes recommendations, in partnership  
14 with the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business  
15 Administration, on how to support access to capital  
16 for small business concerns involved in domestic  
17 manufacturing, agriculture, and production of tech-  
18 nologies listed on the Critical and Emerging Tech-  
19 nologies List issued by the National Security Coun-  
20 cil, or any successor thereto.

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