

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Relief  
5 from Disease Induced Economic Hardship Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(k)(1) of the Small Busi-  
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)(1)) is amended by inserting  
9 “, onset of transmissible diseases for which the Federal

1 Government issues a public health advisory or declara-  
2 tion,” after “civil disorders”.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
4 section (a) shall apply to the onset of a transmissible dis-  
5 ease for which the Federal Government issues a public  
6 health advisory or declaration—

7 (1) that commences before, on, or after the date  
8 of enactment of this Act; and

9 (2) the effects of which are experienced on or  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.