

**H.R. 4877, The “One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act of 2021”
Representative Antonio Delgado (D-NY) and Representative Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)
Backgrounder**

Background

Congress established the Office of the National Ombudsman (Ombudsman) in 1996 to assist small businesses, small government entities, and small nonprofits when they are subject to excessive enforcement by a federal agency.¹ The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 (SBPRA) requires each federal agency to establish a point of contact to act as a liaison between the agency and small business concerns. In addition, SBPRA requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in conjunction with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to publish on the Internet a list of compliance assistance resources available at federal agencies for small businesses.²

Legislation

H.R. 4877, the “One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act of 2021”, was introduced by Representative Antonio Delgado (D-NY) and Representative Beth Van Duyne (R-TX). The bill would require the Ombudsman to maintain a website with hyperlinks to the small business compliance guides of each federal agency, as well as the relevant points of contact for the guides. In addition, the bill would require the Ombudsman to include an assessment of federal agency compliance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996 in their annual report.

¹ Office of the National Ombudsman, SBA.gov, <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/oversight-advocacy/office-national-ombudsman>.

² Office of Ombudsman, SBA.gov, <https://www.sba.gov/ombudsman/compliance-assistance>.

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Section-by-Section

Section 1. Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the “One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act of 2021”.

Section 2. Centralized Website for Compliance Guides.

This section amends Section 30 of the Small Business Act by adding two new subsections:

Subsection (e) — Centralized Website.

This subsection requires that, no later than 6 months after the date of enactment, the Ombudsman shall maintain a website that includes hyperlinks to the small business compliance guides as required by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. The website must also include the contact information for employees that can offer small businesses assistance with each compliance guide.

Subsection (f) — Report on Agency Compliance.

This subsection requires the Ombudsman to include an assessment of agency compliance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996 in their annual reports.