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To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself and Mr. CLOUD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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 Entre-
5 preneurs First Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP STATUS DOCU-**
2 **MENTATION FOR CERTAIN LOAN PROGRAMS**
3 **OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Small
5 Business Administration shall ensure that any application
6 for a loan submitted under section 7(a) of the Small Busi-
7 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or title V of the Small Busi-
8 ness Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) in-
9 cludes the following information:

10 (1) The date of birth for each individual appli-
11 cant for such loan or for each individual owner of
12 an applicant concern.

13 (2) Certification that—

14 (A) an individual applicant for such loan is
15 a citizen of the United States, a national of the
16 United States, or a lawful permanent resident
17 of the United States; or

18 (B) an applicant concern for such loan or
19 a guarantor for such loan is 100 percent bene-
20 ficially owned by individuals who are either citi-
21 zens of the United States, nationals of the
22 United States, or lawful permanent residents of
23 the United States.

24 (3) Certification that no direct or indirect
25 owner of an applicant concern for such loan is an in-
26 eligible person.

1 (4) Documentation of the alien registration
2 number of any lawful permanent resident who is—

3 (A) an individual applicant for such loan;

4 or

5 (B) an owner of an applicant concern.

6 (b) PROHIBITION.—An applicant for a loan under
7 section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a))
8 or title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958
9 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) is ineligible for such loan if—

10 (1) the applicant submits the application for
11 such loan after the date of the enactment of this Act
12 and such application does not contain the informa-
13 tion required under subsection (a);

14 (2) in the case such applicant is an applicant
15 concern, any direct or indirect owner of such appli-
16 cant concern is an ineligible person; or

17 (3) in the case such applicant is an individual
18 applicant, such applicant is an ineligible person.

19 (c) INELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.—In this Act, the
20 term “ineligible person” means—

21 (1) an asylee;

22 (2) a refugee;

23 (3) an individual issued a visa to remain in the
24 United States;

1 (4) an alien classified as a nonimmigrant under
2 any subparagraph of section 101(a)(15) of the Im-
3 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
4 1101(a)(15));

5 (5) an alien to whom deferred action has been
6 granted pursuant to the Deferred Action for Child-
7 hood Arrivals policy announced by the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security on June 15, 2012; or

9 (6) an alien present in the United States with-
10 out lawful status under the immigration laws (as
11 such term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immi-
12 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).

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