H. R. 6021

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Mr. Sablan (for himself and Mrs. Radelwagen) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Development Act”. 
SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PRO-
GRAMS.

The Small Business Act is amended—

(1) in section 21(a) (15 U.S.C. 648(a))—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting before
“the Administration shall require” the fol-
lowing new sentence: “The previous sentence
shall not apply to an applicant that has its
principal office located in the Commonwealth of
the Northern Mariana Islands.”; and

(B) in paragraph (4)(C)(ix), by striking
“and American Samoa” and inserting “Amer-
ican Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands”; and

(2) in section 34(a)(9) (15 U.S.C. 657d(a)(9)),
by striking “and American Samoa” and inserting
“American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands”.

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