

103RD CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1

To make necessary amendments to the Department of Commerce & Labor Act of 2024 to expand the amount of businesses able to register by lifting most requirements for sole proprietary ownerships and other types of businesses that can be approved at the discretion of the Secretary.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES

February 4th, 2025

Rep. NikkiHaleyGPT of Nevada (for herself and Secretary Captaina\_Nico of the Department of Commerce & Labor, co sponsored by Rep. pistuol, Rep. AguilaBread, Rep. jjc0308, and Sen. ArmanFoley ) has introduced the following bill; which shall be read on the House floor and referred to the House Committee of the Judiciary, Ethics, and Government Oversight.

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## AN ACT

To amend the Department of Commerce & Labor to expand inclusivity for businesses under sole proprietor ownerships and other types of businesses that can be

approved at the discretion of the Secretary, removing requirements generally bound to multi-ownership businesses.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.*

## **SEC. 1—SHORT TITLE**

- (a) This piece of legislation shall be referred to as “*H. R. 1*” or as “*The Department of Commerce & Labor Expansion Act of 2025*”

## **SEC. 2—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- (a) Any part of any act, joint resolution, memorandum or codified law that conflicts with this act shall be deemed null and void.
- (b) This act shall be servable, in which, if any provision of this act is found unconstitutional the rest of the act shall be in full effect unless also found unconstitutional.
- (c) This act shall go into effect immediately.

## **SEC. 3—AMENDMENT TO SECTION 202 OF S. 49**

- (a) The text of Section 202 (c) Clause 3 of S. 49: Department of Commerce & Labor Act shall be amended to read the following:  
*Have at least three employees who are citizens of the United States, in the business they are applying for, where the applicant does not count towards the required employee count. This shall not be the case for businesses of which meet the definition of Sole Proprietorship Ownership and other businesses that can be approved at the discretion of the Secretary.*

- (b) The text of Section 202 (c) Clause 5 of S. 49: Department of Commerce & Labor Act shall be

amended to read the following:

*Not already hold four or more licenses within the Department of Commerce & Labor, in order to promote multi-business ownership fostering the growth of jobs and the private sector;*

## **SEC. 4—AMENDMENT TO SECTION 201 OF S. 49**

- (a) The text of Section 201 (c) of S. 49: Department of Commerce and Labor Act shall be amended to read the following:

*There are two offices established in the Department of Commerce and Labor, the offices of Under Secretary of Commerce and Under Secretary of Labor, respectively, which shall be filled by appointment by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Each of the Under Secretaries of Commerce and Labor shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor or required by law.*

## **SEC. 5—EXPANSION OF SECRETARIAL POWERS**

- (a) Section 202(b) of S. 49 shall be repealed in full, and the powers to designate business types or approve businesses shall rest within the authority of the Secretary of Commerce & Labor in entirety.
- (b) The Secretary of Commerce & Labor reserves the right to amend any standing policies of the Department in their full capacity, but these amendments may be overruled by the President at the President's will.

## **SEC. 6—EFFECTIVE DATE**

- (a) This bill shall take effect immediately upon the signature of the President of the United States, making the necessary amendments to S. 49 to be updated in public law.