

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. R.** _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Paycheck Protection
5 Program Flexibility Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATURITY FOR LOANS WITH REMAINING BALANCE**
2 **AFTER APPLICATION OF FORGIVENESS.**

3 Section 7(a)(36)(K)(ii) of the Small Business Act (15
4 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is amended by inserting “minimum
5 maturity of 5 years and a” before “maximum maturity”.

6 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION PRO-**
7 **GRAM LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

8 Section 1106 of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
9 136) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3)
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(3) the term ‘covered period’ means the period
13 beginning on the date of the origination of a covered
14 loan and ending on the earlier of—

15 “(A) the date that is 24 weeks after such
16 date of origination; or

17 “(B) December 31, 2020;” and

18 (2) in subsection (d)—

19 (A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “June
20 30, 2020” each place it appears and inserting
21 “December 31, 2020”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraphs:

24 “(7) EXEMPTION BASED ON EMPLOYEE AVAIL-
25 ABILITY.—During the period beginning on February
26 15, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2020, the

1 amount of loan forgiveness under this section shall
2 be determined without regard to a reduction in the
3 number of full-time equivalent employees if an eligi-
4 ble recipient—

5 “(A) is unable to rehire an individual who
6 was an employee of the eligible recipient on or
7 before February 15, 2020; or

8 “(B) is able to demonstrate an inability to
9 hire similarly qualified employees on or before
10 December 31, 2020.

11 “(8) NO LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out this
12 section, the Administrator may not limit the non-
13 payroll portion of a forgivable covered loan
14 amount.”.

15 **SEC. 4. DELAY OF PAYMENT OF EMPLOYER PAYROLL**
16 **TAXES.**

17 Section 2302(a) of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–
18 136) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

19 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**

20 The amendments made by this Act shall be effective
21 as if included in the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)
22 and shall apply to any loan made pursuant to section
23 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
24 636(a)(36)) or section 1109 of the CARES Act.