

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1199

To extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain pandemic programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2025

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “SBA Fraud Enforce-
5 ment Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS.—Section 324
9 of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,

1 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9009a) is amended by adding at the end
 2 the following:

3 “(g) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding
 4 any other provision of law, any criminal prosecution or
 5 civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy
 6 to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343,
 7 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States
 8 Code, or section 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States
 9 Code, with respect to any grant for shuttered venue opera-
 10 tors received under this section shall be brought not later
 11 than 10 years after the date of the violation or con-
 12 spiracy.”.

13 (b) RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION.—Section 5003 of
 14 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9009c)
 15 is amended by adding at the end the following:

16 “(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding
 17 any other provision of law, any criminal prosecution or
 18 civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy
 19 to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343,
 20 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States
 21 Code, or section 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States
 22 Code, with respect to any restaurant revitalization grant
 23 received under this section shall be brought not later than
 24 10 years after the date of the violation or conspiracy.”.

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