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## **House Passes ABA-Backed Small-Business Lending Bill**

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The House passed by a 237-187 vote -- and cleared for President Obama's signature -- the small-business lending bill (H.R. 5297).

The legislation, among other things, creates a \$30 billion fund to provide capital for banks with assets under \$10 billion to increase their small-business lending. The Treasury Department is expected to begin working with regulators within a week to develop the program's term sheet and application.

The bill also includes provisions that increase the Small Business Administration 7(a) guarantee program's maximum loan size from \$2 million to \$5 million, and provide \$505 million to maintain its temporary 90 percent loan guarantee through Dec. 31.

Other provisions in the legislation provide \$1.5 billion in grants to support \$15 billion in new small-business lending through already successful state programs, and reduce small-business taxes by allowing firms to carry back general business tax credits to offset their taxes from the previous five years.