HOUSE BILL No. 5746

April 1, 2004, Introduced by Rep. Koetje and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to enact the uniform securities act (2002) relating to the issuance, offer, sale, or purchase of securities; to prohibit fraudulent practices in relation to securities; to establish civil and criminal sanctions for violations of the act and civil sanctions for violation of the rules promulgated pursuant to the act; to require the registration of broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers, and securities; to make uniform the law with reference to securities; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "uniform securities act (2002)".

- 1 Sec. 102. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 2 requires:
- 3 (a) "Administrator" means the office of financial and
- 4 insurance services of the department of labor and economic
- 5 growth.
- 6 (b) "Agent" means an individual other than a broker-dealer
- 7 who represents a broker-dealer in effecting or attempting to
- 8 effect purchases or sales of securities or represents an issuer
- 9 in effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales of the
- 10 issuer's securities. The term does not include a partner,
- 11 officer, or director of a broker-dealer or issuer, or an
- 12 individual having a similar status or performing similar
- 13 functions, unless the individual otherwise comes within the
- 14 term. The term does not include an individual excluded by rule
- 15 or order under this act. The term does not include a person
- 16 acting solely as a finder and registered as a broker-dealer under
- 17 this act or acting as a finder in a transaction exempt under
- 18 section 202(1)(r).
- 19 (c) "Bank" means any of the following:
- 20 (i) A banking institution organized under the laws of the
- 21 United States.
- 22 (ii) A member bank of the federal reserve system.
- 23 (iii) Any other banking institution that meets all of the
- 24 following:
- 25 (A) It is doing business under the laws of a state or of the
- 26 United States.
- 27 (B) A substantial portion of its business consists of

- 1 receiving deposits or exercising fiduciary powers similar to
- 2 those permitted to be exercised by national banks under the
- 3 authority of the comptroller of the currency pursuant to section
- 4 1 of Public Law 87-722, 12 USC 92a.
- 5 (C) It is supervised and examined by a state or federal
- 6 agency having supervision over banks.
- 7 (D) It is not operated for the purpose of evading this act.
- 8 (iv) A receiver, conservator, or other liquidating agent of
- ${f 9}$ any institution or firm included in subparagraph (i), (ii), or
- **10** (*iii*).
- 11 (d) "Broker-dealer" means a person engaged in the business of
- 12 effecting transactions in securities for the account of others or
- 13 for the person's own account. The term does not include any of
- 14 the following:
- 15 (i) An agent.
- 16 (ii) An issuer.
- 17 (iii) A bank engaged solely in 1 or more of the activities
- 18 described in, under the conditions described in, section
- 19 3(a)(4)(B) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78c.
- 20 (iv) An international banking institution.
- 21 (v) A person excluded by rule or order under this act.
- (e) "Depository institution" means a bank; or a savings
- 23 institution, trust company, credit union, or similar institution
- 24 that is organized or chartered under the laws of a state or of
- 25 the United States, authorized to receive deposits, and supervised
- 26 and examined by an official or agency of a state or the United
- 27 States if its deposits or share accounts are insured by the

- 1 federal deposit insurance corporation, the national credit union
- 2 share insurance fund, or a successor authorized by federal law.
- 3 The term does not include any of the following:
- 4 (i) An insurance company or other organization primarily
- 5 engaged in the business of insurance.
- 6 (ii) A Morris Plan bank.
- 7 (iii) An industrial loan company.
- 8 (f) "Federal covered investment adviser" means a person
- 9 registered under the investment advisers act of 1940.
- 10 (g) "Federal covered security" means a security that is, or
- 11 upon completion of a transaction will be, a covered security
- 12 under section 18(b) of the securities act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, or
- 13 rules or regulations adopted under that provision.
- 14 (h) "Filing" means the receipt under this act of a record by
- 15 the administrator or a designee of the administrator.
- (i) "Finder" means a person who, for consideration,
- 17 participates in the offer to sell, sale, or purchase of
- 18 securities by locating, introducing, or referring potential
- 19 purchasers or sellers. Finder does not include a person whose
- 20 actions are solely incidental to a transaction exempt pursuant to
- **21** section 202(1)(r). The administrator may by rule or order
- 22 exclude other persons from this definition.
- 23 (j) "Fraud," "deceit," and "defraud" include, but are not
- 24 limited to, common law deceit.
- (k) "Guaranteed" means guaranteed as to payment of all
- 26 principal and all interest.
- 27 Sec. 102a. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise

- 1 requires:
- 2 (a) "Institutional investor" means any of the following,
- 3 whether acting for itself or for others in a fiduciary capacity:
- 4 (i) A depository institution or international banking
- 5 institution.
- 6 (ii) An insurance company.
- 7 (iii) A separate account of an insurance company.
- 8 (iv) An investment company as defined in the investment
- 9 company act of 1940.
- 10 (v) A broker-dealer registered under the securities exchange
- 11 act of 1934.
- 12 (vi) An employee pension, profit-sharing, or benefit plan if
- 13 the plan has total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00 or its
- 14 investment decisions are made by a named fiduciary, as defined in
- 15 the employee retirement income security act of 1974, that is a
- 16 broker-dealer registered under the securities exchange act of
- 17 1934, an investment adviser registered or exempt from
- 18 registration under the investment advisers act of 1940, an
- 19 investment adviser registered under this act, a depository
- 20 institution, or an insurance company.
- (vii) A plan established and maintained by a state, a
- 22 political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality
- 23 of a state or a political subdivision of a state for the benefit
- 24 of its employees, if the plan has total assets in excess of
- 25 \$10,000,000.00 or its investment decisions are made by a duly
- 26 designated public official or by a named fiduciary, as defined in
- 27 the employee retirement income security act of 1974, that is a

- 1 broker-dealer registered under the securities exchange act of
- 2 1934, an investment adviser registered or exempt from
- 3 registration under the investment advisers act of 1940, an
- 4 investment adviser registered under this act, a depository
- 5 institution, or an insurance company.
- 6 (viii) A trust, if it has total assets in excess of
- 7 \$10,000,000.00, its trustee is a depository institution, and its
- 8 participants are exclusively plans of the types identified in
- **9** subparagraph (vi) or (vii), regardless of size of their assets,
- 10 except a trust that includes as participants self-directed
- 11 individual retirement accounts or similar self-directed plans.
- 12 (ix) An organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
- 13 internal revenue code, 26 USC 501, a corporation, Massachusetts
- 14 or similar business trust, limited liability company, or
- 15 partnership, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the
- 16 securities offered, with total assets in excess of
- **17** \$10,000,000.00.
- 18 (x) A small business investment company licensed by the small
- 19 business administration under section 301(c) of part A of title
- 20 III of the small business investment act of 1958, 15 USC 681,
- 21 with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00.
- (xi) A private business development company as defined in
- 23 section 202(a)(22) of the investment advisers act of 1940, 15 USC
- 24 80b-2, with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00.
- 25 (xii) A federal covered investment adviser acting for its own
- 26 account.
- 27 (xiii) A "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in rule

- 1 144A(a)(1), other than rule 144A(a)(1)(H), adopted under the
- 2 securities act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.144A(a)(1).
- 3 (xiv) A "major U.S. institutional investor" as defined in
- 4 rule 15a-6(b)(4)(i) adopted under the securities exchange act of
- **5** 1934, 17 CFR 240.15a-6(b)(4)(i).
- 6 (xv) Any other person, other than an individual, of
- 7 institutional character with total assets in excess of
- 8 \$10,000,000.00 not organized for the specific purpose of evading
- 9 this act.
- 10 (xvi) Any other person specified by rule or order under this
- **11** act.
- 12 (b) "Insurance company" means a company organized as an
- 13 insurance company whose primary business is writing insurance or
- 14 reinsuring risks underwritten by insurance companies and which is
- 15 subject to supervision by the insurance commissioner or a similar
- 16 official or agency of a state.
- 17 (c) "Insured" means insured as to payment of all principal
- 18 and all interest.
- 19 (d) "International banking institution" means an
- 20 international financial institution of which the United States is
- 21 a member and whose securities are exempt from registration under
- 22 the securities act of 1933.
- (e) "Investment adviser" means a person that, for
- 24 compensation, engages in the business of advising others, either
- 25 directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of
- 26 securities or the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or
- 27 selling securities or that, for compensation and as a part of a

- 1 regular business, issues or promulgates analyses or reports
- 2 concerning securities. The term includes a financial planner or
- 3 other person that, as an integral component of other financially
- 4 related services, provides investment advice to others for
- 5 compensation as part of a business or that holds itself out as
- 6 providing investment advice to others for compensation. The term
- 7 does not include any of the following:
- 8 (i) An investment adviser representative.
- 9 (ii) A lawyer, accountant, engineer, or teacher whose
- 10 performance of investment advice is solely incidental to the
- 11 practice of the person's profession.
- 12 (iii) A broker-dealer or its agents whose performance of
- 13 investment advice is solely incidental to the conduct of business
- 14 as a broker-dealer and that does not receive special compensation
- 15 for the investment advice.
- (iv) A publisher of a bona fide newspaper, news magazine, or
- 17 business or financial publication of general and regular
- 18 circulation.
- 19 (v) A federal covered investment adviser.
- 20 (vi) A bank or savings institution.
- (vii) Any other person that is excluded by the investment
- 22 advisers act of 1940 from the definition of investment adviser.
- 23 (viii) Any other person excluded by rule or order under this
- 24 act.
- 25 (ix) A finder registered as a broker-dealer under this act.
- 26 (f) "Investment adviser representative" means an individual
- 27 employed by or associated with an investment adviser or federal

- 1 covered investment adviser and who makes any recommendations or
- 2 otherwise gives investment advice regarding securities, manages
- 3 accounts or portfolios of clients, determines which
- 4 recommendation or advice regarding securities should be given,
- 5 provides investment advice or holds himself or herself out as
- 6 providing investment advice, receives compensation to solicit,
- 7 offer, or negotiate for the sale of or for selling investment
- 8 advice, or supervises employees who perform any of the
- 9 foregoing. The term does not include an individual who meets any
- 10 of the following:
- (i) Performs only clerical or ministerial acts.
- (ii) Is an agent whose performance of investment advice is
- 13 solely incidental to the individual acting as an agent and does
- 14 not receive special compensation for investment advisory
- 15 services.
- 16 (iii) Is employed by or associated with a federal covered
- 17 investment adviser, unless the individual meets any of the
- 18 following:
- 19 (A) Has a "place of business" in this state as that term is
- 20 defined by rule adopted under section 203A of the investment
- 21 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-3a, and is an "investment
- 22 adviser representative" as that term is defined by rule adopted
- 23 under section 203A of the investment advisers act of 1940, 15 USC
- 24 80b-3a.
- 25 (B) Has a "place of business" in this state as that term is
- 26 defined by rule adopted under section 203A of the investment
- 27 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-3a, and is not a "supervised

- 1 person" as that term is defined in section 202(a)(25) of the
- 2 investment advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-2.
- (iv) Is excluded by rule or order under this act.
- 4 (g) "Issuer" means a person that issues or proposes to issue
- 5 a security, subject to the following:
- **6** (i) The issuer of a voting trust certificate, collateral
- 7 trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, or
- 8 share in an investment company without a board of directors or
- 9 individuals performing similar functions, is the person
- 10 performing the acts and assuming the duties of depositor or
- 11 manager pursuant to the trust or other agreement or instrument
- 12 under which the security is issued.
- 13 (ii) The issuer of an equipment trust certificate or similar
- 14 security serving the same purpose is the person by which the
- 15 property is or will be used, or to which the property or
- 16 equipment is or will be leased or conditionally sold, or that is
- 17 otherwise contractually responsible for assuring payment of the
- 18 certificate.
- 19 (iii) The issuer of a fractional undivided interest in an
- 20 oil, gas, or other mineral lease or in payments out of production
- 21 under a lease, right, or royalty is the owner of an interest in
- 22 the lease or in payments out of production under a lease, right,
- 23 or royalty, whether whole or fractional, that creates fractional
- 24 interests for the purpose of sale.
- 25 Sec. 102b. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 26 requires:
- 27 (a) "Nonissuer transaction" or "nonissuer distribution" means

- 1 a transaction or distribution not directly or indirectly for the
- 2 benefit of the issuer.
- 3 (b) "Offer to purchase" includes an attempt or offer to
- 4 obtain, or solicitation of an offer to sell, a security or
- 5 interest in a security for value. The term does not include a
- 6 tender offer that is subject to section 14(d) of title I of the
- 7 securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78n.
- 8 (c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business
- 9 trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company,
- 10 limited liability partnership, association, joint venture, or
- 11 government; a governmental subdivision, agency, or
- 12 instrumentality; a public corporation; or any other legal or
- 13 commercial entity.
- 14 (d) "Place of business" of a broker-dealer, an investment
- 15 adviser, or a federal covered investment adviser means any of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (i) An office at which the broker-dealer, investment adviser,
- 18 or federal covered investment adviser regularly provides
- 19 brokerage or investment advice, or solicits, meets with, or
- 20 otherwise communicates with customers or clients.
- 21 (ii) Any other location that is held out to the general
- 22 public as a location at which the broker-dealer, investment
- 23 adviser, or federal covered investment adviser provides brokerage
- 24 or investment advice, or solicits, meets with, or otherwise
- 25 communicates with customers or clients.
- 26 (e) "Predecessor act" means former 1964 PA 265.
- (f) "Price amendment" means the amendment to a registration

- 1 statement filed under the securities act of 1933 or, if an
- 2 amendment is not filed, the prospectus or prospectus supplement
- 3 filed under the securities act of 1933 that includes a statement
- 4 of the offering price, underwriting and selling discounts or
- 5 commissions, amount of proceeds, conversion rates, call prices,
- 6 and other matters dependent upon the offering price.
- 7 (g) "Principal place of business" of a broker-dealer or an
- 8 investment adviser means the executive office of the
- 9 broker-dealer or investment adviser from which the officers,
- 10 partners, or managers of the broker-dealer or investment adviser
- 11 direct, control, and coordinate the activities of the
- 12 broker-dealer or investment adviser.
- (h) "Record," except in the phrases "of record," "official
- 14 record, " and "public record, " means information that is inscribed
- 15 on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other
- 16 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 17 Sec. 102c. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 18 requires:
- 19 (a) "Sale" includes every contract of sale, contract to sell,
- 20 or disposition of, a security or interest in a security for
- 21 value, and "offer to sell" includes every attempt or offer to
- 22 dispose of, or solicitation of an offer to purchase, a security
- 23 or interest in a security for value. Both terms include any of
- 24 the following:
- 25 (i) A security given or delivered with, or as a bonus on
- 26 account of, any purchase of securities or any other thing
- 27 constituting part of the subject of the purchase and having been

- 1 offered and sold for value.
- 2 (ii) A gift of assessable stock involving an offer and sale.
- 3 (iii) A sale or offer of a warrant or right to purchase or
- 4 subscribe to another security of the same or another issuer, and
- 5 a sale or offer of a security that gives the holder a present or
- 6 future right or privilege to convert the security into another
- 7 security of the same or another issuer, including an offer of the
- 8 other security.
- 9 (b) "Securities and exchange commission" means the United
- 10 States securities and exchange commission.
- 11 (c) "Security" means a note; stock; treasury stock; security
- 12 future; bond; debenture; evidence of indebtedness; certificate of
- 13 interest or participation in a profit-sharing agreement;
- 14 collateral trust certificate; preorganization certificate or
- 15 subscription; transferable share; investment contract; voting
- 16 trust certificate; certificate of deposit for a security;
- 17 fractional undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral
- 18 rights; put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on a security,
- 19 certificate of deposit, or group or index of securities,
- 20 including an interest in or based on the value of that put, call,
- 21 straddle, option, or privilege on that security, certificate of
- 22 deposit, or group or index of securities; put, call, straddle,
- 23 option, or privilege entered into on a national securities
- 24 exchange relating to foreign currency; an investment in a
- 25 viatical or life settlement agreement; or, in general, an
- 26 interest or instrument commonly known as a "security"; or a
- 27 certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim

- 1 certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right
- 2 to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. All of the
- 3 following apply to the term security:
- 4 (i) The term includes a contractual or quasi-contractual
- 5 arrangement that meets all of the following:
- 6 (A) A person furnishes capital, other than services, to an
- 7 issuer under the arrangement.
- 8 (B) A portion of the capital furnished under sub-subparagraph
- 9 (A) is subjected to the risks of the issuer's enterprise.
- 10 (C) The furnishing of capital under sub-subparagraph (A) is
- 11 induced by representations made by an issuer, promoter, or the
- 12 issuer's or promoter's affiliates which give rise to a reasonable
- 13 understanding that a valuable tangible benefit will accrue to the
- 14 person furnishing the capital as a result of the operation of the
- 15 enterprise.
- 16 (D) The person furnishing the capital under sub-subparagraph
- 17 (A) does not intend to be actively involved in the management of
- 18 the enterprise in a meaningful way.
- 19 (E) At the time the capital is furnished, a promoter or its
- 20 affiliates anticipate that financial gain may be realized as a
- 21 result of the furnishing.
- 22 (ii) The term includes both a certificated and an
- 23 uncertificated security.
- 24 (iii) The term does not include an insurance or endowment
- 25 policy or annuity contract under which an insurance company
- 26 promises to pay a fixed or variable sum of money either in a lump
- 27 sum or periodically for life or other specified period.

- 1 (iv) The term does not include an interest in a contributory
- 2 or noncontributory pension or welfare plan subject to the
- 3 employee retirement income security act of 1974.
- 4 (v) The term includes, as an investment contract, an
- 5 investment in a common enterprise with the expectation of profits
- 6 to be derived primarily from the efforts of a person other than
- 7 the investor. As used in this subparagraph, a "common
- 8 enterprise" means an enterprise in which the fortunes of the
- 9 investor are interwoven with those of either the person offering
- 10 the investment, a third party, or other investors.
- 11 (vi) The term may include, as an investment contract, an
- 12 interest in a limited partnership, a limited liability company,
- 13 or a limited liability partnership.
- 14 (d) "Self-regulatory organization" means a national
- 15 securities exchange registered under the securities exchange act
- 16 of 1934, a national securities association of broker-dealers
- 17 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, a clearing
- 18 agency registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, or
- 19 the municipal securities rule-making board established under the
- 20 securities exchange act of 1934.
- 21 (e) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or
- 22 adopt a record, either of the following:
- 23 (i) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol.
- 24 (ii) To attach or logically associate with the record an
- 25 electronic symbol, sound, or process.
- 26 (f) "State" means a state of the United States, the District
- 27 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States

- 1 Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
- 2 the jurisdiction of the United States.
- 3 Sec. 103. (1) Subject to subsection (2), as used in this
- **4** act:
- 5 (a) "Commodity exchange act" means the commodity exchange
- 6 act, 7 USC 1 to 25.
- 7 (b) "Electronic signatures in global and national commerce
- 8 act means the electronic signatures in global and national
- 9 commerce act, Public Law 106-229, 114 Stat. 464.
- 10 (c) "Employee retirement income security act of 1974" means
- 11 the employee retirement income security act of 1974, Public Law
- **12** 93-406, 88 Stat. 829.
- (d) "Internal revenue code" means the United States internal
- 14 revenue code of 1986.
- 15 (e) "Investment advisers act of 1940" means the investment
- 16 advisers act of 1940, title II of chapter 686, 15 USC 80b-1 to
- **17** 80b-21.
- 18 (f) "Investment company act of 1940" means the investment
- 19 company act of 1940, title I of chapter 686, 15 USC 80a-1 to
- **20** 80a-64.
- 21 (g) "National housing act" means the national housing act,
- 22 chapter 847, 48 Stat. 1246.
- (h) "Public utility holding company act of 1935" means the
- 24 public utility holding company act of 1935, title I of chapter
- **25** 687, 15 USC 79 to 79z-6.
- 26 (i) "Securities act of 1933" means the securities act of
- 27 1933, title I of chapter 38, 15 USC 77a to 77aa.

- 1 (j) "Securities exchange act of 1934" means the securities
- 2 exchange act of 1934, chapter 404, 48 Stat. 881.
- 3 (k) "Securities investor protection act of 1970" means the
- 4 securities investor protection act of 1970, Public Law 91-598, 84
- **5** Stat. 1636.
- 6 (l) "Securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998"
- 7 means the securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998,
- **8** Public Law 105-353, 112 Stat. 3227.
- 9 (m) "Small business investment act of 1958" means the small
- 10 business investment act of 1958, Public Law 85-699, 72
- 11 Stat. 689.
- 12 (2) A reference in this act to a federal statute defined in
- 13 subsection (1) includes that statute and the rules and
- 14 regulations adopted under that statute. The administrator may,
- 15 by rule or order, adopt an amendment or successor to a federal
- 16 statute defined in subsection (1) or rules and regulations
- 17 adopted under a federal statute defined in subsection (1), a
- 18 federal statute that is similar to a federal statute defined in
- 19 subsection (1), or a rule or regulation that is similar to a rule
- 20 or regulation adopted under a federal statute defined in
- 21 subsection (1).
- 22 Sec. 104. Any reference in this act to an agency or
- 23 department of the United States is also a reference to any
- 24 successor agency, department, or entity of that agency or
- 25 department.
- 26 Sec. 105. This act modifies, limits, and supersedes the
- 27 electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, but

- 1 does not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act,
- 2 15 USC 7001, or authorize electronic delivery of any of the
- 3 notices described in section 103(b) of that act, 15 USC 7003.
- 4 This act authorizes the filing of records and signatures, when
- 5 specified by provisions of this act or by a rule or order under
- 6 this act, in a manner consistent with section 104(a) of that act,
- 7 15 USC 7004.
- 8 ARTICLE 2
- 9 EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES
- 10 Sec. 201. The following securities are exempt from the
- 11 requirements of sections 301 to 306 and 504:
- 12 (a) A security, including a revenue obligation or a separate
- 13 security as defined in rule 131 adopted under the securities act
- 14 of 1933, 17 CFR 230.131, issued, insured, or guaranteed by the
- 15 United States; by a state; by a political subdivision of a state;
- 16 by a public authority, agency, or instrumentality of 1 or more
- 17 states; by a political subdivision of 1 or more states; or by a
- 18 person controlled or supervised by and acting as an
- 19 instrumentality of the United States under authority granted by
- 20 the Congress; or a certificate of deposit for any of the
- 21 foregoing.
- 22 (b) A security issued, insured, or guaranteed by a foreign
- 23 government with which the United States maintains diplomatic
- 24 relations, or any of its political subdivisions, if the security
- 25 is recognized as a valid obligation by the issuer, insurer, or
- 26 quarantor.
- (c) A security issued by and representing, or that will

- 1 represent an interest in or a direct obligation of, or be
- 2 guaranteed by, any of the following:
- 3 (i) An international banking institution.
- 4 (ii) A banking institution organized under the laws of the
- 5 United States; a member bank of the federal reserve system; or a
- 6 depository institution a substantial portion of the business of
- 7 which consists or will consist of either receiving deposits or
- 8 share accounts that are insured to the maximum amount authorized
- 9 by statute by the federal deposit insurance corporation, the
- 10 national credit union share insurance fund, or a successor
- 11 authorized by federal law or exercising fiduciary powers that are
- 12 similar to those permitted for national banks under the authority
- 13 of the comptroller of currency pursuant to section 1 of Public
- **14** Law 87-722, 12 USC 92a.
- 15 (iii) Any other depository institution, unless by rule or
- 16 order the administrator proceeds under section 204.
- 17 (d) A security issued by and representing an interest in, or
- 18 a debt of, or insured or guaranteed by, an insurance company
- 19 authorized to do business in this state.
- 20 (e) A security issued or guaranteed by a railroad, other
- 21 common carrier, public utility, or public utility holding company
- 22 that is any of the following:
- (i) Regulated in respect to its rates and charges by the
- 24 United States or a state.
- 25 (ii) Regulated in respect to the issuance or guarantee of the
- 26 security by the United States, a state, Canada, or a Canadian
- 27 province or territory.

- 1 (iii) A public utility holding company registered under the
- 2 public utility holding company act of 1935 or a subsidiary of a
- 3 registered holding company within the meaning of that act.
- 4 (f) A federal covered security specified in section 18(b)(1)
- 5 of the securities act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, or a security listed
- 6 or approved for listing on another securities market specified by
- 7 rule under this act; a put or a call option contract; warrant; a
- 8 subscription right on or with respect to those securities; or an
- 9 option or similar derivative security on a security or an index
- 10 of securities or foreign currencies issued by a clearing agency
- 11 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934 and listed
- 12 or designated for trading on a national securities exchange, a
- 13 facility of a national securities exchange, or a facility of a
- 14 national securities association registered under the securities
- 15 exchange act of 1934 or an offer or sale, of the underlying
- 16 security in connection with the offer, sale, or exercise of an
- 17 option or other security that was exempt when the option or other
- 18 security was written or issued; or an option or a derivative
- 19 security designated by the securities and exchange commission
- 20 under section 9(b) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC
- **21** 78i.
- 22 (g) A security issued by a person organized and operated
- 23 exclusively for religious, educational, benevolent, fraternal,
- 24 charitable, social, athletic, or reformatory purposes, or as a
- 25 chamber of commerce, and not for pecuniary profit, no part of the
- 26 net earnings of which inures to the benefit of a private
- 27 stockholder or other person, or a security of a company that is

- 1 excluded from the definition of an investment company under
- 2 section 3(c)(10)(B) of the investment company act of 1940, 15 USC
- 3 80a-3. With respect to the offer or sale of a note, bond,
- 4 debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness by a person
- 5 described in this subdivision, the administrator by rule may
- 6 limit the availability of this exemption by classifying
- 7 securities, persons, and transactions, imposing different
- 8 requirements for different classes, specifying with respect to
- $\bf 9$ subparagraph (ii) the scope of the exemption and the grounds for
- 10 denial or suspension, and requiring an issuer to meet 1 or more
- 11 of the following:
- 12 (i) To file a notice specifying the material terms of the
- 13 proposed offer or sale and copies of any proposed sales and
- 14 advertising literature to be used and provide that the exemption
- 15 becomes effective if the administrator does not disallow the
- 16 exemption within the period established by the rule.
- 17 (ii) To file a request for exemption authorization for which
- 18 a rule under this act may specify the scope of the exemption; the
- 19 requirement of an offering statement; the filing of sales and
- 20 advertising literature; the filing of consent to service of
- 21 process complying with section 611; and grounds for denial or
- 22 suspension of the exemption.
- 23 (iii) To register under section 304.
- 24 (h) A member's or owner's interest in, or a retention
- 25 certificate or like security given in lieu of a cash patronage
- 26 dividend issued by, a cooperative organized and operated as a
- 27 nonprofit membership cooperative under the cooperative laws of a

- 1 state, but not a member's or owner's interest, retention
- 2 certificate, or like security sold to persons other than bona
- 3 fide members of the cooperative.
- 4 (i) An equipment trust certificate in respect to equipment
- 5 leased or conditionally sold to a person, if any security issued
- 6 by the person would be exempt under this section or would be a
- 7 federal covered security under section 18(b)(1) of the securities
- 8 act of 1933, 15 USC 77r.
- 9 Sec. 202. (1) The following transactions are exempt from
- 10 the requirements of sections 301 to 306 and 504:
- 11 (a) An isolated nonissuer transaction, whether effected by or
- 12 through a broker-dealer or not.
- 13 (b) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 14 registered or exempt from registration under this act, and a
- 15 resale transaction by a sponsor of a unit investment trust
- 16 registered under the investment company act of 1940, in a
- 17 security of a class that has been outstanding in the hands of the
- 18 public for at least 90 days, if all of the following are met at
- 19 the date of the transaction:
- 20 (i) The issuer of the security is engaged in business, the
- 21 issuer is not in the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or
- 22 receivership, and the issuer is not a blank check, blind pool, or
- 23 shell company that has no specific business plan or purpose or
- 24 has indicated that its primary business plan is to engage in a
- 25 merger or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of,
- 26 an unidentified person.
- 27 (ii) The security is sold at a price reasonably related to

- 1 its current market price.
- 2 (iii) The security does not constitute the whole or part of
- 3 an unsold allotment to, or a subscription or participation by,
- 4 the broker-dealer as an underwriter of the security or a
- 5 redistribution.
- (iv) One of the following:
- 7 (A) A nationally recognized securities manual or its
- 8 electronic equivalent designated by rule or order under this act
- 9 or a record filed with the securities and exchange commission
- 10 that is publicly available and that contains all of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (I) A description of the business and operations of the
- 13 issuer.
- 14 (II) The names of the issuer's executive officers and the
- 15 names of the issuer's directors, if any.
- 16 (III) An audited balance sheet of the issuer as of a date
- 17 within 18 months before the date of the transaction or, in the
- 18 case of a reorganization or merger, and when the parties to the
- 19 reorganization or merger each had an audited balance sheet, a pro
- 20 forma balance sheet for the combined entity.
- 21 (IV) An audited income statement for each of the issuer's 2
- 22 immediately previous fiscal years or for the period of existence
- 23 of the issuer, whichever is shorter, or, in the case of a
- 24 reorganization or merger when each party to the reorganization or
- 25 merger had audited income statements, a pro forma income
- 26 statement.
- 27 (B) The issuer of the security has a class of equity

- 1 securities listed on a national securities exchange registered
- 2 under the securities exchange act of 1934 or designated for
- 3 trading on the national association of securities dealers
- f 4 automated quotation system, unless the issuer of the security is
- 5 a unit investment trust registered under the investment company
- 6 act of 1940; or the issuer of the security, including its
- 7 predecessors, has been engaged in continuous business for at
- 8 least 3 years; or the issuer of the security has total assets of
- 9 at least \$2,000,000.00 based on an audited balance sheet as of a
- 10 date within 18 months before the date of the transaction or, in
- 11 the case of a reorganization or merger when the parties to the
- 12 reorganization or merger each had the audited balance sheet, a
- 13 pro forma balance sheet for the combined entity.
- 14 (c) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 15 registered or exempt from registration under this act in a
- 16 security of a foreign issuer that is a margin security defined in
- 17 regulations or rules adopted by the board of governors of the
- 18 federal reserve system.
- 19 (d) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 20 registered or exempt from registration under this act in an
- 21 outstanding security if the guarantor of the security files
- 22 reports with the securities and exchange commission under the
- 23 reporting requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the securities
- 24 exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78m or 78o.
- 25 (e) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 26 registered or exempt from registration under this act in a
- 27 security that meets 1 or more of the following:

- 1 (i) Is rated at the time of the transaction by a nationally
- 2 recognized statistical rating organization in 1 of its 4 highest
- 3 rating categories.
- $\mathbf{4}$ (ii) Has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend, if
- 5 both of the following are met:
- 6 (A) A default has not occurred during the current fiscal year
- 7 or within the 3 previous fiscal years or during the existence of
- 8 the issuer and any predecessor if less than 3 fiscal years, in
- 9 the payment of principal, interest, or dividends on the
- 10 security.
- 11 (B) The issuer is engaged in business, is not in the
- 12 organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership, and is not
- 13 and has not been within the previous 12 months a blank check,
- 14 blind pool, or shell company that has no specific business plan
- 15 or purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to
- 16 engage in a merger or combination of the business with, or an
- 17 acquisition of, an unidentified person.
- 18 (f) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 19 registered or exempt from registration under this act effecting
- 20 an unsolicited order or offer to purchase.
- 21 (g) A nonissuer transaction executed by a bona fide pledgee
- 22 without any purpose of evading this act.
- 23 (h) A nonissuer transaction by a federal covered investment
- 24 adviser with investments under management in excess of
- 25 \$100,000,000.00 acting in the exercise of discretionary authority
- 26 in a signed record for the account of others.
- (i) A transaction in a security, whether or not the security

- 1 or transaction is otherwise exempt, in exchange for 1 or more
- 2 bona fide outstanding securities, claims, or property interests,
- 3 or partly in exchange and partly for cash, if the terms and
- 4 conditions of the issuance and exchange or the delivery and
- 5 exchange and the fairness of the terms and conditions have been
- 6 approved by the administrator at a hearing.
- 7 (j) A transaction between the issuer or other person on whose
- 8 behalf the offering is made and an underwriter, or among
- 9 underwriters.
- 10 (k) A transaction in a note, bond, debenture, or other
- 11 evidence of indebtedness secured by a mortgage or other security
- 12 agreement if all of the following are met:
- 13 (i) The note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of
- 14 indebtedness is offered and sold with the mortgage or other
- 15 security agreement as a unit.
- 16 (ii) A general solicitation or general advertisement of the
- 17 transaction is not made.
- 18 (iii) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or
- 19 given, directly or indirectly, to a person not registered under
- 20 this act as a broker-dealer or as an agent.
- (l) A transaction by an executor, administrator of an estate,
- 22 sheriff, marshal, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or
- 23 conservator.
- 24 (m) A sale or offer to sell to any of the following:
- 25 (i) An institutional investor.
- 26 (ii) A federal covered investment adviser.
- 27 (iii) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this

- 1 act.
- 2 (n) A sale or an offer to sell securities of an issuer, if
- 3 part of a single issue in which all of the following are met:
- 4 (i) There are not more than 25 purchasers in this state
- 5 during any 12 consecutive months, other than those designated in
- 6 subdivision (m).
- 7 (ii) There is no general solicitation or general advertising
- 8 used in connection with the offer to sell or sale of the
- 9 securities.
- 10 (iii) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or
- 11 given, directly or indirectly, to a person other than a
- 12 broker-dealer registered under this act or an agent registered
- 13 under this act for soliciting a prospective purchaser in this
- 14 state.
- 15 (iv) The issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers
- 16 in this state other than those designated in subdivision (m) are
- 17 purchasing for investment.
- 18 (o) A transaction under an offer to existing security holders
- 19 of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the
- 20 transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or
- 21 warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a
- 22 standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly,
- 23 for soliciting a security holder in this state.
- 24 (p) An offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not
- 25 exempt from registration under the securities act of 1933 if both
- 26 of the following are met:
- 27 (i) A registration or offering statement or similar record as

- 1 required under the securities act of 1933 has been filed, but is
- 2 not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with rule 165
- 3 adopted under the securities act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.165.
- 4 (ii) A stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been
- 5 issued against the offeror by the administrator or the securities
- 6 and exchange commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding
- 7 that is public and may culminate in a stop order is not known by
- 8 the offeror to be pending.
- 9 (q) An offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security exempt
- 10 from registration under the securities act of 1933 if all of the
- 11 following are met:
- 12 (i) A registration statement has been filed under this act,
- 13 but is not effective.
- 14 (ii) A solicitation of interest is provided in a record to
- 15 offerees in compliance with a rule adopted by the administrator
- 16 under this act.
- 17 (iii) A stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been
- 18 issued by the administrator under this act, and an audit,
- 19 inspection, or proceeding that may culminate in a stop order is
- 20 not known by the offeror to be pending.
- 21 (r) A transaction involving the distribution of the
- 22 securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person
- 23 in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of
- 24 securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the
- 25 issuer, or its parent or subsidiary, and the other person, or its
- 26 parent or subsidiary, are parties.
- 27 (s) A rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 510.

- 1 (t) An offer or sale of a security to a person not resident
- 2 in this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale
- 3 does not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or
- 4 foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is present
- 5 and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act.
- 6 (u) An offer or sale of a security pursuant to an employee's
- 7 stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or
- 8 similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan
- 9 interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit
- 10 plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established
- 11 by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or
- 12 the majority-owned subsidiaries of the issuer's parent for the
- 13 participation of their employees including any of the following:
- 14 (i) Offers or sales of those securities to directors; general
- 15 partners; trustees, if the issuer is a business trust; officers;
- 16 or consultants and advisors.
- 17 (ii) Family members who acquire those securities from those
- 18 persons through gifts or domestic relations orders.
- 19 (iii) Former employees, directors, general partners,
- 20 trustees, officers, consultants, and advisors if those
- 21 individuals were employed by or providing services to the issuer
- 22 when the securities were offered.
- 23 (iv) Insurance agents who are exclusive insurance agents of
- 24 the issuer, its subsidiaries or parents, or who derive more than
- 25 50% of their annual income from those organizations.
- (v) A transaction involving any of the following:
- 27 (i) A stock dividend or equivalent equity distribution,

- 1 whether the corporation or other business organization
- 2 distributing the dividend or equivalent equity distribution is
- 3 the issuer or not, if nothing of value is given by stockholders
- 4 or other equity holders for the dividend or equivalent equity
- 5 distribution other than the surrender of a right to a cash or
- 6 property dividend if each stockholder or other equity holder may
- 7 elect to take the dividend or equivalent equity distribution in
- 8 cash, property, or stock.
- 9 (ii) An act incident to a judicially approved reorganization
- 10 in which a security is issued in exchange for 1 or more
- 11 outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or partly
- 12 in exchange and partly for cash.
- 13 (iii) The solicitation of tenders of securities by an offeror
- 14 in a tender offer in compliance with rule 162 adopted under the
- 15 securities act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.162.
- 16 (w) Subject to subsection (2), a nonissuer transaction in an
- 17 outstanding security by or through a broker-dealer registered or
- 18 exempt from registration under this act, if both of the following
- 19 are met:
- 20 (i) The issuer is a reporting issuer in a foreign
- 21 jurisdiction designated in subsection (2)(a), or by rule or order
- 22 of the administrator, and has been subject to continuous
- 23 reporting requirements in the foreign jurisdiction for not less
- 24 than 180 days before the transaction.
- 25 (ii) The security is listed on the foreign jurisdiction's
- 26 securities exchange that has been designated in subsection
- 27 (2)(a), or by rule or order under this act, or is a security of

- 1 the same issuer that is of senior or substantially equal rank to
- 2 the listed security or is a warrant or right to purchase or
- 3 subscribe to any of the foregoing.
- 4 (2) For purposes of subsection (1)(w), both of the following
- 5 apply:
- **6** (a) Canada, together with its provinces and territories, is a
- 7 designated foreign jurisdiction and the Toronto stock exchange,
- 8 inc., is a designated securities exchange.
- 9 (b) After an administrative hearing in compliance with
- 10 applicable state law, the administrator, by rule or order under
- 11 this act, may revoke the designation of a securities exchange
- 12 under subsection (1)(w) or this subsection if the administrator
- 13 finds that revocation is necessary or appropriate in the public
- 14 interest and for the protection of investors.
- 15 Sec. 203. A rule or order under this act may exempt a
- 16 security, transaction, or offer, or a rule or order under this
- 17 act may exempt a class of securities, transactions, or offers,
- 18 from any or all of the requirements of sections 301 to 306 and
- 19 504, and a rule or order under this act may waive any or all of
- 20 the conditions for an exemption or offers under sections 201 and
- **21** 202.
- 22 Sec. 204. (1) Except with respect to a federal covered
- 23 security or a transaction involving a federal covered security,
- 24 an order of the administrator under this act may deny or suspend
- 25 application of, condition, limit, or revoke an exemption created
- 26 under section 201(c)(iii), (g), or (h) or 202 or an exemption or
- 27 waiver created under section 203 with respect to a specific

- 1 security, transaction, or offer. An order under this section may
- 2 only be issued pursuant to the procedures in section 306(4) or
- **3** 604.
- 4 (2) A person does not violate section 301, 303 to 306, 504,
- 5 or 510 by an offer to sell, an offer to purchase, a sale, or a
- 6 purchase effected after the entry of an order issued under this
- 7 section if the person did not know, and in the exercise of
- 8 reasonable care could not have known, of the order.
- 9 ARTICLE 3
- 10 REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES AND NOTICE FILINGS OF FEDERAL COVERED
- 11 SECURITIES
- 12 Sec. 301. A person shall not offer or sell a security in
- 13 this state unless 1 or more of the following are met:
- 14 (a) The security is a federal covered security.
- 15 (b) The security, transaction, or offer is exempted from
- 16 registration under sections 201 to 203.
- 17 (c) The security is registered under this act.
- 18 Sec. 302. (1) A rule or order under this act may require
- 19 the filing of 1 or more of the following records with respect to
- 20 a security issued by an investment company that is a federal
- 21 covered security as defined in section 18(b)(2) of the securities
- 22 act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, that is not otherwise exempt under
- 23 sections 201 to 203:
- (a) Before the initial offer of a federal covered security in
- 25 this state, all records that are part of a federal registration
- 26 statement filed with the securities and exchange commission under
- 27 the securities act of 1933, a consent to service of process

- 1 signed by the issuer, and a fee of \$500.00.
- 2 (b) After the initial offer of the federal covered security
- 3 in this state, all records that are part of an amendment to a
- 4 federal registration statement filed with the securities and
- 5 exchange commission under the securities act of 1933.
- **6** (2) Any security issued by a unit investment trust that is
- 7 registered or that has filed a registration statement under the
- 8 investment company act of 1940 as an investment company may be
- 9 offered for sale and sold into, from, or within this state for an
- 10 indefinite period commencing upon the later of the trust's
- 11 effectiveness with the securities and exchange commission or the
- 12 administrator's receipt of a notice as prescribed by the
- 13 administrator and a 1-time notice filing fee of \$500.00.
- 14 (3) Each of the following applies to a notice filing under
- 15 subsection (1):
- 16 (a) A notice filing is effective for a period of 1 year,
- 17 commencing upon the later of the effectiveness of the offering
- 18 with the securities and exchange commission or the
- 19 administrator's receipt of the notice filing.
- 20 (b) A notice filing may be renewed for an additional 1-year
- 21 period by filing a current form NF and the fee required by
- 22 subsection (8) before the expiration of the 1-year effective
- 23 period. The renewal is effective upon the expiration of the
- 24 prior notice period.
- 25 (c) A notice filing may be terminated by filing with the
- 26 administrator a notice of termination as prescribed by the
- 27 administrator. The termination is effective upon the

- 1 administrator's receipt of the notice of termination.
- 2 (4) With respect to any security that is a federal covered
- 3 security under section 18(b)(4)(D) of the securities act of 1933,
- 4 15 USC 77r, the issuer shall file all of the following:
- 5 (a) A notice on securities and exchange commission form D or
- 6 a form approved by the administrator.
- 7 (b) A consent to service of process signed by the issuer, no
- 8 later than 15 days after the first sale of a federal covered
- 9 security in this state.
- 10 (c) A nonrefundable filing fee of \$100.00.
- 11 (5) The administrator, by rule or order, may require the
- 12 filing of any document filed with the securities and exchange
- 13 commission under the securities act of 1933 and a nonrefundable
- 14 filing fee of \$100.00 with respect to any federal covered
- 15 security.
- 16 (6) The administrator may issue a stop order suspending the
- 17 offer and sale of a federal covered security, except a federal
- 18 covered security under section 18(b)(1) of the securities act of
- 19 1933, 15 USC 77r, if it finds that the order is in the public
- 20 interest and there is a failure to comply with this section.
- 21 (7) The administrator may waive any or all of the provisions
- 22 of this section by rule or order.
- 23 (8) All of the following apply to the renewals of a notice
- 24 filing under subsection (3):
- 25 (a) Subject to adjustment under subdivision (c), the fee for
- 26 the renewal is 1 of the following:
- 27 (i) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security in

- 1 this state during the 1-year renewal period of \$250,000.00 or
- 2 less, \$100.00.
- (ii) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security
- 4 in this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- 5 \$250,000.00 but not more than \$700,000.00, \$400.00.
- 6 (iii) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security
- 7 in this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- 8 \$700,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00, \$800.00.
- 9 (iv) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security
- 10 in this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- **11** \$1,000,000.00, \$1,400.00.
- 12 (b) For purposes of subdivision (a), an issuer's projection
- 13 of nonexempt sales of a security must be reasonable and based on
- 14 any facts known to the issuer at the time of renewal that may
- 15 affect sales of the security, including, but not limited to,
- 16 nonexempt sales of the security in this state during the current
- 17 1-year notice filing period.
- 18 (c) If an issuer's nonexempt sales of a security in this
- 19 state during a 1-year notice filing period exceed the projections
- 20 for that period that the issuer had submitted to the
- 21 administrator for determination of the issuer's renewal fee for
- 22 that 1-year notice filing period, the issuer is not required to
- 23 amend its projections or pay an additional fee for that notice
- 24 filing period. However, the fee for renewal of the notice filing
- 25 shall be the greater of the following:
- 26 (i) The renewal fee determined under subdivision (a).
- 27 (ii) A renewal fee determined under subdivision (a), using

- 1 actual sales during the current notice filing period as the
- 2 projected sales for the renewal notice filing period.
- 3 (d) If an issuer's nonexempt sales of a security in this
- 4 state during a 1-year notice filing period are less than the
- 5 projections for that period that the issuer had submitted to the
- 6 administrator for determination of the issuer's renewal fee for
- 7 the 1-year notice filing period, the issuer is not entitled to a
- 8 refund of any part of the renewal fee for that period or
- 9 adjustment of the renewal fee for any renewal period.
- (e) Upon written request of the administrator, an issuer
- 11 shall provide sales reports showing the issuer's nonexempt sales
- 12 of a security in this state for the current and 2 previous 1-year
- 13 notice filing periods, but the issuer is not otherwise required
- 14 to provide a sales report to the administrator in connection with
- 15 a renewal of a notice filing.
- 16 (f) If the administrator determines that for 2 consecutive
- 17 1-year notice filing periods an issuer's nonexempt sales of a
- 18 security in this state exceeded the issuer's sales projections
- 19 for that period, the administrator may assess the issuer a
- 20 penalty in the amount of the renewal fees the issuer would have
- 21 paid under subdivision (a) if its projections had been accurate.
- 22 This penalty is in addition to an increased fee for renewal under
- 23 subdivision (c), if any.
- 24 (9) If the administrator finds that there is a failure to
- 25 comply with a notice or fee requirement of this section, the
- 26 administrator may issue a stop order suspending the offer and
- 27 sale of a federal covered security in this state, except a

- 1 federal covered security under section 18(b)(1) of the securities
- 2 act of 1933, 15 USC 77r. If the deficiency is corrected, the
- 3 stop order is void as of the time of its issuance and no other
- 4 penalty may be imposed by the administrator.
- 5 Sec. 303. (1) A security for which a registration statement
- 6 has been filed under the securities act of 1933 in connection
- 7 with the same offering may be registered by coordination under
- 8 this section.
- 9 (2) A registration statement and accompanying records under
- 10 this section must contain or be accompanied by all of the
- 11 following records in addition to the information specified in
- 12 section 305 and a consent to service of process complying with
- **13** section 611:
- 14 (a) A copy of the latest form of prospectus filed under the
- 15 securities act of 1933.
- 16 (b) A copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws or
- 17 their substantial equivalents currently in effect, a copy of any
- 18 agreement with or among underwriters, a copy of any indenture or
- 19 other instrument governing the issuance of the security to be
- 20 registered, and a specimen, copy, or description of the security
- 21 that is required by rule or order under this act.
- (c) Copies of any other information, or any other records,
- 23 filed by the issuer under the securities act of 1933 requested by
- 24 the administrator.
- 25 (d) An undertaking to forward each amendment to the federal
- 26 prospectus, other than an amendment that delays the effective
- 27 date of the registration statement, promptly after it is filed

- 1 with the securities and exchange commission.
- 2 (3) A registration statement under this section becomes
- 3 effective simultaneously with or subsequent to the federal
- 4 registration statement when all the following conditions are
- 5 satisfied:
- **6** (a) A stop order under subsection (4) or section 306 or
- 7 issued by the securities and exchange commission is not in effect
- 8 and a proceeding is not pending against the issuer under section
- **9** 412.
- 10 (b) The registration statement has been on file for at least
- 11 20 days or a shorter period provided by rule or order under this
- **12** act.
- 13 (4) The registrant shall promptly notify the administrator in
- 14 a record of the date when the federal registration statement
- 15 becomes effective and the content of a price amendment, if any,
- 16 and shall promptly file a record containing the price amendment.
- 17 If the notice is not timely received, the administrator may issue
- 18 a stop order, without prior notice or hearing, retroactively
- 19 denying effectiveness to the registration statement or suspending
- 20 its effectiveness until compliance with this section. The
- 21 administrator shall promptly notify the registrant of an order by
- 22 telegram, telephone, or electronic means and promptly confirm
- 23 this notice by a record. If the registrant subsequently complies
- 24 with the notice requirements of this section, the stop order is
- 25 void as of the date of its issuance.
- 26 (5) If the federal registration statement becomes effective
- 27 before each of the conditions in this section is satisfied or is

- 1 waived by the administrator, the registration statement is
- 2 automatically effective under this act when all the conditions
- 3 are satisfied or waived. If the registrant notifies the
- 4 administrator of the date when the federal registration statement
- 5 is expected to become effective, the administrator shall promptly
- 6 notify the registrant by telegram, telephone, or electronic means
- 7 and promptly confirm this notice by a record, indicating whether
- 8 all the conditions are satisfied or waived and whether the
- 9 administrator intends the institution of a proceeding under
- 10 section 306. The notice by the administrator does not preclude
- 11 the institution of a proceeding under section 306.
- Sec. 304. (1) A security may be registered by qualification
- 13 under this section.
- 14 (2) A registration statement under this section must contain
- 15 the information or records specified in section 305, a consent to
- 16 service of process complying with section 611, and, if provided
- 17 by rule under this act, all of the following information or
- 18 records:
- 19 (a) With respect to the issuer and any significant
- 20 subsidiary, its name, address, and form of organization, the
- 21 state or foreign jurisdiction and date of its organization, the
- 22 general character and location of its business, a description of
- 23 its physical properties and equipment, and a statement of the
- 24 general competitive conditions in the industry or business in
- 25 which it is or will be engaged.
- (b) With respect to each director and officer of the issuer,
- 27 and other person having a similar status or performing similar

- 1 functions, the person's name, address, and principal occupation
- 2 for the previous 5 years, the amount of securities of the issuer
- 3 held by the person as of the thirtieth day before the filing of
- 4 the registration statement, the amount of the securities covered
- 5 by the registration statement to which the person has indicated
- 6 an intention to subscribe, and a description of any material
- 7 interest of the person in any material transaction with the
- 8 issuer or a significant subsidiary effected within the previous 3
- **9** years or proposed to be effected.
- 10 (c) With respect to persons covered by subdivision (b), the
- 11 aggregate sum of the remuneration paid to those persons during
- 12 the previous 12 months and estimated to be paid during the next
- 13 12 months, directly or indirectly, by the issuer, and all
- 14 predecessors, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the
- 15 issuer.
- 16 (d) With respect to a person owning of record or owning
- 17 beneficially, if known, 10% or more of the outstanding shares of
- 18 any class of equity security of the issuer, the information
- 19 specified in subdivision (b) other than the person's occupation.
- 20 (e) With respect to a promoter if the issuer was organized
- 21 within the previous 3 years, the information or records specified
- 22 in subdivision (b), any amount paid to the promoter within that
- 23 period or intended to be paid to the promoter, and the
- 24 consideration for the payment.
- (f) With respect to a person on whose behalf any part of the
- 26 offering is to be made in a nonissuer distribution, the person's
- 27 name and address, the amount of securities of the issuer held by

- 1 the person as of the date of the filing of the registration
- 2 statement, a description of any material interest of the person
- 3 in any material transaction with the issuer or any significant
- 4 subsidiary effected within the previous 3 years or proposed to be
- 5 effected, and a statement of the reasons for making the
- 6 offering.
- 7 (g) The capitalization and long-term debt, on both a current
- 8 and pro forma basis, of the issuer and any significant
- 9 subsidiary, including a description of each security outstanding
- 10 or being registered or otherwise offered, and a statement of the
- 11 amount and kind of consideration, whether in the form of cash,
- 12 physical assets, services, patents, goodwill, or anything else of
- 13 value, for which the issuer or any subsidiary has issued its
- 14 securities within the previous 2 years or is obligated to issue
- 15 its securities.
- 16 (h) The kind and amount of securities to be offered, the
- 17 proposed offering price or the method by which it is to be
- 18 computed, any variation at which a proportion of the offering is
- 19 to be made to a person or class of persons other than the
- 20 underwriters, with a specification of the person or class, the
- 21 basis upon which the offering is to be made if otherwise than for
- 22 cash, the estimated aggregate underwriting and selling discounts
- 23 or commissions and finders' fees, including separately cash,
- 24 securities, contracts, or anything else of value to accrue to the
- 25 underwriters or finders in connection with the offering, or, if
- 26 the selling discounts or commissions are variable, the basis of
- 27 determining them and their maximum and minimum amounts, the

- 1 estimated amounts of other selling expenses, including legal,
- 2 engineering, and accounting charges, the name and address of each
- 3 underwriter and each recipient of a finder's fee, a copy of any
- 4 underwriting or selling group agreement under which the
- 5 distribution is to be made, or the proposed form of any such
- 6 agreement whose terms have not yet been determined, and a
- 7 description of the plan of distribution of any securities that
- 8 are to be offered otherwise than through an underwriter.
- 9 (i) The estimated monetary proceeds to be received by the
- 10 issuer from the offering, the purposes for which the proceeds are
- 11 to be used by the issuer, the estimated amount to be used for
- 12 each purpose, the order or priority in which the proceeds will be
- 13 used for the purposes stated, the amounts of any funds to be
- 14 raised from other sources to achieve the purposes stated, the
- 15 sources of the funds, and, if a part of the proceeds is to be
- 16 used to acquire property, including goodwill, otherwise than in
- 17 the ordinary course of business, the names and addresses of the
- 18 vendors, the purchase price, the names of any persons that have
- 19 received commissions in connection with the acquisition, and the
- 20 amounts of the commissions and other expenses in connection with
- 21 the acquisition, including the cost of borrowing money to finance
- 22 the acquisition.
- 23 (j) A description of any stock options or other security
- 24 options outstanding, or to be created in connection with the
- 25 offering, and the amount of those options held or to be held by
- 26 each person required to be named in subdivision (b), (d), (e),
- 27 (f), or (h) and by any person that holds or will hold 10% or more

- 1 in the aggregate of those options.
- 2 (k) The dates of, parties to, and general effect concisely
- 3 stated of each managerial or other material contract made or to
- 4 be made otherwise than in the ordinary course of business to be
- 5 performed in whole or in part at or after the filing of the
- 6 registration statement or that was made within the previous 2
- 7 years, and a copy of the contract.
- 8 (1) A description of any pending litigation, action, or
- 9 proceeding to which the issuer is a party and that materially
- 10 affects its business or assets, including any litigation, action,
- 11 or proceeding known to be contemplated by governmental
- 12 authorities.
- (m) A copy of any prospectus, pamphlet, circular, form
- 14 letter, advertisement, or other sales literature intended as of
- 15 the effective date to be used in connection with the offering and
- 16 any solicitation of interest used in compliance with section
- **17** 202(q)(*ii*).
- (n) A specimen or copy of the security being registered,
- 19 unless the security is uncertificated, a copy of the issuer's
- 20 articles of incorporation and bylaws, or their substantial
- 21 equivalents, in effect, and a copy of any indenture or other
- 22 instrument covering the security to be registered.
- (o) A signed or conformed copy of an opinion of counsel
- 24 concerning the legality of the security being registered, with an
- 25 English translation if it is in a language other than English,
- 26 which states whether the security when sold will be validly
- 27 issued, fully paid, and nonassessable and, if a debt security, a

- 1 binding obligation of the issuer.
- 2 (p) A signed or conformed copy of a consent of any
- 3 accountant, engineer, appraiser, or other person whose profession
- 4 gives authority for a statement made by the person, if the person
- 5 is named as having prepared or certified a report or valuation,
- 6 other than an official record, that is public, which is used in
- 7 connection with the registration statement.
- 8 (q) A balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within 4
- 9 months before the filing of the registration statement, a
- 10 statement of income and changes in financial position for each of
- 11 the 3 fiscal years preceding the date of the balance sheet and
- 12 for any period between the close of the immediately previous
- 13 fiscal year and the date of the balance sheet, or for the period
- 14 of the issuer's and any predecessor's existence if less than 3
- 15 years, and, if any part of the proceeds of the offering is to be
- 16 applied to the purchase of a business, the financial statements
- 17 that would be required if that business were the registrant.
- 18 (r) Any additional information or records required by rule or
- 19 order under this act.
- 20 (3) A registration statement under this section becomes
- 21 effective 30 days, or any shorter period provided by rule or
- 22 order under this act, after the date the registration statement
- 23 or the last amendment other than a price amendment is filed, if
- 24 all of the following apply:
- 25 (a) A stop order is not in effect and a proceeding is not
- 26 pending under section 306.
- 27 (b) The administrator has not issued an order under section

- 1 306 delaying effectiveness.
- 2 (c) The applicant or registrant has not requested that
- 3 effectiveness be delayed.
- 4 (4) The administrator may delay effectiveness once for not
- 5 more than 90 days if the administrator determines the
- 6 registration statement is not complete in all material respects
- 7 and promptly notifies the applicant or registrant of that
- 8 determination. The administrator may also delay effectiveness
- 9 for a further period of not more than 30 days if the
- 10 administrator determines that the delay is necessary or
- 11 appropriate.
- 12 (5) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 13 of registration under this section that a prospectus containing a
- 14 specified part of the information or record specified in
- 15 subsection (2) be sent or given to each person to which an offer
- 16 is made, before or concurrently with the earliest of any of the
- 17 following:
- 18 (a) The first offer made in a record to the person otherwise
- 19 than by means of a public advertisement, by or for the account of
- 20 the issuer or another person on whose behalf the offering is
- 21 being made, or by an underwriter or broker-dealer that is
- 22 offering part of an unsold allotment or subscription taken by the
- 23 person as a participant in the distribution.
- 24 (b) The confirmation of a sale made by or for the account of
- 25 the person.
- 26 (c) Payment pursuant to the sale.
- (d) Delivery of the security pursuant to the sale.

- 1 Sec. 305. (1) A registration statement may be filed by the
- 2 issuer, a person on whose behalf the offering is to be made, or a
- 3 broker-dealer registered under this act.
- 4 (2) A person filing a registration statement shall pay a
- 5 filing fee of 1/10 of 1% of the maximum aggregate offering price
- 6 at which the registered securities are to be offered in this
- 7 state, but the fee shall in no case be less than \$100.00 or more
- 8 than \$1,250.00. If an application for registration is withdrawn
- 9 before the effective date or a preeffective stop order is issued
- 10 under section 306, the administrator shall retain a fee of
- 11 \$100.00 if the initial review has not been commenced, and the
- 12 full filing fee after review has been commenced.
- 13 (3) A registration statement filed under section 303 or 304
- 14 must specify all of the following:
- 15 (a) The amount of securities to be offered in this state.
- 16 (b) The states in which a registration statement or similar
- 17 record in connection with the offering has been or is to be
- 18 filed.
- 19 (c) Any adverse order, judgment, or decree issued in
- 20 connection with the offering by a state securities regulator, the
- 21 securities and exchange commission, or a court.
- 22 (4) A record filed under this act or the predecessor act,
- 23 within 5 years preceding the filing of a registration statement,
- 24 may be incorporated by reference in the registration statement to
- 25 the extent that the record is currently accurate.
- 26 (5) In the case of a nonissuer distribution, information or a
- 27 record shall not be required under subsection (9) or section 304,

- 1 unless it is known to the person filing the registration
- 2 statement or to the person on whose behalf the distribution is to
- 3 be made, or unless it can be furnished by those persons without
- 4 unreasonable effort or expense.
- 5 (6) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 6 of registration that a security issued within the previous 5
- 7 years, or to be issued to a promoter for a consideration
- 8 substantially less than the public offering price or to a person
- 9 for a consideration other than cash, be deposited in escrow and
- 10 that the proceeds from the sale of the registered security in
- 11 this state be impounded until the issuer receives a specified
- 12 amount from the sale of the security either in this state or
- 13 elsewhere. The conditions of any escrow or impoundment required
- 14 under this subsection may be established by rule or order under
- 15 this act, but the administrator shall not reject a depository
- 16 institution solely because of its location in another state.
- 17 (7) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 18 of registration that a security registered under this act be sold
- 19 only on a specified form of subscription or sale contract and
- 20 that a signed or conformed copy of each contract be filed under
- 21 this act or preserved for a period specified by the rule or
- 22 order, which may not be longer than 5 years.
- 23 (8) Except while a stop order is in effect under section 306,
- 24 a registration statement is effective for 1 year after its
- 25 effective date, or for a longer period designated in an order
- 26 under this act during which the security is being offered or
- 27 distributed in a nonexempted transaction by or for the account of

- 1 the issuer or other person on whose behalf the offering is being
- 2 made or by an underwriter or broker-dealer that is still offering
- 3 part of an unsold allotment or subscription taken as a
- 4 participant in the distribution. For the purposes of a nonissuer
- 5 transaction, all outstanding securities of the same class
- 6 identified in the registration statement as a security registered
- 7 under this act are considered to be registered while the
- 8 registration statement is effective. If any securities of the
- 9 same class are outstanding, a registration statement may not be
- 10 withdrawn until 1 year after its effective date. A registration
- 11 statement may be withdrawn only with the approval of the
- 12 administrator.
- 13 (9) While a registration statement is effective, a rule or
- 14 order under this act may require the person that filed the
- 15 registration statement to file reports, not more often than
- 16 quarterly, to keep the information or other record in the
- 17 registration statement reasonably current and to disclose the
- 18 progress of the offering.
- 19 (10) A registration statement may be amended after its
- 20 effective date. The posteffective amendment becomes effective
- 21 when the administrator so orders. If a posteffective amendment
- 22 is made to increase the number of securities specified to be
- 23 offered or sold, the person filing the amendment shall pay a
- 24 registration fee calculated in the manner specified in subsection
- 25 (2). A posteffective amendment relates back to the date of the
- 26 offering of the additional securities being registered if the
- 27 amendment is filed and the additional registration fee is paid

- 1 within 1 year after the date of the sale.
- 2 Sec. 306. (1) The administrator may issue a stop order
- 3 denying effectiveness to, or suspending or revoking the
- 4 effectiveness of, a registration statement if the administrator
- 5 finds that the order is in the public interest and that 1 or more
- 6 of the following apply:
- 7 (a) The registration statement as of its effective date or
- 8 before the effective date in the case of an order denying
- 9 effectiveness, an amendment under section 305(10) as of its
- 10 effective date, or a report under section 305(9) is incomplete in
- 11 a material respect or contains a statement that, in the light of
- 12 the circumstances under which it was made, was false or
- 13 misleading with respect to a material fact.
- 14 (b) This act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act
- 15 or a condition imposed under this act has been willfully
- 16 violated, in connection with the offering, by the person filing
- 17 the registration statement; by the issuer, a partner, officer, or
- 18 director of the issuer or a person having a similar status or
- 19 performing a similar function; a promoter of the issuer or a
- 20 person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by the
- 21 issuer; but only if the person filing the registration statement
- 22 is directly or indirectly controlled by or acting for the issuer;
- 23 or by an underwriter.
- 24 (c) The security registered or sought to be registered is the
- 25 subject of a permanent or temporary injunction of a court of
- 26 competent jurisdiction or an administrative stop order or similar
- 27 order issued under any federal, foreign, or state law other than

- 1 this act applicable to the offering, but the administrator shall
- 2 not institute a proceeding against an effective registration
- 3 statement under this paragraph more than 1 year after the date of
- 4 the order or injunction on which it is based, and the
- 5 administrator shall not issue an order under this subdivision on
- 6 the basis of an order or injunction issued under the securities
- 7 act of another state unless the order or injunction was based on
- 8 conduct that would constitute, as of the date of the order, a
- 9 ground for a stop order under this section.
- 10 (d) The issuer's enterprise or method of business includes or
- 11 would include activities that are unlawful where performed.
- 12 (e) With respect to a security sought to be registered under
- 13 section 303, there has been a failure to comply with the
- 14 undertaking required by section 303(2)(d).
- 15 (f) The applicant or registrant has not paid the proper
- 16 filing fee, but the administrator shall void the order if the
- 17 deficiency is corrected.
- (g) One or more of the following apply to the offering:
- 19 (i) The offering will work or tend to work a fraud upon
- 20 purchasers or would so operate.
- 21 (ii) The offering has been or would be made with unreasonable
- 22 amounts of underwriters' and sellers' discounts, commissions, or
- 23 other compensation, promoters' profits or participations, or
- 24 unreasonable amounts or kinds of options.
- 25 (iii) The offering is being made on terms that are unfair,
- 26 unjust, or inequitable.
- 27 (2) To the extent practicable, the administrator by rule or

- 1 order under this act shall publish guidelines, rules, or orders
- 2 that provide notice of conduct that violates subsection (1)(g).
- 3 (3) The administrator shall not institute a stop order
- 4 proceeding against an effective registration statement on the
- 5 basis of conduct or a transaction known to the administrator when
- 6 the registration statement became effective unless the proceeding
- 7 is instituted within 30 days after the registration statement
- 8 became effective.
- 9 (4) The administrator may summarily revoke, deny, postpone,
- 10 or suspend the effectiveness of a registration statement pending
- 11 final determination of an administrative proceeding. Upon the
- 12 issuance of the order, the administrator shall promptly notify
- 13 each person specified in subsection (5) that the order has been
- 14 issued, the reasons for the revocation, denial, postponement, or
- 15 suspension, and that within 15 days after the receipt of a
- 16 request in a record from the person the matter will be scheduled
- 17 for a hearing. If a hearing is not requested and none is ordered
- 18 by the administrator, within 30 days after the date of service of
- 19 the order, the order becomes final. If a hearing is requested or
- 20 ordered, the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for
- 21 hearing for each person subject to the order, may modify or
- 22 vacate the order or extend the order until final determination.
- 23 (5) The administrator shall not issue a stop order under this
- 24 section until all of the following have occurred:
- 25 (a) Appropriate notice has been given to the applicant or
- 26 registrant, the issuer, and the person on whose behalf the
- 27 securities are to be or have been offered.

- 1 (b) An opportunity for hearing has been given to the
- **2** applicant or registrant, the issuer, and the person on whose
- 3 behalf the securities are to be or have been offered.
- 4 (c) Findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record in
- 5 accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969
- 6 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 7 (6) The administrator may modify or vacate a stop order
- 8 issued under this section if the administrator finds that the
- 9 conditions that caused its issuance have changed or that it is
- 10 necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the
- 11 protection of investors.
- 12 Sec. 307. The administrator may waive or modify, in whole
- 13 or in part, any or all of the requirements of sections 302, 303,
- 14 and 304(2) or the requirement of any information or record in a
- 15 registration statement or in a periodic report filed pursuant to
- **16** section 305(9).
- 17 ARTICLE 4
- 18 BROKER-DEALERS, AGENTS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS, INVESTMENT ADVISER
- 19 REPRESENTATIVES, AND FEDERAL COVERED INVESTMENT ADVISERS
- 20 Sec. 401. (1) A person shall not transact business in this
- 21 state as a broker-dealer unless the person is registered under
- 22 this act as a broker-dealer or is exempt from registration as a
- 23 broker-dealer under subsection (2) or (4).
- 24 (2) The following persons are exempt from the registration
- 25 requirement of subsection (1):
- 26 (a) A broker-dealer if the broker-dealer does not have a
- 27 place of business in this state and if the broker-dealer's only

- 1 transactions effected in this state are with any of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (i) The issuer of the securities involved in the
- 4 transactions.
- 5 (ii) A person registered as a broker-dealer under this act
- 6 or not required to be registered as a broker-dealer under this
- 7 act.
- 8 (iii) An institutional investor.
- 9 (iv) A nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser with
- 10 investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000.00 acting
- 11 for the account of others pursuant to discretionary authority in
- 12 a signed record.
- 13 (v) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place
- 14 of residence is not in this state and the broker-dealer is
- 15 registered as a broker-dealer under the securities exchange act
- 16 of 1934 or not required to be registered under the securities
- 17 exchange act of 1934 and is registered under the securities act
- 18 of the state in which the customer maintains a principal place of
- 19 residence.
- 20 (vi) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place
- 21 of residence is in this state but who was not present in this
- 22 state when the customer relationship was established, if both of
- 23 the following are met:
- 24 (A) The broker-dealer is registered under the securities
- 25 exchange act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the
- 26 securities exchange act of 1934 and is registered under the
- 27 securities laws of the state in which the customer relationship

- 1 was established and where the customer had maintained a principal
- 2 place of residence.
- 3 (B) Within 45 days after the customer's first transaction in
- 4 this state, the person files an application for registration as a
- 5 broker-dealer in this state and a further transaction is not
- 6 effected more than 75 days after the date on which the
- 7 application is filed, or, if earlier, the date on which the
- 8 administrator notifies the person that the administrator has
- 9 denied the application for registration or has stayed the
- 10 pendency of the application for good cause.
- 11 (vii) Not more than 3 customers in this state during the
- 12 previous 12 months, in addition to those specified in
- 13 subparagraphs (i) to (vi) and under subparagraph (viii), if the
- 14 broker-dealer is registered under the securities exchange act of
- 15 1934 or not required to be registered under the securities
- 16 exchange act of 1934 and is registered under the securities act
- 17 of the state in which the broker-dealer has its principal place
- 18 of business.
- 19 (viii) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this
- 20 act.
- 21 (b) A person that deals solely in United States government
- 22 securities and is supervised as a dealer in government securities
- 23 by the board of governors of the federal reserve system, the
- 24 comptroller of the currency, the federal deposit insurance
- 25 corporation, or the office of thrift supervision.
- 26 (3) A broker-dealer, or an issuer engaged in offering,
- 27 offering to purchase, purchasing, or selling securities in this

- 1 state, shall not directly or indirectly employ or associate with
- 2 an individual to engage in an activity related to securities
- 3 transactions in this state if the registration of the individual
- 4 is suspended or revoked or the individual is barred from
- 5 employment or association with a broker-dealer, an issuer, an
- 6 investment adviser, or a federal covered investment adviser by an
- 7 order of the administrator under this act, the securities and
- 8 exchange commission, or a self-regulatory organization. A
- 9 broker-dealer or issuer does not violate this subsection if the
- 10 broker-dealer or issuer did not know and in the exercise of
- 11 reasonable care could not have known of the suspension,
- 12 revocation, or bar. If requested by a broker-dealer or issuer
- 13 and if good cause is shown, an order under this act may modify or
- 14 waive, in whole or in part, the application of the prohibitions
- 15 of this subsection.
- 16 (4) A rule or order under this act may permit any of the
- 17 following:
- 18 (a) A broker-dealer that is registered in Canada or other
- 19 foreign jurisdiction and that does not have a place of business
- 20 in this state to effect transactions in securities with or for,
- 21 or attempt to effect the purchase or sale of any securities by,
- 22 any of the following:
- 23 (i) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction
- 24 who is temporarily present in this state and with whom the
- 25 broker-dealer had a bona fide customer relationship before the
- 26 individual entered the United States.
- 27 (ii) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction

- 1 who is present in this state and whose transactions are in a
- 2 self-directed tax advantaged retirement plan of which the
- 3 individual is the holder or contributor in that foreign
- 4 jurisdiction.
- 5 (iii) An individual who is present in this state, with whom
- 6 the broker-dealer customer relationship arose while the
- 7 individual was temporarily or permanently resident in Canada or
- 8 the other foreign jurisdiction.
- 9 (b) An agent who represents a broker-dealer that is exempt
- 10 under this subsection to effect transactions in securities or
- 11 attempt to effect the purchase or sale of any securities in this
- 12 state as permitted for a broker-dealer described in subsection
- **13** (4)(a).
- 14 Sec. 402. (1) An individual shall not transact business in
- 15 this state as an agent unless the individual is registered under
- 16 this act as an agent or is exempt from registration as an agent
- 17 under subsection (2).
- 18 (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from the
- 19 registration requirement of subsection (1):
- 20 (a) An individual who represents a broker-dealer in effecting
- 21 transactions in this state limited to those described in section
- 22 15(h)(2) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 780.
- 23 (b) An individual who represents a broker-dealer that is
- 24 exempt under section 401(2) or (4).
- 25 (c) An individual who represents an issuer with respect to an
- 26 offer or sale of the issuer's own securities or those of the
- 27 issuer's parent or any of the issuer's subsidiaries, and who is

- 1 not compensated in connection with the individual's participation
- 2 by the payment of commissions or other remuneration based,
- 3 directly or indirectly, on transactions in those securities.
- 4 (d) An individual who represents an issuer and who effects
- 5 transactions in the issuer's securities exempted by section 202,
- 6 other than section 202(1)(k) or (n).
- 7 (e) An individual who represents an issuer who effects
- 8 transactions solely in federal covered securities of the issuer,
- 9 but an individual who effects transactions in a federal covered
- 10 security under section 18(b)(3) or 18(b)(4)(D) of the securities
- 11 act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, is not exempt if the individual is
- 12 compensated in connection with the agent's participation by the
- 13 payment of commissions or other remuneration based, directly or
- 14 indirectly, on transactions in those securities.
- 15 (f) An individual who represents a broker-dealer registered
- 16 in this state under section 401(1) or exempt from registration
- 17 under section 401(2) in the offer and sale of securities for an
- 18 account of a nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser
- 19 with investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000.00
- 20 acting for the account of others pursuant to discretionary
- 21 authority in a signed record.
- 22 (g) An individual who represents an issuer in connection with
- 23 the purchase of the issuer's own securities.
- 24 (h) An individual who represents an issuer and who restricts
- 25 participation to performing clerical or ministerial acts.
- (i) Any other individual exempted by rule or order under this
- 27 act.

- 1 (3) The registration of an agent is effective only while the
- 2 agent is employed by or associated with a broker-dealer
- 3 registered under this act or an issuer that is offering, selling,
- 4 or purchasing its securities in this state.
- 5 (4) A broker-dealer, or an issuer engaged in offering,
- 6 selling, or purchasing securities in this state, shall not employ
- 7 or associate with an agent who transacts business in this state
- 8 on behalf of broker-dealers or issuers unless the agent is
- 9 registered under subsection (1) or exempt from registration under
- 10 subsection (2).
- 11 (5) An individual shall not act as an agent for more than 1
- 12 broker-dealer or more than 1 issuer at a time, unless the
- 13 broker-dealers or the issuers for which the agent acts are
- 14 affiliated by direct or indirect common control or are authorized
- 15 by rule or order under this act.
- 16 Sec. 403. (1) A person shall not transact business in this
- 17 state as an investment adviser unless the person is registered
- 18 under this act as an investment adviser or is exempt from
- 19 registration as an investment adviser under subsection (2).
- 20 (2) The following persons are exempt from the registration
- 21 requirement of subsection (1):
- 22 (a) A person that does not have a place of business in this
- 23 state and that is registered under the securities act of the
- 24 state in which the person has its principal place of business, if
- 25 its only clients in this state are any of the following:
- 26 (i) Federal covered investment advisers, investment advisers
- 27 registered under this act, or broker-dealers registered under

- 1 this act.
- 2 (ii) Institutional investors.
- 3 (iii) Bona fide preexisting clients whose principal places of
- 4 residence are not in this state, if the investment adviser is
- 5 registered under the securities act of the state in which the
- 6 clients maintain principal places of residence.
- 7 (iv) Any other client exempted by rule or order under this
- 8 act.
- 9 (b) A person that does not have a place of business in this
- 10 state if the person has had, during the preceding 12 months, not
- 11 more than 5 clients that are residents of this state in addition
- 12 to those specified under subdivision (a).
- (c) The person is an investment adviser who is not required
- 14 to be registered as an investment adviser under the investment
- 15 advisers act of 1940 if the investment adviser's only clients in
- 16 this state are other investment advisers, federal covered
- 17 advisers, broker-dealers, or institutional investors.
- 18 (d) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this
- 19 act.
- 20 (3) An investment adviser shall not, directly or indirectly,
- 21 employ or associate with an individual to engage in an activity
- 22 related to investment advice in this state if the registration of
- 23 the individual is suspended or revoked, or the individual is
- 24 barred from employment or association with an investment adviser,
- 25 federal covered investment adviser, or broker-dealer by an order
- 26 under this act, the securities and exchange commission, or a
- 27 self-regulatory organization, unless the investment adviser did

- 1 not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have
- 2 known, of the suspension, revocation, or bar. If the investment
- 3 adviser request and good cause is shown, the administrator, by
- 4 order, may waive, in whole or in part, the application of the
- 5 prohibitions of this subsection.
- 6 (4) An investment adviser shall not employ or associate with
- 7 an individual required to be registered under this act as an
- 8 investment adviser representative who transacts business in this
- 9 state on behalf of the investment adviser unless the individual
- 10 is registered under section 404(1) or is exempt from registration
- 11 under section 404(2).
- 12 Sec. 404. (1) An individual shall not transact business in
- 13 this state as an investment adviser representative unless the
- 14 individual is registered under this act as an investment adviser
- 15 representative or is exempt from registration as an investment
- 16 adviser under subsection (2).
- 17 (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from the
- 18 registration requirement of subsection (1):
- 19 (a) An individual who is employed by or associated with an
- 20 investment adviser that is exempt from registration under section
- 21 403(2) or a federal covered investment adviser that is excluded
- 22 from the notice filing requirements of section 405.
- (b) Any other individual exempted by rule or order under this
- 24 act.
- 25 (3) The registration of an investment adviser representative
- 26 is not effective while the investment adviser representative is
- 27 not employed by or associated with an investment adviser

- 1 registered under this act or a federal covered investment adviser
- 2 that has made or is required to make a notice filing under
- 3 section 405.
- 4 (4) An individual may transact business as an investment
- 5 adviser representative for more than 1 investment adviser or
- 6 federal covered investment adviser unless a rule or order under
- 7 this act prohibits or limits an individual from acting as an
- 8 investment adviser representative for more than 1 investment
- **9** adviser or federal covered investment adviser.
- 10 (5) An individual acting as an investment adviser
- 11 representative shall not, directly or indirectly, conduct
- 12 business in this state on behalf of an investment adviser or a
- 13 federal covered investment adviser if the registration of the
- 14 individual as an investment adviser representative is suspended
- 15 or revoked or the individual is barred from employment or
- 16 association with an investment adviser or a federal covered
- 17 investment adviser by an order under this act, the securities and
- 18 exchange commission, or a self-regulatory organization. If a
- 19 federal covered investment adviser requests and good cause is
- 20 shown, the administrator, by order, may waive, in whole or in
- 21 part, the application of the requirements of this subsection.
- 22 (6) An investment adviser registered under this act, a
- 23 federal covered investment adviser that has filed a notice under
- 24 section 405, or a broker-dealer registered under this act is not
- 25 required to employ or associate with an individual as an
- 26 investment adviser representative if the only compensation paid
- 27 to the individual for a referral of investment advisory clients

- 1 is paid to an investment adviser registered under this act, a
- 2 federal covered investment adviser who has filed a notice under
- 3 section 405, or a broker-dealer registered under this act with
- 4 which the individual is employed or associated as an investment
- 5 adviser representative.
- 6 Sec. 405. (1) Except with respect to a federal covered
- 7 investment adviser described in subsection (2), a federal covered
- 8 investment adviser shall not transact business in this state as a
- 9 federal covered investment adviser unless the federal covered
- 10 investment adviser complies with subsection (3).
- 11 (2) The following federal covered investment advisers are not
- 12 required to comply with subsection (3):
- 13 (a) A federal covered investment adviser without a place of
- 14 business in this state if its only clients in this state are any
- 15 of the following:
- 16 (i) Federal covered investment advisers, investment advisers
- 17 registered under this act, and broker-dealers registered under
- 18 this act.
- 19 (ii) Institutional investors.
- 20 (iii) Bona fide preexisting clients whose principal places of
- 21 residence are not in this state.
- 22 (iv) Other clients specified by rule or order under this
- 23 act.
- 24 (b) A federal covered investment adviser that does not have a
- 25 place of business in this state if the federal covered investment
- 26 adviser has had, during the preceding 12 months, not more than 5
- 27 clients that are residents of this state in addition to those

- 1 specified under subdivision (a).
- 2 (c) Any other person excluded by rule or order under this
- 3 act.
- 4 (3) A person acting as a federal covered investment adviser,
- 5 not excluded under subsection (2), shall file a notice, a consent
- 6 to service of process complying with section 611, and those
- 7 records that have been filed with the securities and exchange
- 8 commission under the investment advisers act of 1940 that are
- 9 required by rule or order under this act and pay the fees
- 10 specified in section 410(5).
- 11 (4) A notice under subsection (3) is effective on filing.
- 12 Sec. 406. (1) A person shall register as a broker-dealer,
- 13 agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative
- 14 by filing an application and a consent to service of process
- 15 complying with section 611 and paying the fee specified in
- 16 section 410 and any reasonable fees charged by the designee of
- 17 the administrator for processing the filing. Each application
- 18 must contain both of the following:
- 19 (a) The information or record required for the filing of a
- 20 uniform application.
- 21 (b) If requested by the administrator, any other financial or
- 22 other information or record that the administrator determines is
- 23 appropriate.
- 24 (2) If the information or record contained in an application
- 25 that is filed under subsection (1) is or becomes inaccurate or
- 26 incomplete in any material respect, the registrant shall promptly
- 27 file a correcting amendment.

- 1 (3) If an order is not in effect and no proceeding is pending
- 2 under section 412, registration becomes effective at 12 noon on
- 3 the forty-fifth day after a completed application is filed unless
- 4 the registration is denied. A rule or order under this act may
- 5 set an earlier effective date or may defer the effective date
- 6 until 12 noon on the forty-fifth day after the filing of any
- 7 amendment completing the application.
- 8 (4) A registration is effective until 12 midnight on December
- 9 31 of the year for which the application for registration is
- 10 filed. Unless an order is in effect under section 412, a
- 11 registration may be automatically renewed each year by filing the
- 12 records required by rule or order under this act and paying the
- 13 fee specified in section 410 and the costs charged by the
- 14 designee of the administrator for processing the filings.
- 15 (5) A rule or order under this act may impose other
- 16 conditions not inconsistent with the national securities markets
- 17 improvement act of 1996, Public Law 104-290, 110 Stat. 3416, or
- 18 an order under this act may waive, in whole or in part, specific
- 19 requirements in connection with registration if the imposition or
- 20 waiver is appropriate in the public interest and for the
- 21 protection of investors.
- Sec. 407. (1) A broker-dealer or investment adviser may
- 23 succeed to the current registration of another broker-dealer or
- 24 investment adviser or a notice filing of a federal covered
- 25 investment adviser, and a federal covered investment adviser may
- 26 succeed to the current registration of an investment adviser or
- 27 notice filing of another federal covered investment adviser, by

- 1 filing as a successor an application for registration under
- 2 section 401 or 403, or a notice under section 405, for the
- 3 unexpired portion of the current registration or notice filing.
- 4 (2) A broker-dealer or investment adviser that changes its
- 5 form of organization or state of incorporation or organization
- 6 may continue its registration by filing an amendment to its
- 7 registration if the change does not involve a material change in
- 8 its financial condition or management. The amendment is
- 9 effective when filed or on a date designated by the registrant in
- 10 the filing. The new organization is a successor to the original
- 11 registrant for the purposes of this act. If there is a material
- 12 change in financial condition or management, the broker-dealer or
- 13 investment adviser shall file a new application for
- 14 registration. Any predecessor registered under this act shall
- 15 stop conducting its securities business other than winding down
- 16 transactions and shall file for withdrawal of broker-dealer or
- 17 investment adviser registration within 45 days after filing its
- 18 amendment to effect succession.
- 19 (3) A broker-dealer or investment adviser that changes its
- 20 name may continue its registration by filing an amendment to its
- 21 registration. The amendment is effective when filed or on a date
- 22 designated by the registrant.
- 23 (4) A change of control of a broker-dealer or investment
- 24 adviser may be made in accordance with a rule or order under this
- 25 act.
- 26 Sec. 408. (1) If an agent registered under this act
- 27 terminates employment by or association with a broker-dealer or

- 1 issuer, or if an investment adviser representative registered
- 2 under this act terminates employment by or association with an
- 3 investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, or if
- 4 either registrant terminates activities that require registration
- 5 as an agent or investment adviser representative, the
- 6 broker-dealer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment
- 7 adviser shall promptly file a notice of termination. If the
- 8 registrant learns that the broker-dealer, issuer, investment
- 9 adviser, or federal covered investment adviser has not filed the
- 10 notice, the registrant may file the notice.
- 11 (2) If an agent registered under this act terminates
- 12 employment by or association with a broker-dealer registered
- 13 under this act and begins employment by or association with
- 14 another broker-dealer registered under this act; or if an
- 15 investment adviser representative registered under this act
- 16 terminates employment by or association with an investment
- 17 adviser registered under this act; or if a federal covered
- 18 investment adviser that has filed a notice under section 405
- 19 begins employment by or association with another investment
- 20 adviser registered under this act; or if a federal covered
- 21 investment adviser, who has filed a notice under section 405,
- 22 files an application for registration that complies with the
- 23 requirement of section 406(1) and the filing fee required under
- 24 section 410 is paid by or on behalf of the registrant within 30
- 25 days after the termination, 1 of the following applies to the
- 26 registration of the agent or investment adviser representative:
- (a) If the agent's central registration depository record or

- 1 successor record or the investment adviser representative's
- 2 investment adviser registration depository record or successor
- 3 record does not contain a new or amended disciplinary disclosure
- 4 within the previous 12 months, the registration is immediately
- 5 effective as of the date of the completed filing.
- **6** (b) If the agent's central registration depository record or
- 7 the investment adviser representative's investment adviser
- 8 registration depository record contains a new or amended
- 9 disciplinary disclosure within the preceding 12 months, the
- 10 registration is temporarily effective as of the date of the
- 11 completed filing.
- 12 (3) If there are or were grounds for discipline under section
- 13 412, the administrator may withdraw a temporary registration
- 14 within 30 days after the application is filed. If the
- 15 administrator does not withdraw the temporary registration within
- 16 the 30-day period, registration becomes automatically effective
- 17 on the thirty-first day after filing.
- 18 (4) The administrator may prevent the effectiveness of a
- 19 transfer of an agent or investment adviser representative under
- 20 subsection (2)(a) or (b) based on the public interest and the
- 21 protection of investors.
- 22 (5) If the administrator determines that a registrant or
- 23 applicant for registration is no longer in existence, has ceased
- 24 to act as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or
- 25 investment adviser representative, is the subject of an
- 26 adjudication of incapacity, is subject to the control of a
- 27 committee, conservator, or guardian, or cannot reasonably be

- 1 located, a rule or order under this act may require the
- 2 registration be canceled or terminated or the application
- 3 denied. The administrator may reinstate a canceled or terminated
- 4 registration, with or without hearing, and may make the
- 5 registration retroactive.
- 6 Sec. 409. Withdrawal of registration by a broker-dealer,
- 7 agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative
- 8 is effective 60 days after an application to withdraw is filed or
- 9 within a shorter period as provided by rule or order under this
- 10 act, unless a revocation or suspension proceeding is pending when
- 11 the application is filed. If a proceeding is pending, withdrawal
- 12 is effective when and on conditions required by rule or order
- 13 under this act. The administrator may institute a revocation or
- 14 suspension proceeding under section 412 within 1 year after the
- 15 withdrawal became effective automatically and issue a revocation
- 16 or suspension order as of the last date on which registration was
- 17 effective if a proceeding is not pending.
- 18 Sec. 410. (1) A person shall pay a fee of \$250.00 when
- 19 initially filing an application for registration as a
- 20 broker-dealer and a fee of \$250.00 when filing a renewal of
- 21 registration as a broker-dealer. If the filing results in a
- 22 denial or withdrawal, the administrator shall retain all of the
- 23 filing fee.
- 24 (2) An individual shall pay a fee of \$30.00 when filing an
- 25 application for registration as an agent, a fee of \$30.00 when
- 26 filing a renewal of registration as an agent, and a fee of \$30.00
- 27 when filing for a change of registration as an agent. If the

- 1 filing results in a denial or withdrawal, the administrator shall
- 2 retain all of the filing fee.
- 3 (3) A person shall pay a fee of \$150.00 when filing an
- 4 application for registration as an investment adviser and a fee
- 5 of \$150.00 when filing a renewal of registration as an investment
- 6 adviser. If the filing results in a denial or withdrawal, the
- 7 administrator shall retain all of the filing fee.
- **8** (4) An individual shall pay a fee of \$30.00 when filing an
- 9 application for registration as an investment adviser
- 10 representative, a fee of \$30.00 when filing a renewal of
- f 11 registration as an investment adviser representative, and a fee
- 12 of \$30.00 when filing a change of registration as an investment
- 13 adviser representative. If the filing results in a denial or
- 14 withdrawal, the administrator shall retain all of the filing
- **15** fee.
- 16 (5) A federal covered investment adviser required to file a
- 17 notice under section 405 shall pay an initial and annual notice
- **18** fee of \$150.00.
- 19 (6) A person required to pay a filing or notice fee under
- 20 this section may transmit the fee through or to a designee as a
- 21 rule or order requires under this act.
- 22 (7) An investment adviser representative who is registered as
- 23 an agent under section 402 and who represents a person that is
- 24 both registered as a broker-dealer under section 401 and
- 25 registered as an investment adviser under section 403 or required
- 26 as a federal covered investment adviser to make a notice filing
- 27 under section 405 is not required to pay an initial or annual

- 1 registration fee for registration as an investment adviser
- 2 representative.
- 3 Sec. 411. (1) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities
- 4 act of 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222 of the investment
- 5 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a rule or order under this
- 6 act may establish minimum financial requirements for
- 7 broker-dealers registered or required to be registered under this
- 8 act and investment advisers registered or required to be
- 9 registered under this act.
- 10 (2) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 11 of 1934, 15 USC 78o, or section 222(b) of the investment advisers
- 12 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a broker-dealer registered or
- 13 required to be registered under this act and an investment
- 14 adviser registered or required to be registered under this act
- 15 shall file financial reports required by rule or order under this
- 16 act. If the information contained in a record filed under this
- 17 subsection is or becomes inaccurate or incomplete in any material
- 18 respect, the registrant shall promptly file a correcting
- 19 amendment.
- 20 (3) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 21 of 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222 of the investment advisers
- 22 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a broker-dealer registered or
- 23 required to be registered under this act and an investment
- 24 adviser registered or required to be registered under this act
- 25 shall make and maintain the accounts, correspondence, memoranda,
- 26 papers, books, and other records required by rule or order of the
- 27 administrator. The records required to be maintained under this

- 1 subsection shall be maintained as follows:
- 2 (a) Broker-dealer records may be maintained in any form of
- 3 data storage acceptable under section 17(a) of the securities
- 4 exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78q, if they are readily accessible
- 5 to the administrator.
- 6 (b) Investment adviser records may be maintained in any form
- 7 of data storage required by rule or order under this act.
- **8** (4) The records of a broker-dealer registered or required to
- 9 be registered under this act and of an investment adviser
- 10 registered or required to be registered under this act are
- 11 subject to reasonable periodic, special, or other audits or
- 12 inspections by a representative of the administrator, in or
- 13 outside of this state, as the administrator considers necessary
- 14 or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of
- 15 investors. An audit or inspection may be made at any time and
- 16 without prior notice. The administrator may copy and remove for
- 17 audit or inspection copies of all records the administrator
- 18 reasonably considers necessary or appropriate to conduct the
- 19 audit or inspection. The administrator may assess a reasonable
- 20 charge for conducting an audit or inspection under this
- 21 subsection.
- 22 (5) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 23 of 1934, 15 USC 78o, or section 222 of the investment advisers
- 24 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a rule or order under this act may
- 25 require a broker-dealer and investment adviser that has custody
- 26 of or discretionary authority over funds or securities of a
- 27 client to obtain insurance or post a bond or other satisfactory

- 1 form of security in an amount established by the administrator by
- 2 rule or order. The administrator may determine the requirements
- 3 of the insurance, bond, or other satisfactory form of security.
- 4 Insurance or a bond or other satisfactory form of security shall
- 5 not be required of a broker-dealer registered under this act
- 6 whose net capital exceeds, or of an investment adviser registered
- 7 under this act whose minimum financial requirements exceed, the
- 8 amounts required by rule or order under this act. The insurance,
- 9 bond, or other satisfactory form of security must permit an
- 10 action by a person to enforce any liability on the insurance,
- 11 bond, or other satisfactory form of security if commenced within
- 12 the time limitations in section 509(10)(b).
- 13 (6) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 14 of 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222 of the investment advisers
- 15 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, an agent shall not have custody of
- 16 funds or securities of a customer except under the supervision of
- 17 a broker-dealer and an investment adviser representative shall
- 18 not have custody of funds or securities of a client except under
- 19 the supervision of an investment adviser or federal covered
- 20 investment adviser. A rule or order under this act may prohibit,
- 21 limit, or impose conditions on the custody of funds or securities
- 22 of a customer by a broker-dealer and on the custody of securities
- 23 or funds of a client by an investment adviser.
- 24 (7) With respect to an investment adviser registered or
- 25 required to be registered under this act, a rule or order under
- 26 this act may require that information or other record be
- 27 furnished or disseminated to clients or prospective clients in

- 1 this state as necessary or appropriate in the public interest and
- 2 for the protection of investors and advisory clients.
- 3 (8) A rule or order under this act may require an individual
- 4 registered under section 402 or 404 to participate in a
- 5 continuing education program approved by the securities and
- 6 exchange commission and administered by a self-regulatory
- 7 organization or, in the absence of such a program, a rule or
- 8 order under this act may require continuing education for an
- 9 individual registered under section 404.
- 10 Sec. 412. (1) If the administrator finds that the order is
- 11 in the public interest and subsection (4) authorizes the action,
- 12 an order under this act may deny an application or condition or
- 13 limit registration of an applicant to be a broker-dealer, agent,
- 14 investment adviser, or investment adviser representative and, if
- 15 the applicant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, of any
- 16 partner, officer, or director, any person having a similar status
- 17 or performing similar functions, or any person directly or
- 18 indirectly controlling the broker-dealer or investment adviser.
- 19 (2) If the administrator finds that the order is in the
- 20 public interest and subsection (4) authorizes the action, an
- 21 order under this act may revoke, suspend, condition, or limit the
- 22 registration of a registrant and if the registrant is a
- 23 broker-dealer or investment adviser, of any partner, officer, or
- 24 director, any person having a similar status or performing
- 25 similar functions, or any person directly or indirectly
- 26 controlling the broker-dealer or investment adviser. Both of the
- 27 following conditions apply, however, to actions by the

- 1 administrator under this subsection:
- 2 (a) The administrator shall not institute a revocation or
- 3 suspension proceeding under this subsection based on an order
- 4 issued by another state that is reported to the administrator or
- 5 designee later than 1 year after the date of the order on which
- 6 it is based.
- 7 (b) Under subsection (4)(e)(i) and (ii), the administrator
- 8 shall not issue an order on the basis of an order under the state
- 9 securities act of another state unless the other order was based
- 10 on conduct for which subsection (4) would authorize the action
- 11 had the conduct occurred in this state.
- 12 (3) If the administrator finds that the order is in the
- 13 public interest and subsection (4)(a) to (f), (i) to (j), or (l)
- 14 to (n) authorizes the action, an order under this act may
- 15 censure, impose a bar, or impose a civil penalty in an amount not
- 16 to exceed a maximum of \$10,000.00 for a single violation or
- 17 \$500,000.00 for multiple violations on a registrant and, if the
- 18 registrant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, on any
- 19 partner, officer, or director, any person having a similar
- 20 function, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the
- 21 broker-dealer or investment adviser.
- 22 (4) A person may be disciplined under subsections (1) to (3)
- 23 if any of the following apply to the person:
- (a) The person filed an application for registration in this
- 25 state under this act or the predecessor act within the previous
- 26 10 years, which, as of the effective date of registration or as
- 27 of any date after filing in the case of an order denying

- 1 effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect or
- 2 contained a statement that, in light of the circumstances under
- 3 which it was made, was false or misleading with respect to a
- 4 material fact.
- 5 (b) The person willfully violated or willfully failed to
- 6 comply with this act or the predecessor act or a rule adopted or
- 7 order issued under this act or the predecessor act within the
- 8 previous 10 years.
- 9 (c) The person was convicted of any felony or within the
- 10 previous 10 years was convicted of a misdemeanor involving a
- 11 security, a commodity futures or option contract, or an aspect of
- 12 a business involving securities, commodities, investments,
- 13 franchises, insurance, banking, or finance.
- 14 (d) The person is enjoined or restrained by a court of
- 15 competent jurisdiction in an action instituted by the
- 16 administrator under this act or the predecessor act, a state, the
- 17 securities and exchange commission, or the United States from
- 18 engaging in or continuing an act, practice, or course of business
- 19 involving an aspect of a business involving securities,
- 20 commodities, investments, franchises, insurance, banking, or
- 21 finance.
- (e) The person is the subject of an order, issued after
- 23 notice and opportunity for hearing by any of the following:
- 24 (i) The securities, depository institution, insurance, or
- 25 other financial services regulator of a state, or by the
- 26 securities and exchange commission or other federal agency
- 27 denying, revoking, barring, or suspending registration as a

- 1 broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal covered
- 2 investment adviser, or investment adviser representative.
- (ii) The securities regulator of a state or by the securities
- 4 and exchange commission against a broker-dealer, agent,
- 5 investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal
- 6 covered investment adviser.
- 7 (iii) The securities and exchange commission or by a
- 8 self-regulatory organization suspending or expelling the
- 9 registrant from membership in a self-regulatory organization.
- 10 (iv) A court adjudicating a United States postal service
- 11 fraud.
- 12 (v) The insurance regulator of a state denying, suspending,
- 13 or revoking the license or registration of an insurance agent.
- (vi) A depository institution regulator suspending or barring
- 15 a person from the banking or depository institution business.
- 16 (f) The person is the subject of an adjudication or
- 17 determination, after notice and opportunity for hearing, by the
- 18 securities and exchange commission, the commodity futures trading
- 19 commission, the federal trade commission, a federal depository
- 20 institution regulator, or a depository institution, insurance, or
- 21 other financial services regulator of a state that the person
- 22 willfully violated the securities act of 1933, the securities
- 23 exchange act of 1934, the investment advisers act of 1940, the
- 24 investment company act of 1940, or the commodity exchange act,
- 25 the securities or commodities law of a state, or a federal or
- 26 state law under which a business involving investments,
- 27 franchises, insurance, banking, or finance is regulated.

- 1 (g) The person is insolvent, either because the person's
- 2 liabilities exceed the person's assets or because the person
- 3 cannot meet the person's obligations as they mature. The
- 4 administrator shall not enter an order against an applicant or
- 5 registrant under this subdivision without a finding of insolvency
- 6 as to the applicant or registrant.
- 7 (h) The person refuses to allow or otherwise impedes the
- 8 administrator from conducting an audit or inspection under
- 9 section 411(4) or refuses access to a registrant's office to
- 10 conduct an audit or inspection under section 411(4).
- (i) The person has failed to reasonably supervise an agent,
- 12 investment adviser representative, or other individual, if the
- 13 agent, investment adviser representative, or other individual was
- 14 subject to the person's supervision and committed a violation of
- 15 this act or the predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued
- 16 under this act or the predecessor act within the previous 10
- 17 years.
- 18 (j) The person has not paid the proper filing fee within 30
- 19 days after having been notified by the administrator of a
- 20 deficiency. The administrator shall vacate an order under this
- 21 paragraph when the deficiency is corrected.
- (k) After notice and opportunity for a hearing, 1 or more of
- 23 the following have occurred within the previous 10 years:
- 24 (i) A court of competent jurisdiction has found the person to
- 25 have willfully violated the laws of a foreign jurisdiction under
- 26 which the business of securities, commodities, investment,
- 27 franchises, insurance, banking, or finance is regulated.

- 1 (ii) The person was found to have been the subject of an
- 2 order of a securities regulator of a foreign jurisdiction
- 3 denying, revoking, or suspending the right to engage in the
- 4 business of securities as a broker-dealer, agent, investment
- 5 adviser, investment adviser representative, or similar person.
- 6 (iii) The person was found to have been suspended or expelled
- 7 from membership by or participation in a securities exchange or
- 8 securities association operating under the securities laws of a
- 9 foreign jurisdiction.
- 10 (l) The person is the subject of a cease and desist order
- 11 issued by the securities and exchange commission or issued under
- 12 the securities, commodities, investment, franchise, banking,
- 13 finance, or insurance laws of a state.
- 14 (m) The person has engaged in dishonest or unethical
- 15 practices in the securities, commodities, investment, franchise,
- 16 banking, finance, or insurance business within the previous 10
- 17 years.
- 18 (n) The person is not qualified on the basis of factors such
- 19 as training, experience, and knowledge of the securities
- 20 business. If an application is made by an agent for a
- 21 broker-dealer that is a member of a self-regulatory organization
- 22 or by an individual for registration as an investment adviser
- 23 representative, a denial order shall not be based on this
- 24 subdivision if the individual has successfully completed all
- 25 examinations required by subsection (5). The administrator may
- 26 require an applicant for registration under section 402 or 404
- 27 who has not been registered in a state within the 2 years

- 1 preceding the filing of an application in this state to
- 2 successfully complete an examination.
- 3 (5) A rule or order under this act may require that an
- 4 examination, including an examination developed or approved by an
- 5 organization of securities regulators, be successfully completed
- 6 by a class of individuals or all individuals. An order under
- 7 this act may waive an examination as to an individual and a rule
- 8 under this act may waive an examination as to a class of
- 9 individuals if the administrator determines that the examination
- 10 is not necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for
- 11 the protection of investors.
- 12 (6) The administrator may suspend or deny an application
- 13 summarily, restrict, condition, limit, or suspend a registration,
- 14 or censure, bar, or impose a civil penalty on a registrant
- 15 pending final determination of an administrative proceeding. On
- 16 the issuance of the order, the administrator shall promptly
- 17 notify each person subject to the order that the order has been
- 18 issued, the reasons for the action, and that, within 15 days
- 19 after the receipt of a request in a record from the person, the
- 20 matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a hearing is not
- 21 requested by a person subject to the order or is not ordered by
- 22 the administrator within 30 days after the date of service of the
- 23 order, the order is final. If a hearing is requested or ordered,
- 24 the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to
- 25 each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order
- 26 or extend the order until final determination.
- 27 (7) Except under subsection (6), an order shall not be issued

- 1 under this section unless all of the following have occurred:
- 2 (a) Appropriate notice has been given to the applicant or
- 3 registrant.
- 4 (b) Opportunity for hearing has been given to the applicant
- **5** or registrant.
- 6 (c) Findings of fact and conclusions of law have been made on
- 7 the record pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,
- 8 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 9 (8) A person who controls, directly or indirectly, a person
- 10 not in compliance with this section may be disciplined by order
- 11 of the administrator under subsections (1) to (3) to the same
- 12 extent as the noncomplying person, unless the controlling person
- 13 did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not
- 14 have known, of the existence of conduct that is a basis for
- 15 discipline under this section.
- 16 (9) The administrator shall not institute a proceeding under
- 17 subsection (1), (2), or (3) solely based on material facts
- 18 actually known by the administrator unless an investigation or
- 19 the proceeding is instituted within 1 year after the
- 20 administrator actually knew the material facts.
- 21 Sec. 413. A broker-dealer acting as a finder shall not do
- 22 any of the following:
- 23 (a) Take possession of funds or securities in connection
- 24 with the transaction for which payment is made for services as a
- 25 finder.
- (b) Fail to disclose clearly and conspicuously in writing to
- 27 all persons involved in the transaction as a result of the

- 1 broker-dealer's finding activities before the sale or purchase
- **2** that the person is acting as a finder, any payment for services
- 3 as a finder, the method and amount of payment, and any beneficial
- 4 interest, direct or indirect, of the broker-dealer, or a member
- 5 of the broker-dealer's immediate family if the broker-dealer is
- 6 an individual, in the issue of the securities that are the
- 7 subject of services as a finder.
- 8 (c) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a
- 9 security in violation of section 301. However, if the
- 10 broker-dealer makes a reasonable effort to ascertain if a
- 11 registration has been effected or an exemption order granted in
- 12 this state or to ascertain the basis for an exemption claim and
- 13 does not have knowledge that the proposed transaction would
- 14 violate section 301, the broker-dealer's activities as a finder
- 15 do not violate section 301.
- 16 (d) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a
- 17 security without obtaining information relative to the risks of
- 18 the transaction, the direct or indirect compensation to be
- 19 received by promoters, partners, officers, directors, or their
- 20 affiliates, the financial condition of the issuer, and the use of
- 21 proceeds to be received from investors, or fail to read any
- 22 offering materials obtained. This section does not require
- 23 independent investigation or alteration of offering materials
- 24 furnished to the broker-dealer.
- 25 (e) Fail to inform or otherwise ensure disclosure to all
- 26 persons involved in the transaction as a result of the
- 27 broker-dealer's finding activities of any material information

- 1 which the broker-dealer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable
- 2 care should know based on the information furnished to the
- 3 broker-dealer, is material in making an investment decision,
- 4 until conclusion of the transaction.
- 5 (f) Locate, introduce, or refer persons that the
- 6 broker-dealer knows, or after a reasonable inquiry should know,
- 7 are not suitable investors by reason of their financial
- 8 condition, age, experience, or need to diversify investments.
- 9 ARTICLE 5
- 10 FRAUD AND LIABILITIES
- 11 Sec. 501. It is unlawful for a person, in connection with
- 12 the offer, sale, or purchase of a security, to directly or
- 13 indirectly do any of the following:
- 14 (a) Employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud.
- 15 (b) Make an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to
- 16 state a material fact necessary in order to make the statement
- 17 made, in the light of the circumstances under which it is made,
- 18 not misleading.
- 19 (c) Engage in an act, practice, or course of business that
- 20 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit on another
- 21 person.
- 22 Sec. 502. (1) It is unlawful for a person that advises
- 23 others for compensation, either directly or indirectly or through
- 24 publications or writings, as to the value of securities or the
- 25 advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities,
- 26 or that, for compensation and as part of a regular business,
- 27 issues or promulgates analyses or reports relating to securities,

- 1 to do any of the following:
- 2 (a) Employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud another
- 3 person.
- 4 (b) Engage in an act, practice, or course of business that
- 5 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another
- 6 person.
- 7 (2) An investment adviser acting as a finder shall not do any
- 8 of the following:
- 9 (a) Take possession of funds or securities in connection with
- 10 the transaction for which payment is made for services as a
- 11 finder.
- 12 (b) Fail to disclose clearly and conspicuously in writing to
- 13 all persons involved in the transaction as a result of his or her
- 14 finding activities before the sale or purchase that the person is
- 15 acting as a finder, any payment for services as a finder, the
- 16 method and amount of payment, as well as any beneficial interest,
- 17 direct or indirect, of the finder or a member of the finder's
- 18 immediate family in the issue of the securities that are the
- 19 subject of services as a finder.
- 20 (c) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a security
- 21 in violation of section 301. However, if the investment adviser
- 22 makes a reasonable effort to ascertain if a registration has been
- 23 effected or an exemption order granted in this state or to
- 24 ascertain the basis for an exemption claim and does not have
- 25 knowledge that the proposed transaction would violate section
- 26 301, his or her activities as a finder do not violate section
- **27** 301.

- 1 (d) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a security
- 2 without obtaining information relative to the risks of the
- 3 transaction, the direct or indirect compensation to be received
- 4 by promoters, partners, officers, directors, or their affiliates,
- 5 the financial condition of the issuer, and the use of proceeds to
- 6 be received from investors, or fail to read any offering
- 7 materials obtained. This subdivision does not require
- 8 independent investigation or alteration of offering materials
- 9 furnished to the finder.
- 10 (e) Fail to inform or otherwise ensure disclosure to all
- 11 persons involved in the transaction as a result of his or her
- 12 finding activities of any material information which the finder
- 13 knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know based on
- 14 the information furnished to him or her, is material in making an
- 15 investment decision, until conclusion of the transaction. This
- 16 subdivision does not require the finder to independently generate
- 17 information.
- 18 (f) Locate, introduce, or refer persons that the finder
- 19 knows, or after a reasonable inquiry should know, are not
- 20 suitable investors by reason of their financial condition, age,
- 21 experience, or need to diversify investments.
- 22 (3) A rule under this act may do any of the following:
- 23 (a) Define an act, practice, or course of business of an
- 24 investment adviser or an investment adviser representative, other
- 25 than a supervised person of a federal covered investment adviser,
- 26 as fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative, and prescribe means
- 27 reasonably designed to prevent investment advisers and investment

- 1 adviser representatives, other than supervised persons of a
- 2 federal covered investment adviser, from engaging in acts,
- 3 practices, and courses of business defined as fraudulent,
- 4 deceptive, or manipulative.
- 5 (b) Specify the contents of an investment advisory contract
- 6 entered into, extended, or renewed by an investment adviser.
- 7 Sec. 503. (1) In a civil action or administrative
- 8 proceeding under this act, a person claiming an exemption,
- 9 exception, preemption, or exclusion has the burden to prove the
- 10 applicability of the exemption, exception, preemption, or
- 11 exclusion.
- 12 (2) In a criminal proceeding under this act, a person
- 13 claiming an exemption, exception, preemption, or exclusion has
- 14 the burden of going forward with evidence of the claim.
- 15 Sec. 504. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a rule or order
- 16 under this act may require the filing of a prospectus, pamphlet,
- 17 circular, form letter, advertisement, sales literature, or other
- 18 advertising record relating to a security or investment advice
- 19 addressed or intended for distribution to prospective investors,
- 20 including clients or prospective clients of a person registered
- 21 or required to be registered as an investment adviser under this
- 22 act.
- 23 (2) This section does not apply to sales and advertising
- 24 literature specified in subsection (1) relating to a federal
- 25 covered security, a federal covered investment adviser, or a
- 26 security or transaction exempted by section 201, 202, or 203
- 27 except as required under section 201(g).

- 1 Sec. 505. A person shall not make or cause to be made, in a
- 2 record that is used in an action or proceeding or filed under
- 3 this act, a statement that, at the time and in the light of the
- 4 circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading in a
- 5 material respect, or, in connection with the statement, omit to
- 6 state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in
- 7 the light of the circumstances under which it was made, not false
- 8 or misleading.
- 9 Sec. 506. The filing of an application for registration, a
- 10 registration statement, a notice filing under this act, or the
- 11 registration of a person, the notice filing by a person, or the
- 12 registration of a security under this act does not constitute a
- 13 finding by the administrator that a record filed under this act
- 14 is true, complete, and not misleading. The filing or
- 15 registration or the availability of an exemption, exception,
- 16 preemption, or exclusion for a security or a transaction does not
- 17 mean that the administrator has passed upon the merits or
- 18 qualifications of, or recommended or given approval to, a person,
- 19 security, or transaction. A person shall not make or cause to be
- 20 made to a purchaser, customer, client, or prospective customer or
- 21 client a representation inconsistent with this section.
- 22 Sec. 507. A broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser,
- 23 federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser
- 24 representative is not liable to another broker-dealer, agent,
- 25 investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or
- 26 investment adviser representative for defamation relating to a
- 27 statement that is contained in a record required by the

- 1 administrator, or designee of the administrator, the securities
- 2 and exchange commission, or a self-regulatory organization,
- 3 unless the person knew, or should have known at the time that the
- 4 statement was made, that it was false in a material respect or
- 5 the person acted in reckless disregard of the statement's truth
- 6 or falsity.
- 7 Sec. 508. (1) A person that willfully violates this act or
- 8 a rule adopted or order issued under this act, except section 504
- 9 or the notice filing requirements of section 302 or 405, or that
- 10 willfully violates section 505 knowing the statement made to be
- 11 false or misleading in a material respect, is guilty of a felony
- 12 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine
- 13 of not more than \$500,000.00 for each violation, or both. An
- 14 individual convicted of violating a rule or order under this act
- 15 may be fined, but shall not be imprisoned, if the individual did
- 16 not have knowledge of the rule or order.
- 17 (2) The attorney general or the proper prosecuting attorney
- 18 may institute appropriate criminal proceedings under this act
- 19 with or without a reference from the administrator.
- 20 (3) This act does not limit the power of this state to punish
- 21 a person for conduct that constitutes a crime under other laws of
- 22 this state.
- 23 Sec. 509. (1) Enforcement of civil liability under this
- 24 section is subject to the securities litigation uniform standards
- 25 act of 1998.
- 26 (2) A person is liable to the purchaser if the person sells a
- 27 security in violation of section 301, or by means of an untrue

- 1 statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material
- 2 fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in light of
- 3 the circumstances under which it is made, not misleading, the
- 4 purchaser not knowing the untruth or omission, and the seller not
- 5 sustaining the burden of proof that the seller did not know and,
- 6 in the exercise of reasonable care, could not have known of the
- 7 untruth or omission. All of the following apply to an action
- 8 under this subsection:
- 9 (a) The purchaser may maintain an action to recover the
- 10 consideration paid for the security, less the amount of any
- 11 income received on the security, and interest at 6% per year from
- 12 the date of the purchase, costs, and reasonable attorney fees
- 13 determined by the court, upon the tender of the security, or for
- 14 actual damages as provided in subdivision (c).
- 15 (b) The tender referred to in subdivision (a) may be made any
- 16 time before entry of judgment. Tender requires only notice in a
- 17 record of ownership of the security and willingness to exchange
- 18 the security for the amount specified. A purchaser that no
- 19 longer owns the security may recover actual damages as provided
- 20 in subdivision (c).
- 21 (c) Actual damages in an action arising under this subsection
- 22 are the amount that would be recoverable upon a tender less the
- 23 value of the security when the purchaser disposed of it and
- 24 interest at 6% from the date of purchase, costs, and reasonable
- 25 attorney fees determined by the court.
- 26 (3) A person is liable to the seller if the person buys a
- 27 security by means of an untrue statement of a material fact or

- 1 omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the
- 2 statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it is
- 3 made, not misleading, if the seller did not know of the untruth
- 4 or omission and the purchaser does not sustain the burden of
- 5 proving that the purchaser did not know, and in the exercise of
- 6 reasonable care could not have known, of the untruth or
- 7 omission. All of the following apply to an action under this
- 8 subsection:
- 9 (a) The seller may maintain an action to recover the
- 10 security, any income received on the security, costs, and
- 11 reasonable attorney fees determined by the court, on the tender
- 12 of the purchase price, or for actual damages as provided in
- 13 subdivision (c).
- 14 (b) The tender referred to in subdivision (a) may be made any
- 15 time before entry of judgment. Tender requires only notice in a
- 16 record of the present ability to pay the amount tendered and
- 17 willingness to take delivery of the security for the amount
- 18 specified. If the purchaser no longer owns the security, the
- 19 seller may recover actual damages as provided in subdivision
- 20 (c).
- 21 (c) Actual damages in an action arising under this subsection
- 22 are the difference between the price at which the security was
- 23 sold and the value the security would have had at the time of the
- 24 sale in the absence of the purchaser's conduct causing liability,
- 25 interest at 6% from the date of sale of the security, costs, and
- 26 reasonable attorney fees determined by the court.
- 27 (4) A person acting as a broker-dealer or agent that sells or

- 1 buys a security in violation of section 401(1), 402(1), or 506 is
- 2 liable to the customer. The customer, if a purchaser, may
- 3 maintain an action for recovery of actual damages as specified in
- 4 subsection (2) or, if a seller, a remedy as specified in
- 5 subsection (3).
- 6 (5) A person acting as an investment adviser or investment
- 7 adviser representative that provides investment advice for
- 8 compensation in violation of section 403(1), 404(1), or 506 is
- 9 liable to the client. The client may maintain an action at law
- 10 or in equity to recover the consideration paid for the advice,
- 11 interest at 6% from the date of payment, costs, and reasonable
- 12 attorney fees determined by the court.
- 13 (6) A person that receives, directly or indirectly, any
- 14 consideration for providing investment advice to another person
- 15 and that employs a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud the
- 16 other person or engages in an act, practice, or course of
- 17 business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit on
- 18 the other person is liable to the other person. The person
- 19 defrauded may maintain an action to recover the consideration
- 20 paid for the advice and the amount of any actual damages caused
- 21 by the fraudulent conduct that gives rise to liability under this
- 22 subsection, interest at 6% from the date of the fraudulent
- 23 conduct, costs, and reasonable attorney fees determined by the
- 24 court, less the amount of any income received as a result of the
- 25 fraudulent conduct. This subsection does not apply to a
- 26 broker-dealer or its agents if the investment advice provided is
- 27 solely incidental to transacting business as a broker-dealer and

- 1 no special compensation is received for the investment advice.
- **2** (7) The following persons are liable jointly and severally
- 3 with and to the same extent as persons liable under subsections
- **4** (2) to (6):
- 5 (a) A person that directly or indirectly controls a person
- 6 liable under subsections (2) to (6), unless the controlling
- 7 person sustains the burden of proving that the controlling person
- 8 did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not
- 9 have known, of the existence of the conduct by reason of which
- 10 the liability is alleged to exist.
- 11 (b) An individual who is a managing partner, executive
- 12 officer, or director of a person liable under subsections (2) to
- 13 (6), including each individual having a similar status or
- 14 performing similar functions, unless the individual sustains the
- 15 burden of proving that the individual did not know and, in the
- 16 exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the
- 17 existence of the conduct by reason of which the liability is
- 18 alleged to exist.
- 19 (c) An individual who is an employee of or associated with a
- 20 person liable under subsections (2) to (6) and who materially
- 21 aids the conduct giving rise to the liability, unless the
- 22 individual sustains the burden of proving that the individual did
- 23 not know and, in the exercise of reasonable care could not have
- 24 known, of the existence of the conduct by reason of which the
- 25 liability is alleged to exist.
- 26 (d) A person that is a broker-dealer, agent, investment
- 27 adviser, or investment adviser representative that materially

- 1 aids the conduct giving rise to the liability under subsections
- **2** (2) to (6), unless the person sustains the burden of proving that
- 3 the person did not know and, in the exercise of reasonable care
- 4 could not have known, of the existence of the conduct by reason
- 5 of which liability is alleged to exist.
- **6** (8) A person liable under this section has a right of
- 7 contribution as in cases of contract against any other person
- 8 liable under this section for the same conduct.
- 9 (9) A cause of action under this section survives the death
- 10 of an individual who might have been a plaintiff or defendant.
- 11 (10) A person may not obtain relief if an action is not
- 12 commenced within 1 of the following time limits, as applicable:
- 13 (a) Under subsection (2) for violation of section 301, or
- 14 under subsection (4) or (5), unless the action is commenced
- 15 within 2 years after the violation occurred.
- 16 (b) Under subsection (2), other than for violation of section
- 17 301, or under subsection (3) or (6), unless the action is
- 18 commenced within the earlier of 2 years after discovery of the
- 19 facts constituting the violation or 5 years after the violation
- 20 occurred.
- 21 (11) A person that has made or engaged in the performance of
- 22 a contract in violation of this act or a rule adopted or order
- 23 issued under this act, or that has acquired a purported right
- 24 under the contract with knowledge of the facts by reason of which
- 25 its making or performance was in violation of this act, may not
- 26 base an action on the contract.
- 27 (12) A condition, stipulation, or provision binding a person

- 1 purchasing or selling a security or receiving investment advice
- 2 to waive compliance with this act or a rule adopted or order
- 3 issued under this act is void.
- 4 (13) The rights and remedies provided by this act are in
- 5 addition to any other rights or remedies that may exist, but this
- 6 act does not create a cause of action not specified in this
- 7 section or section 411(5).
- 8 Sec. 510. A purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment
- 9 advice may not maintain an action under section 509 if all of the
- 10 following are met:
- 11 (a) The purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice
- 12 receives in a record, before the action is commenced, an offer
- 13 that does all of the following:
- 14 (i) States the respect in which liability under section 509
- 15 may have arisen and fairly advises the purchaser, seller, or
- 16 recipient of investment advice of that person's rights in
- 17 connection with the offer, including financial or other
- 18 information necessary to correct all material misstatements or
- 19 omissions in the information that was required by this act to be
- 20 furnished to that person at the time of the purchase, sale, or
- 21 investment advice.
- 22 (ii) If the basis for relief under this section may have been
- 23 a violation of section 509(2), offers to repurchase the security
- 24 for cash, payable on delivery of the security, equal to the
- 25 consideration paid, and interest at 6% per year from the date of
- 26 purchase, less the amount of any income received on the security,
- 27 or, if the purchaser no longer owns the security, offers to pay

- 1 the purchaser upon acceptance of the offer damages in an amount
- 2 that would be recoverable upon a tender, less the value of the
- 3 security when the purchaser disposed of it, and interest at 6%
- 4 from the date of purchase in cash equal to the damages computed
- 5 in the manner provided in this subsection.
- 6 (iii) If the basis for relief under this section may have
- 7 been a violation of section 509(3), offers to tender the
- 8 security, on payment by the seller of an amount equal to the
- 9 purchase price paid, less income received on the security by the
- 10 purchaser and interest at 6% from the date of the sale, or if the
- 11 purchaser no longer owns the security, offers to pay the seller
- 12 upon acceptance of the offer, in cash, damages in the amount of
- 13 the difference between the price at which the security was
- 14 purchased and the value the security would have had at the time
- 15 of the purchase in the absence of the purchaser's conduct that
- 16 may have caused liability and interest at 6% from the date of the
- **17** sale.
- 18 (iv) If the basis for relief under this section may have been
- 19 a violation of section 509(4), and if the customer is a
- 20 purchaser, offers to pay as specified in subdivision (a)(ii) or,
- 21 if the customer is a seller, offers to tender or to pay as
- 22 specified in subdivision (a)(iii).
- (v) If the basis for relief under this section may have been
- 24 a violation of section 509(5), offers to reimburse in cash the
- 25 consideration paid for the advice and interest at 6% from the
- 26 date of payment.
- (vi) If the basis for relief under this section may have been

- 1 a violation of section 509(6), offers to reimburse in cash the
- 2 consideration paid for the advice and the amount of any actual
- 3 damages that may have been caused by the conduct, and interest at
- 4 6% from the date of the violation causing the loss.
- $\mathbf{5}$ (vii) States that the offer must be accepted by the
- 6 purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice within 30
- 7 days after the date of its receipt by the purchaser, seller, or
- 8 recipient of investment advice or within a shorter period of not
- 9 less than 3 days that the administrator, by order, specifies.
- 10 (b) The offeror has the present ability to pay the amount
- 11 offered or to tender the security under subdivision (a).
- 12 (c) The offer under subdivision (a) is delivered to the
- 13 purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice or sent in a
- 14 manner that ensures receipt by the purchaser, seller, or
- 15 recipient of investment advice.
- 16 (d) The purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice
- 17 that accepts the offer under subdivision (a) in a record within
- 18 the period specified under subdivision (a)(vii) is paid in
- 19 accordance with the terms of the offer.
- 20 ARTICLE 6
- 21 ADMINISTRATION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW
- Sec. 601. (1) The administrator shall administer this act.
- 23 (2) The administrator or officer, employee, or designee of
- 24 the administrator shall not use for personal benefit or the
- 25 benefit of others records or other information obtained by or
- 26 filed with the administrator that are not public under section
- 27 607(2). This act does not authorize the administrator or an

- 1 officer, employee, or designee of the administrator to disclose
- 2 the record or information, except in accordance with section 602,
- **3** 607(3), or 608.
- 4 (3) This act does not create or diminish any privilege or
- 5 exemption that exists at common law, by statute, by rule, or
- 6 otherwise.
- 7 (4) The administrator may develop and implement investor
- 8 education initiatives to inform the public about investing in
- 9 securities, with particular emphasis on the prevention and
- 10 detection of securities fraud. In developing and implementing
- 11 these initiatives, the administrator may collaborate with public
- 12 and nonprofit organizations with an interest in investor
- 13 education. The administrator may accept grants or donations from
- 14 a person that is not affiliated with the securities industry or
- 15 from a nonprofit organization, regardless of whether or not the
- 16 organization is affiliated with the securities industry, to
- 17 develop and implement investor education initiatives. This
- 18 subsection does not authorize the administrator to require
- 19 participation or monetary contributions of a registrant in an
- 20 investor education program.
- 21 (5) The securities investigation, enforcement, and education
- 22 fund is created as a revolving fund in the state treasury. All
- 23 of the following apply to the revolving fund:
- (a) The state treasurer shall deposit all fees and civil
- 25 fines received by the administrator under this act in the
- 26 revolving fund.
- (b) Money appropriated to the revolving fund shall not revert

- 1 to the general fund at the close of the fiscal year but shall
- 2 remain in the revolving fund.
- 3 (c) Upon appropriation, the administrator shall spend money
- 4 in the revolving fund only for the purposes and in the manner
- 5 provided in subdivision (d).
- **6** (d) The administrator shall use the money in the revolving
- 7 fund to pay expenses, or provide an advance on expenses,
- 8 connected with any of the following:
- **9** (i) Investigations of the office of financial and insurance
- 10 services involving securities.
- 11 (ii) Actions to enforce this act.
- 12 (iii) Providing educational programs for the public that are
- 13 related to the operations of the office of financial and
- 14 insurance services as provided in subsection (4).
- 15 Sec. 602. (1) The administrator may do any of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (a) Conduct public or private investigations in or out of
- 18 this state that the administrator considers necessary or
- 19 appropriate to determine whether any person has violated, is
- 20 violating, or is about to violate this act or a rule adopted or
- 21 order issued under this act, or to aid in the enforcement of this
- 22 act or the adoption of rules and forms under this act.
- (b) Require or permit a person to testify, file a statement,
- 24 or produce a record, under oath or otherwise as the administrator
- 25 determines, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning a
- 26 matter to be investigated or about which an action or proceeding
- 27 is to be commenced.

- 1 (c) Publish a record concerning an action, proceeding, or
- 2 investigation under, or a violation of, this act or a rule
- 3 adopted or order issued under this act if the administrator
- 4 determines it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest
- 5 and for the protection of investors.
- 6 (2) For the purpose of an investigation under this act, the
- 7 administrator or a designated officer may administer oaths and
- 8 affirmations, subpoena witnesses, seek compulsion of attendance,
- 9 take evidence, require the filing of statements, and require the
- 10 production of any records that the administrator considers
- 11 relevant or material to the investigation.
- 12 (3) If a person fails to appear or refuses to testify, file a
- 13 statement, produce records, or otherwise fails to obey a subpoena
- 14 as required by the administrator under this act, the
- 15 administrator may refer the matter to the attorney general or the
- 16 proper prosecuting attorney, who may apply to the circuit court
- 17 of Ingham county or a court of another state to enforce
- 18 compliance. The court may do any of the following:
- 19 (a) Hold the person in contempt.
- 20 (b) Order the person to appear before the administrator.
- 21 (c) Order the person to testify about the matter under
- 22 investigation or in question.
- (d) Order the production of records.
- (e) Grant injunctive relief, including restricting or
- 25 prohibiting the offer or sale of securities or the providing of
- 26 investment advice.
- (f) Order a civil fine of not less than \$10,000.00 and not

- 1 more than \$500,000.00 for each violation.
- 2 (g) Grant any other necessary or appropriate relief.
- **3** (4) This section does not preclude a person from applying to
- 4 the circuit court of Ingham county or a court of another state
- 5 for appropriate relief from a request to appear, testify, file a
- 6 statement, produce records, or obey a subpoena.
- 7 (5) An individual is not excused from attending, testifying,
- 8 filing a statement, producing a record or other evidence, or
- 9 obeying a subpoena of the administrator under this act or in an
- 10 action commenced or proceeding instituted by the administrator
- 11 under this act on the ground that the required testimony,
- 12 statement, record, or other evidence, directly or indirectly, may
- 13 tend to incriminate the individual or subject the individual to a
- 14 criminal fine, penalty, or forfeiture. If the individual refuses
- 15 to testify, file a statement, or produce a record or other
- 16 evidence on the basis of the individual's privilege against
- 17 self-incrimination, the administrator may apply to the circuit
- 18 court to compel the testimony, the filing of the statement, the
- 19 production of the record, or the giving of other evidence. The
- 20 testimony, record, or other information compelled under a court
- 21 order obtained under this subsection shall not be used, directly
- 22 or indirectly, against the individual in a criminal case, except
- 23 in a prosecution for perjury, contempt, or otherwise failing to
- 24 comply with the order.
- 25 (6) At the request of the securities regulator of another
- 26 state or a foreign jurisdiction, the administrator may provide
- 27 assistance if the requesting regulator states that it is

- 1 conducting an investigation to determine whether a person has
- 2 violated, is violating, or is about to violate a law or rule of
- 3 the other state or foreign jurisdiction relating to securities
- 4 matters which the requesting regulator administers or enforces.
- 5 The administrator may provide the assistance by using the
- 6 authority to investigate and the powers conferred by this section
- 7 as the administrator determines is necessary or appropriate. The
- 8 assistance may be provided without regard to whether the conduct
- 9 described in the request would also constitute a violation of
- 10 this act or other law of this state if occurring in this state.
- 11 In deciding whether to provide the assistance, the administrator
- 12 may consider whether the requesting regulator is permitted and
- 13 has agreed to provide assistance reciprocally within its state or
- 14 foreign jurisdiction to the administrator on securities matters
- 15 when requested, whether compliance with the request would violate
- 16 or prejudice the public policy of this state, and the
- 17 availability of resources and employees of the administrator to
- 18 carry out the request for assistance.
- 19 Sec. 603. (1) If it appears to the administrator that a
- 20 person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act,
- 21 practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this
- 22 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, or that a
- 23 person has, is, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or
- 24 course of business that materially aids a violation of this act
- 25 or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the
- 26 administrator may maintain an action in the circuit court to
- 27 enjoin the act, practice, or course of business and to enforce

- 1 compliance with this act or a rule adopted or order issued under
- 2 this act.
- 3 (2) In an action under this section and upon a proper
- 4 showing, the court may do any of the following:
- 5 (a) Issue a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining
- 6 order, or a declaratory judgment.
- 7 (b) Issue an order for other appropriate or ancillary relief,
- 8 including any of the following:
- 9 (i) An asset freeze, accounting, writ of attachment, writ of
- 10 general or specific execution, and an appointment of a receiver
- 11 or conservator, which may be the administrator, for the defendant
- 12 or the defendant's assets.
- 13 (ii) An order to the administrator to take charge and control
- 14 of a defendant's property, including investment accounts and
- 15 accounts in a depository institution, rents, and profits, to
- 16 collect debts, and to acquire and dispose of property.
- 17 (iii) The imposition of a civil fine of not more than
- 18 \$10,000.00 for a single violation or \$500,000.00 for multiple
- 19 violations.
- 20 (iv) An order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement
- 21 directed to a person that has engaged in an act, practice, or
- 22 course of business constituting a violation of this act or the
- 23 predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act
- 24 or the predecessor act.
- (v) An order for the payment of prejudgment and postjudgment
- 26 interest.
- (c) Granting other relief that the court considers

- 1 appropriate.
- 2 (3) The administrator shall not be required to post a bond in
- 3 an action under this section.
- 4 Sec. 604. (1) If the administrator determines that a person
- 5 has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act,
- 6 practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this
- 7 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, or that a
- 8 person has materially aided, is materially aiding, or is about to
- 9 materially aid an act, practice, or course of business
- 10 constituting a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order
- 11 issued under this act, the administrator may do 1 or more of the
- 12 following:
- (a) Issue an order directing the person to cease and desist
- 14 from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to
- 15 take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this
- **16** act.
- 17 (b) Issue an order denying, suspending, revoking, or
- 18 conditioning the exemptions for a broker-dealer under section
- 19 401(2)(a)(iv) or (vi) or an investment adviser under section
- **20** 403(2)(a)(*iii*).
- 21 (c) Issue an order under section 204.
- 22 (2) An order under subsection (1) is effective on the date of
- 23 issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the administrator shall
- 24 promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of
- 25 the order and a notice that the order has been entered. The
- 26 order shall include a statement whether the administrator will
- 27 seek a civil penalty or costs of the investigation, a statement

- 1 of the reasons for the order, and notice that the matter will be
- **2** scheduled for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of a request
- 3 in a record from the person. If a person subject to the order
- 4 does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the
- 5 administrator within 30 days after the date of service of the
- 6 order, the order becomes final as to that person. If a hearing
- 7 is requested or ordered, the administrator, after notice of and
- 8 opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may
- 9 modify or vacate the order or extend it until final
- 10 determination.
- 11 (3) If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to
- 12 subsection (2), the hearing shall be held pursuant to the
- 13 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- 14 24.328. A final order shall not be issued unless the
- 15 administrator makes findings of fact and conclusions of law on
- 16 the record pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,
- 17 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. The final order may make
- 18 final, vacate, or modify the order issued under subsection (1).
- 19 (4) In a final order, the administrator may impose a civil
- 20 fine of not more than \$10,000.00 for a single violation or
- 21 \$500,000.00 for multiple violations.
- 22 (5) In a final order, the administrator may charge the actual
- 23 cost of an investigation or proceeding for a violation of this
- 24 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- 25 (6) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not
- 26 filed in accordance with section 609, the administrator may file
- 27 a certified copy of the final order with the clerk of a court of

- 1 competent jurisdiction. The filed order shall have the same
- 2 effect as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced,
- 3 or satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.
- 4 (7) If a person fails to comply with an order under this
- 5 section, the administrator may petition a court of competent
- 6 jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court shall not require
- 7 the administrator to post a bond. If the court finds, after
- 8 service and opportunity for hearing, that the person is not in
- 9 compliance with the order, the court may adjudge the person in
- 10 civil contempt of the order. The court may impose an additional
- 11 civil penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not
- 12 less than \$10,000.00 or more than \$500,000.00 for each violation
- 13 and may grant any other relief the court determines is just and
- 14 proper in the circumstances.
- 15 Sec. 605. (1) The administrator may do any of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (a) Issue forms and orders and, after notice and comment, may
- 18 adopt and amend rules necessary or appropriate to carry out this
- 19 act, and may repeal rules, including rules and forms governing
- 20 registration statements, applications, notice filings, reports,
- 21 and other records.
- 22 (b) By rule, define terms, whether or not used in this act,
- 23 if the definitions are not inconsistent with this act.
- (c) By rule, classify securities, persons, and transactions
- 25 and adopt different requirements for different classes.
- 26 (2) A rule or form shall not be adopted or amended or an
- 27 order issued or amended under this act unless the administrator

- 1 finds that the rule, form, order, or amendment is necessary or
- 2 appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of
- 3 investors and is consistent with the purposes intended by this
- 4 act. In adopting, amending, and repealing rules and forms,
- 5 section 608 applies in order to achieve uniformity among the
- 6 states and coordination with federal laws in the form and content
- 7 of registration statements, applications, reports, and other
- 8 records, including in the adoption of uniform rules, forms, and
- 9 procedures.
- 10 (3) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 11 of 1934, 15 USC 78o, and section 222 of the investment advisers
- 12 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, the administrator may require that a
- 13 financial statement filed under this act be prepared in
- 14 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the
- 15 United States and comply with other requirements specified by
- 16 rule or order under this act. A rule or order under this act may
- 17 establish any of the following:
- 18 (a) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act
- 19 of 1934, 15 USC 78o, and section 222 of the investment advisers
- 20 act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, the form and content of financial
- 21 statements required under this act.
- 22 (b) Whether unconsolidated financial statements must be
- 23 filed.
- (c) Whether required financial statements must be audited by
- 25 an independent certified public accountant.
- 26 (4) The administrator may provide interpretative opinions or
- 27 issue determinations that the administrator will not institute a

- 1 proceeding or an action under this act against a specified person
- **2** for engaging in a specified act, practice, or course of business
- 3 if the determination is consistent with this act. A rule or
- 4 order under this act may charge a reasonable fee for
- 5 interpretative opinions or determinations that the administrator
- 6 will not institute an action or a proceeding under this act.
- 7 (5) A penalty under this act shall not be imposed and
- 8 liability does not arise for conduct that is engaged in or
- 9 omitted in good faith conformity with a rule, form, or order of
- 10 the administrator under this act.
- 11 (6) A hearing in an administrative proceeding under this act
- 12 shall be conducted in public unless the administrator for good
- 13 cause consistent with the purposes intended by this act
- 14 determines that the hearing not be public.
- 15 Sec. 606. (1) The administrator shall maintain, or
- 16 designate a person to maintain, a register of all applications
- 17 for registration of securities; registration statements; notice
- 18 filings, applications for registration of broker-dealers, agents,
- 19 investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives;
- 20 notice filings by federal covered investment advisers that are or
- 21 have been effective under this act or the predecessor act;
- 22 notices of claims of exemption from registration or notice filing
- 23 requirements contained in a record; orders issued under this act
- 24 or the predecessor act; and interpretative opinions or no-action
- 25 determinations issued under this act.
- 26 (2) The administrator shall make all rules, forms,
- 27 interpretative opinions, and orders available to the public.

- 1 (3) Upon request, the administrator shall furnish to a person
- 2 a copy of a record that is a public record or a certification
- 3 that the public record does not exist. A rule under this act may
- 4 establish a reasonable charge for furnishing the record. A copy
- 5 of the record certified or a certificate of its nonexistence by
- 6 the administrator is prima facie evidence of a record or its
- 7 nonexistence.
- 8 Sec. 607. (1) Subject to subsection (2), records obtained
- 9 by the administrator or filed under this act, including a record
- 10 contained in or filed with any registration statement,
- 11 application, notice filing, or report, are public records and are
- 12 available for public examination.
- 13 (2) The following records are not public records and are not
- 14 available for public examination under subsection (1):
- 15 (a) A record obtained by the administrator in connection with
- 16 an audit or inspection under section 411(4) or an investigation
- 17 under section 602.
- (b) A part of a record filed in connection with a
- 19 registration statement under sections 301 and 303 through 305, or
- 20 a record under section 411(4), that contains trade secrets or
- 21 confidential information when the person filing the registration
- 22 statement or report has asserted a claim of confidentiality or
- 23 privilege that is authorized by law.
- (c) A record that is not required to be provided to the
- 25 administrator or filed under this act and is provided to the
- 26 administrator only on the condition that the record will not be
- 27 subject to public examination or disclosure.

- 1 (d) A nonpublic record received from a person specified in
- 2 section 608.
- 3 (e) Any social security number, residential address, and
- 4 residential telephone number contained in a record that is
- 5 filed.
- **6** (f) A record obtained by the administrator through a designee
- 7 of the administrator that is determined by a rule or order under
- 8 this act to have been either of the following:
- 9 (i) Appropriately expunded from the administrator's records
- 10 by that designee.
- 11 (ii) Appropriately determined to be nonpublic or
- 12 nondisclosable by that designee if the administrator finds that
- 13 this is in the public interest and for the protection of
- 14 investors.
- 15 (3) The administrator may disclose a record obtained in
- 16 connection with an audit or inspection under section 411(4) or a
- 17 record obtained in connection with an investigation under section
- 18 602 if disclosure is for the purpose of a civil, administrative,
- 19 or criminal investigation, action, or proceeding or to a person
- 20 specified in section 608(1).
- 21 Sec. 608. (1) The administrator shall, in its discretion,
- 22 cooperate, coordinate, consult, and, subject to section 607,
- 23 share records and information with the securities regulators of 1
- 24 or more states, Canada or 1 or more of its provinces or
- 25 territories, 1 or more foreign jurisdictions, the securities and
- 26 exchange commission, the United States department of justice, the
- 27 commodity futures trading commission, the federal trade

- 1 commission, the securities investor protection corporation, a
- 2 self-regulatory organization, a national or international
- 3 organization of securities regulators, federal or state banking
- 4 and insurance regulators, and any governmental law enforcement
- 5 agency, in order to effectuate greater uniformity in securities
- 6 matters among the federal government, self-regulatory
- 7 organizations, and state and foreign governments.
- 8 (2) In cooperating, coordinating, consulting, and sharing
- 9 records and information under this section and in acting by rule,
- 10 order, or waiver under this act, the administrator shall, in the
- 11 discretion of the administrator, take into consideration in
- 12 carrying out the public interest the following general policies:
- 13 (a) Maximizing effectiveness of regulation for the protection
- 14 of investors.
- 15 (b) Maximizing uniformity in federal and state regulatory
- 16 standards.
- 17 (c) Minimizing burdens on the business of capital formation,
- 18 without adversely affecting essentials of investor protection.
- 19 (3) The cooperation, coordination, consultation, and sharing
- 20 of records and information authorized by this section includes:
- 21 (a) Establishing or employing 1 or more designees as a
- 22 central depository for registration and notice filings under this
- 23 act and for records required or allowed to be maintained under
- 24 this act.
- 25 (b) Developing and maintaining uniform forms.
- **26** (c) Conducting a joint examination or investigation.
- 27 (d) Holding a joint administrative hearing.

- 1 (e) Instituting and prosecuting a joint civil or
- 2 administrative proceeding.
- 3 (f) Sharing and exchanging personnel.
- 4 (g) Coordinating registrations under sections 301 and 401
- 5 through 404 and exemptions under section 203.
- 6 (h) Sharing and exchanging records.
- 7 (i) Formulating rules, statements of policy, guidelines,
- 8 forms, and interpretative opinions and releases.
- 9 (j) Formulating common systems and procedures.
- 10 (k) Notifying the public of proposed rules, forms, statements
- 11 of policy, and guidelines.
- (l) Attending conferences and other meetings among securities
- 13 regulators, which may include representatives of governmental and
- 14 private organizations involved in capital formation, considered
- 15 to be necessary or appropriate to promote or achieve uniformity.
- 16 (m) Developing and maintaining a uniform exemption from
- 17 registration for small issuers and taking other steps to reduce
- 18 the burden of raising investment capital by small businesses.
- 19 Sec. 609. (1) Final orders issued by the administrator
- 20 under this act are subject to judicial review pursuant to the
- 21 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- **22** 24.328.
- 23 (2) Rules adopted under this act are subject to judicial
- 24 review pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,
- 25 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 26 Sec. 610. (1) Sections 301, 302, 401(1), 402(1), 403(1),
- **27** 404(1), 501, 506, 509, and 510 apply to a person that sells or

- 1 offers to sell a security if the offer to sell or the sale is
- 2 made in this state or the offer to purchase or the purchase is
- 3 made and accepted in this state.
- **4** (2) Sections 401(1), 402(1), 403(1), 404(1), 501, 506, 509,
- 5 and 510 apply to a person that purchases or offers to purchase a
- 6 security if the offer to purchase or the purchase is made in this
- 7 state or the offer to sell or the sale is made and accepted in
- 8 this state.
- 9 (3) For the purpose of this section, an offer to sell or to
- 10 purchase a security is made in this state, whether or not either
- 11 party is then present in this state, if either of the following
- 12 apply to the offer:
- 13 (a) It originates from this state.
- 14 (b) It is directed by the offeror to a place in this state
- 15 and received at the place to which it is directed.
- 16 (4) For purposes of this section, an offer to purchase or to
- 17 sell is accepted in this state whether or not either party is
- 18 then present in this state, if both of the following apply to the
- 19 acceptance:
- 20 (a) It is communicated to the offeror in this state, the
- 21 offeree reasonably believes the offeror to be present in this
- 22 state, and the acceptance is received at the place in this state
- 23 to which it is directed.
- 24 (b) It has not previously been communicated to the offeror,
- 25 orally or in a record, outside this state.
- 26 (5) An offer to sell or to purchase is not made in this state
- 27 when a publisher circulates or there is circulated on the

- 1 publisher's behalf in this state a bona fide newspaper or other
- **2** publication of general, regular, and paid circulation that is not
- 3 published in this state, or that is published in this state but
- 4 has had more than 2/3 of its circulation outside this state
- 5 during the previous 12 months, or when a radio or television
- 6 program or other electronic communication originating outside
- 7 this state is received in this state. A radio, television
- 8 program, or other electronic communication is considered as
- 9 having originated in this state if either the broadcast studio or
- 10 the originating source of transmission is located in this state,
- 11 unless any of the following are met:
- 12 (a) The program or communication is syndicated and
- 13 distributed from outside this state for redistribution to the
- 14 general public in this state.
- 15 (b) The program or communication is supplied by a radio,
- 16 television, or other electronic network with the electronic
- 17 signal originating from outside this state for redistribution to
- 18 the general public in this state.
- 19 (c) The program or communication is an electronic
- 20 communication that originates outside this state and is captured
- 21 for redistribution to the general public in this state by a
- 22 community antenna or cable, radio, cable television, or other
- 23 electronic system.
- 24 (d) The program or communication consists of an electronic
- 25 communication that originates in this state, but which is not
- 26 intended for distribution to the general public in this state.
- 27 (6) Sections 403(1), 404(1), 405(1), 502, 505, and 506 apply

- 1 to a person if the person engages in an act, practice, or course
- 2 of business instrumental in effecting prohibited or actionable
- 3 conduct in this state, whether or not either party is then
- 4 present in this state.
- 5 Sec. 611. (1) A consent to service of process required by
- 6 this act shall be signed and filed in the form required by the
- 7 administrator. A consent appointing the administrator the
- 8 person's agent for service of process in a noncriminal action or
- 9 proceeding against the person, or the person's successor, or
- 10 personal representative under this act or a rule adopted or order
- 11 issued by the administrator under this act after the consent is
- 12 filed, has the same force and validity as if the service were
- 13 made personally on the person filing the consent. A person that
- 14 has filed a consent complying with this subsection in connection
- 15 with a previous application for registration or notice filing
- 16 need not file an additional consent.
- 17 (2) If a person, including a nonresident of this state,
- 18 engages in an act, practice, or course of business prohibited or
- 19 made actionable by this act or a rule adopted or order issued by
- 20 the administrator under this act and the person has not filed a
- 21 consent to service of process under subsection (1), that act,
- 22 practice, or course of business constitutes the appointment of
- 23 the administrator as the person's agent for service of process in
- 24 a noncriminal action or proceeding against the person, the
- 25 person's successor, or personal representative.
- 26 (3) Service under subsection (1) or (2) may be made by
- 27 providing a copy of the process to the office of the

- 1 administrator, but it is not effective unless both of the
- 2 following are met:
- 3 (a) The plaintiff, which may be the administrator, promptly
- 4 sends notice of the service and a copy of the process, return
- 5 receipt requested, to the defendant or respondent at the address
- 6 given in the consent to service of process or, if a consent to
- 7 service of process has not been filed, at the last known address,
- 8 or takes other reasonable steps to give notice.
- 9 (b) The plaintiff files an affidavit of compliance with this
- 10 subsection in the action or proceeding on or before the return
- 11 day of the process, if any, or within the time that the court or
- 12 the administrator in a proceeding before the administrator
- 13 allows.
- 14 (4) Service as provided in subsection (3) may be used in a
- 15 proceeding before the administrator or by the administrator in a
- 16 civil action in which the administrator is the moving party.
- 17 (5) If the process is served under subsection (3), the court
- 18 or the administrator in a proceeding before the administrator
- 19 shall order continuances as are necessary or appropriate to
- 20 afford the defendant or respondent reasonable opportunity to
- 21 defend.
- 22 Sec. 612. If any provision of this act or its application
- 23 to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity
- 24 does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that
- 25 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,
- 26 and to this end, the provisions of this act are severable.

27 ARTICLE 7

1	TRANSITION
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- 2 Sec. 701. This act takes effect 180 days after the date
- 3 this act is enacted.
- 4 Sec. 702. The uniform securities act, 1964 PA 265, MCL
- **5** 451.501 to 451.818, is repealed.
- 6 Sec. 703. (1) The predecessor act exclusively governs all
- 7 actions, prosecutions, or proceedings that are pending or may be
- 8 maintained or instituted on the basis of facts or circumstances
- 9 occurring before the effective date of this act, but a civil
- 10 action shall not be maintained to enforce any liability under the
- 11 predecessor act unless commenced within any period of limitation
- 12 that applied when the cause of action accrued or within 3 years
- 13 after the effective date of this act, whichever is earlier.
- 14 (2) All effective registrations under the predecessor act,
- 15 all administrative orders relating to the registrations,
- 16 statements of policy, interpretative opinions, declaratory
- 17 rulings, no action determinations, and all conditions imposed
- 18 upon the registrations under the predecessor act remain in effect
- 19 for the same time period they would have remained in effect if
- 20 this act had not been enacted. They are considered to have been
- 21 filed, issued, or imposed under this act, but are exclusively
- 22 governed by the predecessor act.
- 23 (3) The predecessor act exclusively governs any offer or sale
- 24 made within 1 year after the effective date of this act pursuant
- 25 to an offering made in good faith before the effective date of
- 26 this act on the basis of an exemption available under the
- 27 predecessor act.

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