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HOUSE BILL No. 5008

July 10, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Huizenga 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)".

Sec. 102. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise

- 1 requires:
- 2 (a) "Administrator" means the office of financial and
- 3 insurance services of the department of labor and economic growth.
- 4 (b) "Agent" means an individual other than a broker-dealer who
- 5 represents a broker-dealer in effecting or attempting to effect
- 6 purchases or sales of securities or represents an issuer in
- 7 effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales of the
- 8 issuer's securities. The term does not include a partner, officer,
- 9 or director of a broker-dealer or issuer, or an individual having a
- 10 similar status or performing similar functions, unless the
- 11 individual otherwise comes within the term. The term does not
- 12 include an individual excluded by rule or order under this act. The
- 13 term does not include a person acting solely as a finder and
- 14 registered as a broker-dealer under this act or acting as a finder
- in a transaction exempt under section 202(1)(r).
- 16 (c) "Bank" means any of the following:
- 17 (i) A banking institution organized under the laws of the
- 18 United States.
- 19 (ii) A member bank of the federal reserve system.
- 20 (iii) Any other banking institution that meets all of the
- 21 following:
- 22 (A) It is doing business under the laws of a state or of the
- 23 United States.
- 24 (B) A substantial portion of its business consists of
- 25 receiving deposits or exercising fiduciary powers similar to those
- 26 permitted to be exercised by national banks under the authority of
- 27 the comptroller of the currency pursuant to 12 USC 92a.

- 1 (C) It is supervised and examined by a state or federal agency
- 2 having supervision over banks.
- 3 (D) It is not operated for the purpose of evading this act.
- $\mathbf{4}$ (iv) A receiver, conservator, or other liquidating agent of any
- 5 institution or firm included in subparagraph (i), (ii), or (iii).
- 6 (d) "Broker-dealer" means a person engaged in the business of
- 7 effecting transactions in securities for the account of others or
- 8 for the person's own account. The term does not include any of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (i) An agent.
- 11 (ii) An issuer.
- 12 (iii) Beginning on the effective date of this act and until
- 13 December 31, 2006, a depository institution.
- 14 (iv) Beginning January 1, 2007, a bank, trust company organized
- 15 or chartered under the laws of this state, or savings institution
- 16 if its activities as a broker-dealer are limited to those specified
- 17 in section 3(a)(4)(B)(i) through (vi), (viii) through (x), and (xi) if
- 18 limited to unsolicited transactions; 3(a)(5)(B); and 3(a)(5)(C) of
- 19 the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78c, or a bank that
- 20 satisfies the conditions described in section 3(a)(4)(E) of the
- 21 securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78c.
- (v) An international banking institution.
- 23 (vi) A person excluded by rule or order under this act.
- 24 (e) "Depository institution" means a bank; or a savings
- 25 institution, trust company, credit union, or similar institution
- 26 that is organized or chartered under the laws of a state or of the
- 27 United States, authorized to receive deposits, and supervised and

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

- principal and all interest.
- 2 Sec. 102a. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 3 requires:
- 4 (a) "Institutional investor" means any of the following,
- 5 whether acting for itself or for others in a fiduciary capacity:
- 6 (i) A depository institution or international banking
- 7 institution.
- 8 (ii) An insurance company.
- 9 (iii) A separate account of an insurance company.
- (iv) An investment company as defined in the investment company
- **11** act of 1940.
- (v) A broker-dealer registered under the securities exchange
- **13** act of 1934.
- 14 (vi) An employee pension, profit-sharing, or benefit plan if
- 15 the plan has total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00 or its
- 16 investment decisions are made by a named fiduciary, as defined in
- 17 the employee retirement income security act of 1974, that is a
- 18 broker-dealer registered under the securities exchange act of 1934,
- 19 an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration under
- 20 the investment advisers act of 1940, an investment adviser
- 21 registered under this act, a depository institution, or an
- insurance company.
- 23 (vii) A plan established and maintained by a state, a political
- 24 subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state
- 25 or a political subdivision of a state for the benefit of its
- 26 employees, if the plan has total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00
- 27 or its investment decisions are made by a duly designated public

- 1 official or by a named fiduciary, as defined in the employee
- 2 retirement income security act of 1974, that is a broker-dealer
- 3 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, an investment
- 4 adviser registered or exempt from registration under the investment
- 5 advisers act of 1940, an investment adviser registered under this
- 6 act, a depository institution, or an insurance company.
- 7 (viii) A trust, if it has total assets in excess of
- 8 \$10,000,000.00, its trustee is a depository institution, and its
- 9 participants are exclusively plans of the types identified in
- 10 subparagraph (vi) or (vii), regardless of size of their assets,
- 11 except a trust that includes as participants self-directed
- 12 individual retirement accounts or similar self-directed plans.
- 13 (ix) An organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the
- 14 internal revenue code, 26 USC 501, a corporation, Massachusetts or
- 15 similar business trust, limited liability company, or partnership,
- 16 not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities
- offered, with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000.00.
- 18 (x) A small business investment company licensed by the small
- 19 business administration under section 301(c) of the small business
- 20 investment act of 1958, 15 USC 681, with total assets in excess of
- **21** \$10,000,000.00.
- 22 (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)(i)(H), adopted under the
- 2 securities act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.144A.
- 3 (xiv) A "major U.S. institutional investor" as defined in rule
- 4 15a-6(b)(4)(i) adopted under the securities exchange act of 1934, 17
- **5** 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 and
- 18 all interest.
- 19 (d) "International banking institution" means an international
- 20 financial institution of which the United States is a member and
- 21 whose securities are exempt from registration under the securities
- 22 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.
- 16 (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.
- (vi) A depository institution.
- 21 (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.
- (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 recommendation
- 4 or advice regarding securities should be given, provides investment
- 5 advice or holds himself or herself out as providing investment
- 6 advice, receives compensation to solicit, offer, or negotiate for
- 7 the sale of or for selling investment advice, or supervises
- 8 employees who perform any of the foregoing. The term does not
- 9 include an individual who meets any of the following:
- 10 (i) Performs only clerical or ministerial acts.
- 11 (ii) Is an agent whose performance of investment advice is
- 12 solely incidental to the individual acting as an agent and does not
- 13 receive special compensation for investment advisory services.
- 14 (iii) Is employed by or associated with a federal covered
- 15 investment adviser, unless the individual meets any of the
- 16 following:
- 17 (A) Has a "place of business" in this state as that term is
- 18 defined by rule adopted under section 203A of the investment
- 19 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-3a, and is an "investment adviser
- 20 representative" as that term is defined by rule adopted under
- 21 section 203A of the investment advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-3a.
- 22 (B) Has a "place of business" in this state as that term is
- 23 defined by rule adopted under section 203A of the investment
- 24 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-3a, and is not a "supervised
- 25 person" as that term is defined in section 202(a)(25) of the
- investment advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-2.
- 27 (iv) Is excluded by rule or order under this act.

- 1 (g) "Issuer" means a person that issues or proposes to issue a
- 2 security, subject to the following:
- 3 (i) The issuer of a voting trust certificate, collateral trust
- 4 certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, or share in an
- 5 investment company without a board of directors or individuals
- 6 performing similar functions, is the person performing the acts and
- 7 assuming the duties of depositor or manager pursuant to the trust
- 8 or other agreement or instrument under which the security is
- 9 issued.
- 10 (ii) The issuer of an equipment trust certificate or similar
- 11 security serving the same purpose is the person by which the
- 12 property is or will be used, or to which the property or equipment
- is or will be leased or conditionally sold, or that is otherwise
- 14 contractually responsible for assuring payment of the certificate.
- 15 (iii) The issuer of a fractional undivided interest in an oil,
- 16 gas, or other mineral lease or in payments out of production under
- 17 a lease, right, or royalty is the owner of an interest in the lease
- 18 or in payments out of production under a lease, right, or royalty,
- 19 whether whole or fractional, that creates fractional interests for
- 20 the purpose of sale.
- 21 Sec. 102b. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 22 requires:
- 23 (a) "Nonissuer transaction" or "nonissuer distribution" means
- 24 a transaction or distribution not directly or indirectly for the
- 25 benefit of the issuer.
- 26 (b) "Offer to purchase" includes an attempt or offer to
- 27 obtain, or solicitation of an offer to sell, a security or interest

- 1 in a security for value. The term does not include a tender offer
- 2 that is subject to section 14(d) of title I of the securities
- 3 exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78n.
- 4 (c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust,
- 5 estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, limited
- 6 liability partnership, association, joint venture, or government; a
- 7 governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; a public
- 8 corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity.
- 9 (d) "Place of business" of a broker-dealer, an investment
- 10 adviser, or a federal covered investment adviser means any of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (i) An office at which the broker-dealer, investment adviser,
- 13 or federal covered investment adviser regularly provides brokerage
- 14 or investment advice, or solicits, meets with, or otherwise
- 15 communicates with customers or clients.
- 16 (ii) Any other location that is held out to the general public
- 17 as a location at which the broker-dealer, investment adviser, or
- 18 federal covered investment adviser provides brokerage or investment
- 19 advice, or solicits, meets with, or otherwise communicates with
- 20 customers or clients.
- 21 (e) "Predecessor act" means former 1964 PA 265.
- (f) "Price amendment" means the amendment to a registration
- 23 statement filed under the securities act of 1933 or, if an
- 24 amendment is not filed, the prospectus or prospectus supplement
- 25 filed under the securities act of 1933 that includes a statement of
- 26 the offering price, underwriting and selling discounts or
- 27 commissions, amount of proceeds, conversion rates, call prices, and

- 1 other matters dependent upon the offering price.
- 2 (g) "Principal place of business" of a broker-dealer or an
- 3 investment adviser means the executive office of the broker-dealer
- 4 or investment adviser from which the officers, partners, or
- 5 managers of the broker-dealer or investment adviser direct,
- 6 control, and coordinate the activities of the broker-dealer or
- 7 investment adviser.
- 8 (h) "Record," except in the phrases "of record," "official
- 9 record, " and "public record, " means information that is inscribed
- 10 on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other
- 11 medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 12 Sec. 102c. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise
- 13 requires:
- 14 (a) "Sale" includes every contract of sale, contract to sell,
- 15 or disposition of, a security or interest in a security for value,
- 16 and "offer to sell" includes every attempt or offer to dispose of,
- 17 or solicitation of an offer to purchase, a security or interest in
- 18 a security for value. Both terms include any of the following:
- 19 (i) A security given or delivered with, or as a bonus on
- 20 account of, any purchase of securities or any other thing
- 21 constituting part of the subject of the purchase and having been
- 22 offered and sold for value.
- (ii) A gift of assessable stock involving an offer and sale.
- 24 (iii) A sale or offer of a warrant or right to purchase or
- 25 subscribe to another security of the same or another issuer, and a
- 26 sale or offer of a security that gives the holder a present or
- 27 future right or privilege to convert the security into another

- 1 security of the same or another issuer, including an offer of the
- 2 other security.
- 3 (b) "Securities and exchange commission" means the United
- 4 States securities and exchange commission.
- 5 (c) "Security" means a note; stock; treasury stock; security
- future; bond; debenture; evidence of indebtedness; certificate of
- 7 interest or participation in a profit-sharing agreement; collateral
- 8 trust certificate; preorganization certificate or subscription;
- 9 transferable share; investment contract; voting trust certificate;
- 10 certificate of deposit for a security; fractional undivided
- 11 interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights; put, call, straddle,
- 12 option, or privilege on a security, certificate of deposit, or
- 13 group or index of securities, including an interest in or based on
- 14 the value of that put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on that
- 15 security, certificate of deposit, or group or index of securities;
- 16 put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a
- 17 national securities exchange relating to foreign currency; an
- 18 investment in a viatical or life settlement agreement; or, in
- 19 general, an interest or instrument commonly known as a "security";
- 20 or a certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or
- 21 interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or
- 22 right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. All of the
- 23 following apply to the term security:
- 24 (i) The term includes a contractual or quasi-contractual
- 25 arrangement that meets all of the following:
- 26 (A) A person furnishes capital, other than services, to an
- issuer under the arrangement.

- 1 (B) A portion of the capital furnished under sub-subparagraph
- 2 (A) is subjected to the risks of the issuer's enterprise.
- 3 (C) The furnishing of capital under sub-subparagraph (A) is
- 4 induced by representations made by an issuer, promoter, or the
- 5 issuer's or promoter's affiliates which give rise to a reasonable
- 6 understanding that a valuable tangible benefit will accrue to the
- 7 person furnishing the capital as a result of the operation of the
- 8 enterprise.
- 9 (D) The person furnishing the capital under sub-subparagraph
- 10 (A) does not intend to be actively involved in the management of
- 11 the enterprise in a meaningful way.
- 12 (E) At the time the capital is furnished, a promoter or its
- 13 affiliates anticipate that financial gain may be realized as a
- 14 result of the furnishing.
- 15 (ii) The term includes both a certificated and an
- 16 uncertificated security.
- 17 (iii) The term does not include an insurance or endowment policy
- 18 or annuity contract under which an insurance company promises to
- 19 pay a fixed or variable sum of money either in a lump sum or
- 20 periodically for life or other specified period.
- (iv) The term does not include an interest in a contributory or
- 22 noncontributory pension or welfare plan subject to the employee
- 23 retirement income security act of 1974.
- (v) The term includes an investment in a common enterprise
- 25 with the expectation of profits to be derived primarily from the
- 26 efforts of a person other than the investor. As used in this
- 27 subparagraph, a "common enterprise" means an enterprise in which

- 1 the fortunes of the investor are interwoven with those of either
- 2 the person offering the investment, a third party, or other
- 3 investors.
- 4 (vi) The term may include, as an investment contract, an
- 5 interest in a limited partnership, a limited liability company, or
- 6 a limited liability partnership.
- 7 (d) "Self-regulatory organization" means a national securities
- 8 exchange registered under the securities exchange act of 1934, a
- 9 national securities association of broker-dealers registered under
- 10 the securities exchange act of 1934, a clearing agency registered
- 11 under the securities exchange act of 1934, or the municipal
- 12 securities rule-making board established under the securities
- 13 exchange act of 1934.
- 14 (e) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt
- 15 a record, either of the following:
- 16 (i) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol.
- 17 (ii) To attach or logically associate with the record an
- 18 electronic symbol, sound, or process.
- 19 (f) "State" means a state of the United States, the District
- 20 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
- 21 Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
- 22 the jurisdiction of the United States.
- 23 Sec. 103. (1) Subject to subsection (2), as used in this act:
- 24 (a) "Commodity exchange act" means the commodity exchange act,
- 25 7 USC 1 to 27f.
- 26 (b) "Electronic signatures in global and national commerce
- 27 act" means the electronic signatures in global and national

- 1 commerce act, 15 USC 7001 to 7031.
- 2 (c) "Employee retirement income security act of 1974" means
- 3 the employee retirement income security act of 1974, 29 USC 1001 to
- **4** 1461.
- 5 (d) "Internal revenue code" means the internal revenue code of
- 6 1986, 26 USC 1 to 9833.
- 7 (e) "Investment advisers act of 1940" means the investment
- 8 advisers act of 1940, 15 USC 80b-1 to 80b-21.
- 9 (f) "Investment company act of 1940" means the investment
- 10 company act of 1940, 15 USC 80a-1 to 80a-64.
- 11 (g) "National housing act" means the national housing act, 12
- **12** USC 1701 to 1750g.
- 13 (h) "Public utility holding company act of 1935" means the
- 14 public utility holding company act of 1935, 15 USC 79 to 79z-6.
- 15 (i) "Securities act of 1933" means the securities act of 1933,
- 16 15 USC 77a to 77aa.
- 17 (j) "Securities exchange act of 1934" means the securities
- 18 exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78a to 78nn.
- 19 (k) "Securities investor protection act of 1970" means the
- 20 securities investor protection act of 1970, 15 USC 78aaa to 78lll.
- 21 (l) "Securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998" means
- 22 the securities litigation uniform standards act of 1998, Public Law
- 23 105-353, 112 Stat. 3227.
- 24 (m) "Small business investment act of 1958" means the small
- 25 business investment act of 1958, 15 USC 661 to 697g.
- (2) A reference in this act to a federal statute defined in
- 27 subsection (1) includes that statute and the rules and regulations

- 1 adopted under that statute. The administrator may, by rule or
- 2 order, adopt an amendment or successor to a federal statute defined
- 3 in subsection (1) or rules and regulations adopted under a federal
- 4 statute defined in subsection (1), a federal statute that is
- 5 similar to a federal statute defined in subsection (1), or a rule
- 6 or regulation that is similar to a rule or regulation adopted under
- 7 a federal statute defined in subsection (1).
- 8 Sec. 104. Any reference in this act to an agency or department
- 9 of the United States is also a reference to any successor agency,
- 10 department, or entity of that agency or department.
- 11 Sec. 105. This act modifies, limits, and supersedes the
- 12 electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, but does
- 13 not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act, 15 USC
- 14 7001, or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices
- described in section 103(b) of that act, 15 USC 7003. This act
- 16 authorizes the filing of records and signatures, when specified by
- 17 provisions of this act or by a rule or order under this act, in a
- 18 manner consistent with section 104(a) of that act, 15 USC 7004.
- 19 ARTICLE 2
- 20 EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES
- Sec. 201. The following securities are exempt from the
- requirements of sections 301 to 306 and 504:
- 23 (a) A security, including a revenue obligation or a separate
- 24 security as defined in rule 131 adopted under the securities act of
- 25 1933, 17 CFR 230.131, issued, insured, or guaranteed by the United
- 26 States; by a state; by a political subdivision of a state; by a
- 27 public authority, agency, or instrumentality of 1 or more states;

- 1 by a political subdivision of 1 or more states; or by a person
- 2 controlled or supervised by and acting as an instrumentality of the
- 3 United States under authority granted by the Congress; or a
- 4 certificate of deposit for any of the foregoing.
- 5 (b) A security issued, insured, or guaranteed by a foreign
- 6 government with which the United States maintains diplomatic
- 7 relations, or any of its political subdivisions, if the security is
- 8 recognized as a valid obligation by the issuer, insurer, or
- 9 quarantor.
- 10 (c) A security issued by and representing, or that will
- 11 represent an interest in or a direct obligation of, or be
- 12 guaranteed by, any of the following:
- 13 (i) An international banking institution.
- 14 (ii) A banking institution organized under the laws of the
- 15 United States; a member bank of the federal reserve system; or a
- 16 depository institution a substantial portion of the business of
- 17 which consists or will consist of either receiving deposits or
- 18 share accounts that are insured to the maximum amount authorized by
- 19 statute by the federal deposit insurance corporation, the national
- 20 credit union share insurance fund, or a successor authorized by
- 21 federal law or exercising fiduciary powers that are similar to
- 22 those permitted for national banks under the authority of the
- 23 comptroller of currency pursuant to 12 USC 92a.
- 24 (iii) Any other depository institution, unless by rule or order
- 25 the administrator proceeds under section 204.
- 26 (d) A security issued by and representing an interest in, or a
- 27 debt of, or insured or guaranteed by, an insurance company

- 1 authorized to do business in this state.
- 2 (e) A security issued or guaranteed by a railroad, other
- 3 common carrier, public utility, or public utility holding company
- 4 that is any of the following:
- 5 (i) Regulated in respect to its rates and charges by the United
- 6 States or a state.
- 7 (ii) Regulated in respect to the issuance or guarantee of the
- 8 security by the United States, a state, Canada, or a Canadian
- **9** province or territory.
- 10 (iii) A public utility holding company registered under the
- 11 public utility holding company act of 1935 or a subsidiary of a
- 12 registered holding company within the meaning of that act.
- 13 (f) A federal covered security specified in section 18(b)(1)
- 14 of the securities act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, or a security listed or
- 15 approved for listing on another securities market specified by rule
- 16 under this act; a put or a call option contract; warrant; a
- 17 subscription right on or with respect to those securities; or an
- 18 option or similar derivative security on a security or an index of
- 19 securities or foreign currencies issued by a clearing agency
- 20 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934 and listed or
- 21 designated for trading on a national securities exchange, a
- 22 facility of a national securities exchange, or a facility of a
- 23 national securities association registered under the securities
- 24 exchange act of 1934 or an offer or sale, of the underlying
- 25 security in connection with the offer, sale, or exercise of an
- 26 option or other security that was exempt when the option or other
- 27 security was written or issued; or an option or a derivative

- 1 security designated by the securities and exchange commission under
- 2 section 9(b) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78i.
- 3 (g) A security issued by a person organized and operated
- 4 exclusively for religious, educational, benevolent, fraternal,
- 5 charitable, social, athletic, or reformatory purposes, or as a
- 6 chamber of commerce, and not for pecuniary profit, no part of the
- 7 net earnings of which inures to the benefit of a private
- 8 stockholder or other person, or a security of a company that is
- 9 excluded from the definition of an investment company under section
- 10 3(c)(10)(B) of the investment company act of 1940, 15 USC 80a-3.
- 11 With respect to the offer or sale of a note, bond, debenture, or
- 12 other evidence of indebtedness by a person described in this
- 13 subdivision, the administrator by rule may limit the availability
- 14 of this exemption by classifying securities, persons, and
- 15 transactions, imposing different requirements for different
- 16 classes, specifying with respect to subparagraph (ii) the scope of
- 17 the exemption and the grounds for denial or suspension, and
- 18 requiring an issuer to meet 1 or more of the following:
- 19 (i) To file a notice specifying the material terms of the
- 20 proposed offer or sale and copies of any proposed sales and
- 21 advertising literature to be used and provide that the exemption
- 22 becomes effective if the administrator does not disallow the
- 23 exemption within the period established by the rule.
- (ii) To file a request for exemption authorization for which a
- 25 rule under this act may specify the scope of the exemption; the
- 26 requirement of an offering statement; the filing of sales and
- 27 advertising literature; the filing of consent to service of process

- 1 complying with section 611; and grounds for denial or suspension of
- 2 the exemption.
- 3 (iii) To register under section 304.
- 4 (h) A member's or owner's interest in, or a retention
- 5 certificate or like security given in lieu of a cash patronage
- 6 dividend issued by, a cooperative organized and operated as a
- 7 nonprofit membership cooperative under the cooperative laws of a
- 8 state, but not a member's or owner's interest, retention
- 9 certificate, or like security sold to persons other than bona fide
- 10 members of the cooperative.
- 11 (i) An equipment trust certificate in respect to equipment
- 12 leased or conditionally sold to a person, if any security issued by
- 13 the person would be exempt under this section or would be a federal
- 14 covered security under section 18(b)(1) of the securities act of
- **15** 1933, 15 USC 77r.
- 16 Sec. 202. (1) The following transactions are exempt from the
- 17 requirements of sections 301 to 306 and 504:
- 18 (a) An isolated nonissuer transaction, whether effected by or
- 19 through a broker-dealer or not.
- 20 (b) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 21 registered or exempt from registration under this act, and a resale
- 22 transaction by a sponsor of a unit investment trust registered
- 23 under the investment company act of 1940, in a security of a class
- 24 that has been outstanding in the hands of the public for at least
- 25 90 days, if all of the following are met at the date of the
- 26 transaction:
- 27 (i) The issuer of the security is engaged in business, the

- 1 issuer is not in the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or
- 2 receivership, and the issuer is not a blank check, blind pool, or
- 3 shell company that has no specific business plan or purpose or has
- 4 indicated that its primary business plan is to engage in a merger
- 5 or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of, an
- 6 unidentified person.
- 7 (ii) The security is sold at a price reasonably related to its
- 8 current market price.
- 9 (iii) The security does not constitute the whole or part of an
- 10 unsold allotment to, or a subscription or participation by, the
- 11 broker-dealer as an underwriter of the security or a
- 12 redistribution.
- 13 (iv) A nationally recognized securities manual or its
- 14 electronic equivalent designated by rule or order under this act or
- 15 a record filed with the securities and exchange commission that is
- 16 publicly available contains all of the following:
- 17 (A) A description of the business and operations of the
- 18 issuer.
- 19 (B) The names of the issuer's executive officers and the names
- 20 of the issuer's directors, if any.
- 21 (C) An audited balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within
- 22 18 months before the date of the transaction or, in the case of a
- 23 reorganization or merger, and when the parties to the
- 24 reorganization or merger each had an audited balance sheet, a pro
- 25 forma balance sheet for the combined entity.
- 26 (D) An audited income statement for each of the issuer's 2
- 27 immediately previous fiscal years or for the period of existence of

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

- 1 outstanding security if the guarantor of the security files reports
- 2 with the securities and exchange commission under the reporting
- 3 requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the securities exchange act
- 4 of 1934, 15 USC 78m or 78o.
- (e) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 6 registered or exempt from registration under this act in a security
- 7 that meets 1 or more of the following:
- **8** (i) Is rated at the time of the transaction by a nationally
- 9 recognized statistical rating organization in 1 of its 4 highest
- 10 rating categories.
- 11 (ii) Has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend, if
- 12 both of the following are met:
- 13 (A) A default has not occurred during the current fiscal year
- 14 or within the 3 previous fiscal years or during the existence of
- 15 the issuer and any predecessor if less than 3 fiscal years, in the
- 16 payment of principal, interest, or dividends on the security.
- 17 (B) The issuer is engaged in business, is not in the
- 18 organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership, and is not
- 19 and has not been within the previous 12 months a blank check, blind
- 20 pool, or shell company that has no specific business plan or
- 21 purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to
- 22 engage in a merger or combination of the business with, or an
- 23 acquisition of, an unidentified person.
- 24 (f) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer
- 25 registered or exempt from registration under this act effecting an
- 26 unsolicited order or offer to purchase.
- 27 (g) A nonissuer transaction executed by a bona fide pledgee

- 1 without any purpose of evading this act.
- 2 (h) A nonissuer transaction by a federal covered investment
- 3 adviser with investments under management in excess of
- 4 \$100,000,000.00 acting in the exercise of discretionary authority
- 5 in a signed record for the account of others.
- 6 (i) A transaction in a security, whether or not the security
- 7 or transaction is otherwise exempt, in exchange for 1 or more bona
- 8 fide outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or
- 9 partly in exchange and partly for cash, if the terms and conditions
- 10 of the issuance and exchange or the delivery and exchange and the
- 11 fairness of the terms and conditions have been approved by the
- 12 administrator at a hearing.
- 13 (j) A transaction between the issuer or other person on whose
- 14 behalf the offering is made and an underwriter, or among
- 15 underwriters.
- 16 (k) A transaction in a note, bond, debenture, or other
- 17 evidence of indebtedness secured by a mortgage or other security
- 18 agreement if all of the following are met:
- 19 (i) The note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of
- 20 indebtedness is offered and sold with the mortgage or other
- 21 security agreement as a unit.
- 22 (ii) A general solicitation or general advertisement of the
- 23 transaction is not made.
- 24 (iii) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or given,
- 25 directly or indirectly, to a person not registered under this act
- 26 as a broker-dealer or as an agent.
- 27 (1) A transaction by an executor, administrator of an estate,

- 1 sheriff, marshal, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or
- 2 conservator.
- 3 (m) A sale or offer to sell to any of the following:
- 4 (i) An institutional investor.
- 5 (ii) A federal covered investment adviser.
- 6 (iii) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this act.
- 7 (n) A sale or an offer to sell securities by or on behalf of
- 8 an issuer, if the transaction is part of a single issue in which
- 9 all of the following are met:
- 10 (i) There are not more than 25 purchasers in this state during
- 11 any 12 consecutive months, other than those designated in
- 12 subdivision (m).
- 13 (ii) There is no general solicitation or general advertising
- 14 used in connection with the offer to sell or sale of the
- 15 securities.
- 16 (iii) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or given,
- 17 directly or indirectly, to a person other than a broker-dealer
- 18 registered under this act or an agent registered under this act for
- 19 soliciting a prospective purchaser in this state.
- 20 (iv) The issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in
- 21 this state other than those designated in subdivision (m) are
- 22 purchasing for investment.
- 23 (o) A transaction under an offer to existing security holders
- 24 of the issuer, including persons that at the date of the
- 25 transaction are holders of convertible securities, options, or
- 26 warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other than a
- 27 standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly,

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

- 1 connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities,
- 2 sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its
- 3 parent or subsidiary, and the other person, or its parent or
- 4 subsidiary, are parties.
- 5 (s) A rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 510.
- 6 (t) An offer or sale of a security to a person not resident in
- 7 this state and not present in this state if the offer or sale does
- 8 not constitute a violation of the laws of the state or foreign
- 9 jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is present and is
- 10 not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act.
- 11 (u) An offer or sale of a security pursuant to an employee's
- 12 stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or
- 13 similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan
- 14 interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan
- 15 or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the
- 16 issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the
- 17 majority-owned subsidiaries of the issuer's parent for the
- 18 participation of their employees including any of the following:
- 19 (i) Offers or sales of those securities to directors; general
- 20 partners; trustees, if the issuer is a business trust; officers; or
- 21 consultants and advisors.
- 22 (ii) Family members who acquire those securities from those
- 23 persons through gifts or domestic relations orders.
- 24 (iii) Former employees, directors, general partners, trustees,
- 25 officers, consultants, and advisors if those individuals were
- 26 employed by or providing services to the issuer when the securities
- were offered.

- 1 (iv) Insurance agents who are exclusive insurance agents of the
- 2 issuer, its subsidiaries or parents, or who derive more than 50% of
- 3 their annual income from those organizations.
- 4 (v) A transaction involving any of the following:
- 5 (i) A stock dividend or equivalent equity distribution, whether
- 6 the corporation or other business organization distributing the
- 7 dividend or equivalent equity distribution is the issuer or not, if
- 8 nothing of value is given by stockholders or other equity holders
- 9 for the dividend or equivalent equity distribution other than the
- 10 surrender of a right to a cash or property dividend if each
- 11 stockholder or other equity holder may elect to take the dividend
- 12 or equivalent equity distribution in cash, property, or stock.
- 13 (ii) An act incident to a judicially approved reorganization in
- 14 which a security is issued in exchange for 1 or more outstanding
- 15 securities, claims, or property interests, or partly in exchange
- 16 and partly for cash.
- 17 (iii) The solicitation of tenders of securities by an offeror in
- 18 a tender offer in compliance with rule 162 adopted under the
- 19 securities act of 1933, 17 CFR 230.162.
- 20 (w) Subject to subsection (2), a nonissuer transaction in an
- 21 outstanding security by or through a broker-dealer registered or
- 22 exempt from registration under this act, if both of the following
- 23 are met:
- 24 (i) The issuer is a reporting issuer in a foreign jurisdiction
- 25 designated in subsection (2)(a), or by rule or order of the
- 26 administrator, and has been subject to continuous reporting
- 27 requirements in the foreign jurisdiction for not less than 180 days

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

- 1 application of, condition, limit, or revoke an exemption created
- 2 under section 201(c)(iii), (g), or (h) or 202 or an exemption or
- 3 waiver created under section 203 with respect to a specific
- 4 security, transaction, or offer. An order under this section may
- 5 only be issued pursuant to the procedures in section 306(4) or 604.
- 6 (2) A person does not violate section 301, 303 to 306, 504, or
- 7 510 by an offer to sell, an offer to purchase, a sale, or a
- 8 purchase effected after the entry of an order issued under this
- 9 section if the person did not know, and in the exercise of
- 10 reasonable care could not have known, of the order.
- 11 ARTICLE 3
- 12 REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES AND NOTICE FILINGS OF FEDERAL COVERED
- 13 SECURITIES
- 14 Sec. 301. A person shall not offer or sell a security in this
- 15 state unless 1 or more of the following are met:
- 16 (a) The security is a federal covered security.
- 17 (b) The security, transaction, or offer is exempted from
- 18 registration under sections 201 to 203.
- (c) The security is registered under this act.
- 20 Sec. 302. (1) A rule or order under this act may require the
- 21 filing of 1 or more of the following records with respect to a
- 22 security issued by an investment company that is a federal covered
- 23 security as defined in section 18(b)(2) of the securities act of
- 24 1933, 15 USC 77r, that is not otherwise exempt under sections 201
- 25 to 203:
- 26 (a) Before the initial offer of a federal covered security in
- 27 this state, all records that are part of a federal registration

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

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

- 1 (i) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security in
- 2 this state during the 1-year renewal period of \$250,000.00 or less,
- **3** \$100.00.
- 4 (ii) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security in
- 5 this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- 6 \$250,000.00 but not more than \$700,000.00, \$400.00.
- 7 (iii) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security in
- 8 this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- 9 \$700,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00, \$800.00.
- 10 (iv) If the issuer projects nonexempt sales of the security in
- 11 this state during the 1-year renewal period of more than
- **12** \$1,000,000.00, \$1,400.00.
- 13 (b) For purposes of subdivision (a), an issuer's projection of
- 14 nonexempt sales of a security must be reasonable and based on any
- 15 facts known to the issuer at the time of renewal that may affect
- 16 sales of the security, including, but not limited to, nonexempt
- 17 sales of the security in this state during the current 1-year
- 18 notice filing period.
- 19 (c) If an issuer's nonexempt sales of a security in this state
- 20 during a 1-year notice filing period exceed the projections for
- 21 that period that the issuer had submitted to the administrator for
- 22 determination of the issuer's renewal fee for that 1-year notice
- 23 filing period, the issuer is not required to amend its projections
- 24 or pay an additional fee for that notice filing period. However,
- 25 the fee for renewal of the notice filing shall be the greater of
- 26 the following:
- 27 (i) The renewal fee determined under subdivision (a).

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

- 1 of a federal covered security in this state, except a federal
- 2 covered security under section 18(b)(1) of the securities act of
- 3 1933, 15 USC 77r. If the deficiency is corrected, the stop order is
- 4 void as of the time of its issuance and no other penalty may be
- 5 imposed by the administrator.
- 6 Sec. 303. (1) A security for which a registration statement
- 7 has been filed under the securities act of 1933 in connection with
- 8 the same offering may be registered by coordination under this
- 9 section.
- 10 (2) A registration statement and accompanying records under
- 11 this section must contain or be accompanied by all of the following
- 12 records in addition to the information specified in section 305 and
- 13 a consent to service of process complying with 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 date
- 27 of the registration statement, promptly after it is filed with the

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

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

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

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

- 1 agreement whose terms have not yet been determined, and a
- 2 description of the plan of distribution of any securities that are
- 3 to be offered otherwise than through an underwriter.
- 4 (i) The estimated monetary proceeds to be received by the
- 5 issuer from the offering, the purposes for which the proceeds are
- 6 to be used by the issuer, the estimated amount to be used for each
- 7 purpose, the order or priority in which the proceeds will be used
- 8 for the purposes stated, the amounts of any funds to be raised from
- 9 other sources to achieve the purposes stated, the sources of the
- 10 funds, and, if a part of the proceeds is to be used to acquire
- 11 property, including goodwill, otherwise than in the ordinary course
- 12 of business, the names and addresses of the vendors, the purchase
- 13 price, the names of any persons that have received commissions in
- 14 connection with the acquisition, and the amounts of the commissions
- 15 and other expenses in connection with the acquisition, including
- 16 the cost of borrowing money to finance the acquisition.
- 17 (j) A description of any stock options or other security
- 18 options outstanding, or to be created in connection with the
- 19 offering, and the amount of those options held or to be held by
- 20 each person required to be named in subdivision (b), (d), (e), (f),
- 21 or (h) and by any person that holds or will hold 10% or more in the
- 22 aggregate of those options.
- 23 (k) The dates of, parties to, and general effect concisely
- 24 stated of each managerial or other material contract made or to be
- 25 made otherwise than in the ordinary course of business to be
- 26 performed in whole or in part at or after the filing of the
- 27 registration statement or that was made within the previous 2

- 1 years, and a copy of the contract.
- 2 (l) A description of any pending litigation, action, or
- 3 proceeding to which the issuer is a party and that materially
- 4 affects its business or assets, including any litigation, action,
- 5 or proceeding known to be contemplated by governmental authorities.
- 6 (m) A copy of any prospectus, pamphlet, circular, form letter,
- 7 advertisement, or other sales literature intended as of the
- 8 effective date to be used in connection with the offering and any
- 9 solicitation of interest used in compliance with section 202(q)(ii).
- (n) A specimen or copy of the security being registered,
- 11 unless the security is uncertificated, a copy of the issuer's
- 12 articles of incorporation and bylaws, or their substantial
- 13 equivalents, in effect, and a copy of any indenture or other
- 14 instrument covering the security to be registered.
- 15 (o) A signed or conformed copy of an opinion of counsel
- 16 concerning the legality of the security being registered, with an
- 17 English translation if it is in a language other than English,
- 18 which states whether the security when sold will be validly issued,
- 19 fully paid, and nonassessable and, if a debt security, a binding
- 20 obligation of the issuer.
- (p) A signed or conformed copy of a consent of any accountant,
- 22 engineer, appraiser, or other person whose profession gives
- 23 authority for a statement made by the person, if the person is
- 24 named as having prepared or certified a report or valuation, other
- 25 than an official record, that is public, which is used in
- 26 connection with the registration statement.
- 27 (q) A balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within 4 months

- 1 before the filing of the registration statement, a statement of
- 2 income and a statement of cash flows for each of the 3 fiscal years
- 3 preceding the date of the balance sheet and for any period between
- 4 the close of the immediately previous fiscal year and the date of
- 5 the balance sheet, or for the period of the issuer's and any
- 6 predecessor's existence if less than 3 years, and, if any part of
- 7 the proceeds of the offering is to be applied to the purchase of a
- 8 business, the financial statements that would be required if that
- 9 business were the registrant.
- 10 (r) Any additional information or records required by rule or
- 11 order under this act.
- 12 (3) A registration statement under this section becomes
- 13 effective 30 days, or any shorter period provided by rule or order
- 14 under this act, after the date the registration statement or the
- 15 last amendment other than a price amendment is filed, if any of the
- 16 following apply:
- 17 (a) A stop order is not in effect and a proceeding is not
- 18 pending under section 306.
- 19 (b) The administrator has not issued an order under section
- 20 306 delaying effectiveness.
- (c) The applicant or registrant has not requested that
- 22 effectiveness be delayed.
- 23 (4) The administrator may delay effectiveness once for not
- 24 more than 90 days if the administrator determines the registration
- 25 statement is not complete in all material respects and promptly
- 26 notifies the applicant or registrant of that determination. The
- 27 administrator may also delay effectiveness for a further period of

- 1 not more than 30 days if the administrator determines that the
- 2 delay is necessary or appropriate.
- 3 (5) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 4 of registration under this section that a prospectus containing a
- 5 specified part of the information or record specified in subsection
- 6 (2) be sent or given to each person to which an offer is made,
- 7 before or concurrently with the earliest of any of the following:
- 8 (a) The first offer made in a record to the person otherwise
- 9 than by means of a public advertisement, by or for the account of
- 10 the issuer or another person on whose behalf the offering is being
- 11 made, or by an underwriter or broker-dealer that is offering part
- 12 of an unsold allotment or subscription taken by the person as a
- 13 participant in the distribution.
- 14 (b) The confirmation of a sale made by or for the account of
- 15 the person.
- 16 (c) Payment pursuant to the sale.
- (d) Delivery of the security pursuant to the sale.
- 18 Sec. 305. (1) A registration statement may be filed by the
- 19 issuer, a person on whose behalf the offering is to be made, or a
- 20 broker-dealer registered under this act.
- 21 (2) A person filing a registration statement shall pay a
- 22 filing fee of 1/10 of 1% of the maximum aggregate offering price at
- 23 which the registered securities are to be offered in this state,
- 24 but the fee shall in no case be less than \$100.00 or more than
- 25 \$1,250.00. If an application for registration is withdrawn before
- 26 the effective date or a preeffective stop order is issued under
- 27 section 306, the administrator shall retain a fee of \$100.00 if the

- 1 initial review has not been commenced, and the full filing fee
- 2 after review has been commenced.
- 3 (3) A registration statement filed under section 303 or 304
- 4 must specify all of the following:
- 5 (a) The amount of securities to be offered in this state.
- 6 (b) The states in which a registration statement or similar
- 7 record in connection with the offering has been or is to be filed.
- 8 (c) Any adverse order, judgment, or decree issued in
- 9 connection with the offering by a state securities regulator, the
- 10 securities and exchange commission, or a court.
- 11 (4) A record filed under this act or the predecessor act,
- 12 within 5 years preceding the filing of a registration statement,
- 13 may be incorporated by reference in the registration statement to
- 14 the extent that the record is currently accurate.
- 15 (5) In the case of a nonissuer distribution, information or a
- 16 record shall not be required under subsection (9) or section 304,
- 17 unless it is known to the person filing the registration statement
- 18 or to the person on whose behalf the distribution is to be made, or
- 19 unless it can be furnished by those persons without unreasonable
- 20 effort or expense.
- 21 (6) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 22 of registration that a security issued within the previous 5 years,
- 23 or to be issued to a promoter for a consideration substantially
- 24 less than the public offering price or to a person for a
- 25 consideration other than cash, be deposited in escrow and that the
- 26 proceeds from the sale of the registered security in this state be
- 27 impounded until the issuer receives a specified amount from the

- 1 sale of the security either in this state or elsewhere. The
- 2 conditions of any escrow or impoundment required under this
- 3 subsection may be established by rule or order under this act, but
- 4 the administrator shall not reject a depository institution solely
- 5 because of its location in another state.
- 6 (7) A rule or order under this act may require as a condition
- 7 of registration that a security registered under this act be sold
- 8 only on a specified form of subscription or sale contract and that
- 9 a signed or conformed copy of each contract be filed under this act
- 10 or preserved for a period specified by the rule or order, which may
- 11 not be longer than 5 years.
- 12 (8) Except while a stop order is in effect under section 306,
- 13 a registration statement is effective for 1 year after its
- 14 effective date, or for a longer period designated in an order under
- 15 this act during which the security is being offered or distributed
- in a nonexempted transaction by or for the account of the issuer or
- 17 other person on whose behalf the offering is being made or by an
- 18 underwriter or broker-dealer that is still offering part of an
- 19 unsold allotment or subscription taken as a participant in the
- 20 distribution. For the purposes of a nonissuer transaction, all
- 21 outstanding securities of the same class identified in the
- 22 registration statement as a security registered under this act are
- 23 considered to be registered while the registration statement is
- 24 effective. If any securities of the same class are outstanding, a
- 25 registration statement may not be withdrawn until 1 year after its
- 26 effective date. A registration statement may be withdrawn only with
- 27 the approval of the administrator.

- 1 (9) While a registration statement is effective, a rule or
- 2 order under this act may require the person that filed the
- 3 registration statement to file reports, not more often than
- 4 quarterly, to keep the information or other record in the
- 5 registration statement reasonably current and to disclose the
- 6 progress of the offering.
- 7 (10) A registration statement may be amended after its
- 8 effective date. The posteffective amendment becomes effective when
- 9 the administrator so orders. If a posteffective amendment is made
- 10 to increase the number of securities specified to be offered or
- 11 sold, the person filing the amendment shall pay a registration fee
- 12 calculated in the manner specified in subsection (2). A
- 13 posteffective amendment relates back to the date of the offering of
- 14 the additional securities being registered if the amendment is
- 15 filed and the additional registration fee is paid within 1 year
- 16 after the date of the sale.
- Sec. 306. (1) The administrator may issue a stop order denying
- 18 effectiveness to, or suspending or revoking the effectiveness of, a
- 19 registration statement if the administrator finds that the order is
- 20 in the public interest and that 1 or more of the following apply:
- 21 (a) The registration statement as of its effective date or
- 22 before the effective date in the case of an order denying
- 23 effectiveness, an amendment under section 305(10) as of its
- 24 effective date, or a report under section 305(9) is incomplete in a
- 25 material respect or contains a statement that, in the light of the
- 26 circumstances under which it was made, was false or misleading with
- 27 respect to a material fact.

- 1 (b) This act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act
- 2 or a condition imposed under this act has been willfully violated,
- 3 in connection with the offering, by the person filing the
- 4 registration statement; by the issuer, a partner, officer, or
- 5 director of the issuer or a person having a similar status or
- 6 performing a similar function; a promoter of the issuer or a person
- 7 directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by the issuer; but
- 8 only if the person filing the registration statement is directly or
- 9 indirectly controlled by or acting for the issuer; or by an
- 10 underwriter.
- 11 (c) The security registered or sought to be registered is the
- 12 subject of a permanent or temporary injunction of a court of
- 13 competent jurisdiction or an administrative stop order or similar
- 14 order issued under any federal, foreign, or state law other than
- 15 this act applicable to the offering, but the administrator shall
- 16 not institute a proceeding against an effective registration
- 17 statement under this paragraph more than 1 year after the date of
- 18 the order or injunction on which it is based, and the administrator
- 19 shall not issue an order under this subdivision on the basis of an
- 20 order or injunction issued under the securities act of another
- 21 state unless the order or injunction was based on conduct that
- would constitute, as of the date of the order, a ground for a stop
- 23 order under this section.
- 24 (d) The issuer's enterprise or method of business includes or
- 25 would include activities that are unlawful where performed.
- (e) With respect to a security sought to be registered under
- 27 section 303, there has been a failure to comply with the

- 1 undertaking required by section 303(2)(d).
- 2 (f) The applicant or registrant has not paid the proper filing
- 3 fee, but the administrator shall void the order if the deficiency
- 4 is corrected.
- 5 (g) One or more of the following apply to the offering:
- 6 (i) The offering will work or tend to work a fraud upon
- 7 purchasers or would so operate.
- 8 (ii) The offering has been or would be made with unreasonable
- 9 amounts of underwriters' and sellers' discounts, commissions, or
- 10 other compensation, promoters' profits or participations, or
- 11 unreasonable amounts or kinds of options.
- 12 (iii) The offering is being made on terms that are unfair,
- 13 unjust, or inequitable.
- 14 (2) To the extent practicable, the administrator by rule or
- 15 order under this act shall publish guidelines, rules, or orders
- 16 that provide notice of conduct that violates subsection (1)(g).
- 17 (3) The administrator shall not institute a stop order
- 18 proceeding against an effective registration statement on the basis
- 19 of conduct or a transaction known to the administrator when the
- 20 registration statement became effective unless the proceeding is
- 21 instituted within 30 days after the registration statement became
- 22 effective.
- 23 (4) The administrator may summarily revoke, deny, postpone, or
- 24 suspend the effectiveness of a registration statement pending final
- 25 determination of an administrative proceeding. Upon the issuance of
- 26 the order, the administrator shall promptly notify each person
- 27 specified in subsection (5) that the order has been issued, the

- 1 reasons for the revocation, denial, postponement, or suspension,
- 2 and that within 15 days after the receipt of a request in a record
- 3 from the person the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a
- 4 hearing is not requested and none is ordered by the administrator,
- 5 within 30 days after the date of service of the order, the order
- 6 becomes final. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the
- 7 administrator, after notice of and opportunity for hearing for each
- 8 person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or
- 9 extend the order until final determination.
- 10 (5) The administrator shall not issue a stop order under this
- 11 section until all of the following have occurred:
- 12 (a) Appropriate notice has been given to the applicant or
- 13 registrant, the issuer, and the person on whose behalf the
- 14 securities are to be or have been offered.
- 15 (b) An opportunity for hearing has been given to the applicant
- 16 or registrant, the issuer, and the person on whose behalf the
- 17 securities are to be or have been offered.
- 18 (c) Findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record in
- 19 accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
- 20 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 21 (6) The administrator may modify or vacate a stop order issued
- 22 under this section if the administrator finds that the conditions
- 23 that caused its issuance have changed or that it is necessary or
- 24 appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of
- 25 investors.
- 26 Sec. 307. The administrator may waive or modify, in whole or
- 27 in part, any or all of the requirements of sections 302, 303, and

- 1 304(2) or the requirement of any information or record in a
- 2 registration statement or in a periodic report filed pursuant to
- **3** section 305(9).
- 4 ARTICLE 4
- 5 BROKER-DEALERS, AGENTS, INVESTMENT ADVISERS, INVESTMENT ADVISER
- 6 REPRESENTATIVES, AND FEDERAL COVERED INVESTMENT ADVISERS
- 7 Sec. 401. (1) A person shall not transact business in this
- 8 state as a broker-dealer unless the person is registered under this
- 9 act as a broker-dealer or is exempt from registration as a broker-
- 10 dealer under subsection (2) or (4).
- 11 (2) The following persons are exempt from the registration
- 12 requirement of subsection (1):
- 13 (a) A broker-dealer if the broker-dealer does not have a place
- 14 of business in this state and if the broker-dealer's only
- 15 transactions effected in this state are with any of the following:
- 16 (i) The issuer of the securities involved in the transactions.
- 17 (ii) A broker-dealer registered as a broker-dealer under this
- 18 act or not required to be registered as a broker-dealer under this
- **19** act.
- 20 (iii) An institutional investor.
- 21 (iv) A nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser with
- investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000.00 acting
- 23 for the account of others pursuant to discretionary authority in a
- 24 signed record.
- 25 (v) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of
- 26 residence is not in this state and the broker-dealer is registered
- 27 as a broker-dealer under the securities exchange act of 1934 or not

- 1 required to be registered under the securities exchange act of 1934
- 2 and is registered under the securities act of the state in which
- 3 the customer maintains a principal place of residence.
- 4 (vi) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of
- 5 residence is in this state but who was not present in this state
- 6 when the customer relationship was established, if both of the
- 7 following are met:
- 8 (A) The broker-dealer is registered under the securities
- 9 exchange act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the
- 10 securities exchange act of 1934 and is registered under the
- 11 securities laws of the state in which the customer relationship was
- 12 established and where the customer had maintained a principal place
- 13 of residence.
- 14 (B) Within 45 days after the customer's first transaction in
- 15 this state, the person files an application for registration as a
- 16 broker-dealer in this state and a further transaction is not
- 17 effected more than 75 days after the date on which the application
- 18 is filed, or, if earlier, the date on which the administrator
- 19 notifies the person that the administrator has denied the
- 20 application for registration or has stayed the pendency of the
- 21 application for good cause.
- (vii) Not more than 3 customers in this state during the
- 23 previous 12 months, in addition to those specified in subparagraphs
- 24 (i) to (vi) and under subparagraph (viii), if the broker-dealer is
- 25 registered under the securities exchange act of 1934 or not
- 26 required to be registered under the securities exchange act of 1934
- 27 and is registered under the securities act of the state in which

- 1 the broker-dealer has its principal place of business.
- 2 (viii) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this
- 3 act.
- 4 (b) A person that deals solely in United States government
- 5 securities and is supervised as a dealer in government securities
- 6 by the board of governors of the federal reserve system, the
- 7 comptroller of the currency, the federal deposit insurance
- 8 corporation, or the office of thrift supervision.
- 9 (c) A person licensed or registered as a mortgage broker,
- 10 mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer under the mortgage brokers,
- 11 lenders, and servicers licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651 to
- 12 445.1684, in the offer or sale of mortgage loans as defined in
- 13 section 1a of the mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers
- 14 licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651a.
- 15 (3) A broker-dealer, or an issuer engaged in offering,
- 16 offering to purchase, purchasing, or selling securities in this
- 17 state, shall not directly or indirectly employ or associate with an
- 18 individual to engage in an activity related to securities
- 19 transactions in this state if the registration of the individual is
- 20 suspended or revoked or the individual is barred from employment or
- 21 association with a broker-dealer, an issuer, an investment adviser,
- 22 or a federal covered investment adviser by an order of the
- 23 administrator under this act, the securities and exchange
- 24 commission, or a self-regulatory organization. A broker-dealer or
- 25 issuer does not violate this subsection if the broker-dealer or
- 26 issuer did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could
- 27 not have known of the suspension, revocation, or bar. If requested

- 1 by a broker-dealer or issuer and if good cause is shown, an order
- 2 under this act may modify or waive, in whole or in part, the
- 3 application of the prohibitions of this subsection.
- 4 (4) A rule or order under this act may permit any of the
- 5 following:
- **6** (a) A broker-dealer that is registered in Canada or other
- 7 foreign jurisdiction and that does not have a place of business in
- 8 this state to effect transactions in securities with or for, or
- 9 attempt to effect the purchase or sale of any securities by, any of
- 10 the following:
- 11 (i) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction who
- 12 is temporarily present in this state and with whom the broker-
- 13 dealer had a bona fide customer relationship before the individual
- 14 entered the United States.
- 15 (ii) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction
- 16 who is present in this state and whose transactions are in a self-
- 17 directed tax advantaged retirement plan of which the individual is
- 18 the holder or contributor in that foreign jurisdiction.
- 19 (iii) An individual who is present in this state, with whom the
- 20 broker-dealer customer relationship arose while the individual was
- 21 temporarily or permanently resident in Canada or the other foreign
- 22 jurisdiction.
- 23 (b) An agent who represents a broker-dealer that is exempt
- 24 under this subsection to effect transactions in securities or
- 25 attempt to effect the purchase or sale of any securities in this
- 26 state as permitted for a broker-dealer described in subsection
- **27** (4) (a).

- 1 Sec. 402. (1) An individual shall not transact business in
- 2 this state as an agent unless the individual is registered under
- 3 this act as an agent or is exempt from registration as an agent
- 4 under subsection (2).
- 5 (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from the
- 6 registration requirement of subsection (1):
- 7 (a) An individual who represents a broker-dealer in effecting
- 8 transactions in this state limited to those described in section
- 9 15(h)(2) of the securities exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78o.
- 10 (b) An individual who represents a broker-dealer that is
- 11 exempt under section 401(2) or (4).
- 12 (c) An individual who represents an issuer with respect to an
- 13 offer or sale of the issuer's own securities or those of the
- 14 issuer's parent or any of the issuer's subsidiaries, and who is not
- 15 compensated in connection with the individual's participation by
- 16 the payment of commissions or other remuneration based, directly or
- 17 indirectly, on transactions in those securities.
- 18 (d) An individual who represents an issuer and who effects
- 19 transactions in the issuer's securities exempted by section 202,
- 20 other than section 202(1)(k) or (n).
- 21 (e) An individual who represents an issuer who effects
- 22 transactions solely in federal covered securities of the issuer,
- 23 but an individual who effects transactions in a federal covered
- 24 security under section 18(b)(3) or 18(b)(4)(D) of the securities
- 25 act of 1933, 15 USC 77r, is not exempt if the individual is
- 26 compensated in connection with the agent's participation by the
- 27 payment of commissions or other remuneration based, directly or

- 1 indirectly, on transactions in those securities.
- 2 (f) An individual who represents a broker-dealer registered in
- 3 this state under section 401(1) or exempt from registration under
- 4 section 401(2) in the offer and sale of securities for an account
- 5 of a nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser with
- 6 investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000.00 acting
- 7 for the account of others pursuant to discretionary authority in a
- 8 signed record.
- 9 (g) An individual who represents an issuer in connection with
- 10 the purchase of the issuer's own securities.
- 11 (h) An individual who represents an issuer and who restricts
- 12 participation to performing clerical or ministerial acts.
- 13 (i) An employee of a person licensed or registered under the
- 14 mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act, 1987 PA
- 15 173, MCL 445.1651 to 445.1684, in the offer or sale of mortgage
- 16 loans as defined in section 1a of the mortgage brokers, lenders,
- 17 and servicers licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651a, when
- 18 acting as an employee of the licensed or registered person.
- 19 (j) Any other individual exempted by rule or order under this
- 20 act.
- 21 (3) The registration of an agent is effective only while the
- 22 agent is employed by or associated with a broker-dealer registered
- 23 under this act or an issuer that is offering, selling, or
- 24 purchasing its securities in this state.
- 25 (4) A broker-dealer, or an issuer engaged in offering,
- 26 selling, or purchasing securities in this state, shall not employ
- 27 or associate with an agent who transacts business in this state on

- 1 behalf of broker-dealers or issuers unless the agent is registered
- 2 under subsection (1) or exempt from registration under subsection
- **3** (2).
- 4 (5) An individual shall not act as an agent for more than 1
- 5 broker-dealer or more than 1 issuer at a time, unless the broker-
- 6 dealers or the issuers for which the agent acts are affiliated by
- 7 direct or indirect common control or are authorized by rule or
- 8 order under this act.
- 9 Sec. 403. (1) A person shall not transact business in this
- 10 state as an investment adviser unless the person is registered
- 11 under this act as an investment adviser or is exempt from
- 12 registration as an investment adviser under subsection (2).
- 13 (2) The following persons are exempt from the registration
- 14 requirement of subsection (1):
- 15 (a) A person that does not have a place of business in this
- 16 state and that is registered under the securities act of the state
- 17 in which the person has its principal place of business, if its
- 18 only clients in this state are any of the following:
- 19 (i) Federal covered investment advisers, investment advisers
- 20 registered under this act, or broker-dealers registered under this
- 21 act.
- 22 (ii) Institutional investors.
- 23 (iii) Bona fide preexisting clients whose principal places of
- 24 residence are not in this state, if the investment adviser is
- 25 registered under the securities act of the state in which the
- 26 clients maintain principal places of residence.
- 27 (iv) Any other client exempted by rule or order under this act.

- 1 (b) A person that does not have a place of business in this
- 2 state if the person has had, during the preceding 12 months, not
- 3 more than 5 clients that are residents of this state in addition to
- 4 those specified under subdivision (a).
- 5 (c) The person is an investment adviser who is not required to
- 6 be registered as an investment adviser under the investment
- 7 advisers act of 1940 if the investment adviser's only clients in
- 8 this state are other investment advisers, federal covered advisers,
- 9 broker-dealers, or institutional investors.
- 10 (d) Any other person exempted by rule or order under this act.
- 11 (3) An investment adviser shall not, directly or indirectly,
- 12 employ or associate with an individual to engage in an activity
- 13 related to investment advice in this state if the registration of
- 14 the individual is suspended or revoked, or the individual is barred
- 15 from employment or association with an investment adviser, federal
- 16 covered investment adviser, or broker-dealer by an order under this
- 17 act, the securities and exchange commission, or a self-regulatory
- 18 organization, unless the investment adviser did not know, and in
- 19 the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the
- 20 suspension, revocation, or bar. If the investment adviser request
- 21 and good cause is shown, the administrator, by order, may waive, in
- 22 whole or in part, the application of the prohibitions of this
- 23 subsection.
- 24 (4) An investment adviser shall not employ or associate with
- 25 an individual required to be registered under this act as an
- 26 investment adviser representative who transacts business in this
- 27 state on behalf of the investment adviser unless the individual is

- 1 registered under section 404(1) or is exempt from registration
- 2 under section 404(2).
- 3 Sec. 404. (1) An individual shall not transact business in
- 4 this state as an investment adviser representative unless the
- 5 individual is registered under this act as an investment adviser
- 6 representative or is exempt from registration as an investment
- 7 adviser representative under subsection (2).
- 8 (2) Each of the following individuals is exempt from the
- 9 registration requirement of subsection (1):
- 10 (a) An individual who is employed by or associated with an
- 11 investment adviser that is exempt from registration under section
- 12 403(2) or a federal covered investment adviser that is excluded
- 13 from the notice filing requirements of section 405.
- 14 (b) Any other individual exempted by rule or order under this
- 15 act.
- 16 (3) The registration of an investment adviser representative
- 17 is not effective while the investment adviser representative is not
- 18 employed by or associated with an investment adviser registered
- 19 under this act or a federal covered investment adviser that has
- 20 made or is required to make a notice filing under section 405.
- 21 (4) An individual may transact business as an investment
- 22 adviser representative for more than 1 investment adviser or
- 23 federal covered investment adviser unless a rule or order under
- 24 this act prohibits or limits an individual from acting as an
- 25 investment adviser representative for more than 1 investment
- 26 adviser or federal covered investment adviser.
- 27 (5) An individual acting as an investment adviser

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

- 1 required to comply with subsection (3):
- 2 (a) A federal covered investment adviser without a place of
- 3 business in this state if its only clients in this state are any of
- 4 the following:
- 5 (i) Federal covered investment advisers, investment advisers
- 6 registered under this act, and broker-dealers registered under this
- **7** act.
- 8 (ii) Institutional investors.
- 9 (iii) Bona fide preexisting clients whose principal places of
- 10 residence are not in this state.
- 11 (iv) Other clients specified by rule or order under this act.
- 12 (b) A federal covered investment adviser that does not have a
- 13 place of business in this state if the federal covered investment
- 14 adviser has had, during the preceding 12 months, not more than 5
- 15 clients that are residents of this state in addition to those
- 16 specified under subdivision (a).
- 17 (c) Any other person excluded by rule or order under this act.
- 18 (3) A person acting as a federal covered investment adviser,
- 19 not excluded under subsection (2), shall file a notice, a consent
- 20 to service of process complying with section 611, and those records
- 21 that have been filed with the securities and exchange commission
- 22 under the investment advisers act of 1940 that are required by rule
- 23 or order under this act and pay the fees specified in section
- **24** 410(5).
- 25 (4) A notice under subsection (3) is effective on filing.
- 26 Sec. 406. (1) A person shall register as a broker-dealer,
- 27 agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative by

- 1 filing an application and a consent to service of process complying
- 2 with section 611 and paying the fee specified in section 410 and
- 3 any reasonable fees charged by the designee of the administrator
- 4 for processing the filing. Each application must contain both of
- 5 the following:
- 6 (a) The information or record required for the filing of a
- 7 uniform application.
- 8 (b) If requested by the administrator, any other financial or
- 9 other information or record that the administrator determines is
- 10 appropriate.
- 11 (2) If the information or record contained in an application
- 12 that is filed under subsection (1) is or becomes inaccurate or
- incomplete in any material respect, the registrant shall promptly
- 14 file a correcting amendment.
- 15 (3) If an order is not in effect and no proceeding is pending
- 16 under section 412, registration becomes effective at 12 noon on the
- 17 forty-fifth day after a completed application is filed unless the
- 18 registration is denied. A rule or order under this act may set an
- 19 earlier effective date or may defer the effective date until 12
- 20 noon on the forty-fifth day after the filing of any amendment
- 21 completing the application.
- 22 (4) A registration is effective until 12 midnight on December
- 23 31 of the year for which the application for registration is filed.
- 24 Unless an order is in effect under section 412, a registration may
- 25 be automatically renewed each year by filing the records required
- 26 by rule or order under this act and paying the fee specified in
- 27 section 410 and the costs charged by the designee of the

- 1 administrator for processing the filings.
- 2 (5) A rule or order under this act may impose other conditions
- 3 not inconsistent with the national securities markets improvement
- 4 act of 1996, Public Law 104-290, 110 Stat. 3416, or an order under
- 5 this act may waive, in whole or in part, specific requirements in
- 6 connection with registration if the imposition or waiver is
- 7 appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of
- 8 investors.
- 9 Sec. 407. (1) A broker-dealer or investment adviser may
- 10 succeed to the current registration of another broker-dealer or
- 11 investment adviser or a notice filing of a federal covered
- 12 investment adviser, and a federal covered investment adviser may
- 13 succeed to the current registration of an investment adviser or
- 14 notice filing of another federal covered investment adviser, by
- 15 filing as a successor an application for registration under section
- 16 401 or 403, or a notice under section 405, for the unexpired
- 17 portion of the current registration or notice filing.
- 18 (2) A broker-dealer or investment adviser that changes its
- 19 form of organization or state of incorporation or organization may
- 20 continue its registration by filing an amendment to its
- 21 registration if the change does not involve a material change in
- 22 its financial condition or management. The amendment is effective
- 23 when filed or on a date designated by the registrant in the filing.
- 24 The new organization is a successor to the original registrant for
- 25 the purposes of this act. If there is a material change in
- 26 financial condition or management, the broker-dealer or investment
- 27 adviser shall file a new application for registration. Any

- 1 predecessor registered under this act shall stop conducting its
- 2 securities business other than winding down transactions and shall
- 3 file for withdrawal of broker-dealer or investment adviser
- 4 registration within 45 days after filing its amendment to effect
- 5 succession.
- 6 (3) A broker-dealer or investment adviser that changes its
- 7 name may continue its registration by filing an amendment to its
- 8 registration. The amendment is effective when filed or on a date
- 9 designated by the registrant.
- 10 (4) A change of control of a broker-dealer or investment
- 11 adviser may be made in accordance with a rule or order under this
- **12** act.
- Sec. 408. (1) If an agent registered under this act terminates
- 14 employment by or association with a broker-dealer or issuer, or if
- 15 an investment adviser representative registered under this act
- 16 terminates employment by or association with an investment adviser
- 17 or federal covered investment adviser, or if either registrant
- 18 terminates activities that require registration as an agent or
- 19 investment adviser representative, the broker-dealer, investment
- 20 adviser, or federal covered investment adviser shall promptly file
- 21 a notice of termination. If the registrant learns that the broker-
- 22 dealer, issuer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment
- 23 adviser has not filed the notice, the registrant may file the
- 24 notice.
- 25 (2) If an agent registered under this act terminates
- 26 employment by or association with a broker-dealer registered under
- 27 this act and begins employment by or association with another

- 1 broker-dealer registered under this act; or if an investment
- 2 adviser representative registered under this act terminates
- 3 employment by or association with an investment adviser registered
- 4 under this act or a federal covered investment adviser that has
- 5 filed a notice under section 405 and begins employment by or
- 6 association with another investment adviser registered under this
- 7 act or a federal covered investment adviser that has filed a notice
- 8 under section 405, then upon the filing by or on behalf of the
- 9 registrant, within 30 days after the termination, of an application
- 10 for registration that complies with the requirement of section
- 11 406(1) and payment of the filing fee required under section 410, 1
- 12 of the following applies to the registration of the agent or
- investment adviser representative:
- 14 (a) If the agent's central registration depository record or
- 15 successor record or the investment adviser representative's
- 16 investment adviser registration depository record or successor
- 17 record does not contain a new or amended disciplinary disclosure
- 18 within the previous 12 months, the registration is immediately
- 19 effective as of the date of the completed filing.
- 20 (b) If the agent's central registration depository record or
- 21 the investment adviser representative's investment adviser
- 22 registration depository record contains a new or amended
- 23 disciplinary disclosure within the preceding 12 months, the
- 24 registration is temporarily effective as of the date of the
- 25 completed filing.
- 26 (3) If there are or were grounds for discipline under section
- 27 412, the administrator may withdraw a temporary registration within

- 1 30 days after the application is filed. If the administrator does
- 2 not withdraw the temporary registration within the 30-day period,
- 3 registration becomes automatically effective on the thirty-first
- 4 day after filing.
- 5 (4) The administrator may prevent the effectiveness of a
- 6 transfer of an agent or investment adviser representative under
- 7 subsection (2)(a) or (b) based on the public interest and the
- 8 protection of investors.
- 9 (5) If the administrator determines that a registrant or
- 10 applicant for registration is no longer in existence, has ceased to
- 11 act as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment
- 12 adviser representative, is the subject of an adjudication of
- 13 incapacity, is subject to the control of a committee, conservator,
- 14 or guardian, or cannot reasonably be located, a rule or order under
- 15 this act may require the registration be canceled or terminated or
- 16 the application denied. The administrator may reinstate a canceled
- 17 or terminated registration, with or without hearing, and may make
- 18 the registration retroactive.
- 19 Sec. 409. Withdrawal of registration by a broker-dealer,
- 20 agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative is
- 21 effective 60 days after an application to withdraw is filed or
- 22 within a shorter period as provided by rule or order under this
- 23 act, unless a revocation or suspension proceeding is pending when
- 24 the application is filed. If a proceeding is pending, withdrawal is
- 25 effective when and on conditions required by rule or order under
- 26 this act. The administrator may institute a revocation or
- 27 suspension proceeding under section 412 within 1 year after the

- 1 withdrawal became effective automatically and issue a revocation or
- 2 suspension order as of the last date on which registration was
- 3 effective if a proceeding is not pending.
- 4 Sec. 410. (1) Before October 1, 2007, a person shall pay a fee
- 5 of \$300.00 when initially filing an application for registration as
- 6 a broker-dealer and a fee of \$300.00 when filing a renewal of
- 7 registration as a broker-dealer. After September 30, 2007, a person
- 8 shall pay a fee of \$250.00 when initially filing an application for
- 9 registration as a broker-dealer and a fee of \$250.00 when filing a
- 10 renewal of registration as a broker-dealer. If the filing results
- in a denial or withdrawal, the administrator shall retain all of
- 12 the filing fee.
- 13 (2) Before October 1, 2007, an individual shall pay a fee of
- 14 \$65.00 when filing an application for registration as an agent, a
- 15 fee of \$65.00 when filing a renewal of registration as an agent,
- 16 and a fee of \$65.00 when filing for a change of registration as an
- 17 agent. After September 30, 2007, an individual shall pay a fee of
- 18 \$30.00 when filing an application for registration as an agent, a
- 19 fee of \$30.00 when filing a renewal of registration as an agent,
- 20 and a fee of \$30.00 when filing for a change of registration as an
- 21 agent. If the filing results in a denial or withdrawal, the
- 22 administrator shall retain all of the filing fee.
- 23 (3) Before October 1, 2007, a person shall pay a fee of
- 24 \$200.00 when filing an application for registration as an
- 25 investment adviser and a fee of \$200.00 when filing a renewal of
- 26 registration as an investment adviser. After September 30, 2007, a
- 27 person shall pay a fee of \$150.00 when filing an application for

- 1 registration as an investment adviser and a fee of \$150.00 when
- 2 filing a renewal of registration as an investment adviser. If the
- 3 filing results in a denial or withdrawal, the administrator shall
- 4 retain all of the filing fee.
- 5 (4) Before October 1, 2007, an individual shall pay a fee of
- 6 \$65.00 when filing an application for registration as an investment
- 7 adviser representative, a fee of \$65.00 when filing a renewal of
- 8 registration as an investment adviser representative, and a fee of
- 9 \$65.00 when filing a change of registration as an investment
- 10 adviser representative. After September 30, 2007, an individual
- 11 shall pay a fee of \$30.00 when filing an application for
- 12 registration as an investment adviser representative, a fee of
- 13 \$30.00 when filing a renewal of registration as an investment
- 14 adviser representative, and a fee of \$30.00 when filing a change of
- 15 registration as an investment adviser representative. If the filing
- 16 results in a denial or withdrawal, the administrator shall retain
- 17 all of the filing fee.
- 18 (5) Before October 1, 2007, a federal covered investment
- 19 adviser required to file a notice under section 405 shall pay an
- 20 initial and annual notice fee of \$200.00. After September 30, 2007,
- 21 a federal covered investment adviser required to file a notice
- 22 under section 405 shall pay an initial and annual notice fee of
- 23 \$150.00.
- 24 (6) A person required to pay a filing or notice fee under this
- 25 section may transmit the fee through or to a designee as a rule or
- 26 order requires under this act.
- 27 (7) An investment adviser representative who is registered as

- 1 an agent under section 402 and who represents a person that is both
- 2 registered as a broker-dealer under section 401 and registered as
- 3 an investment adviser under section 403 or required as a federal
- 4 covered investment adviser to make a notice filing under section
- 5 405 is not required to pay an initial or annual registration fee
- 6 for registration as an investment adviser representative.
- 7 Sec. 411. (1) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities act
- 8 of 1934, 15 USC 78o, or section 222 of the investment advisers act
- 9 of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a rule or order under this act may
- 10 establish minimum financial requirements for broker-dealers
- 11 registered or required to be registered under this act and
- 12 investment advisers registered or required to be registered under
- 13 this act.
- 14 (2) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of
- 15 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222(b) of the investment advisers act
- of 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a broker-dealer registered or required to
- 17 be registered under this act and an investment adviser registered
- 18 or required to be registered under this act shall file financial
- 19 reports required by rule or order under this act. If the
- 20 information contained in a record filed under this subsection is or
- 21 becomes inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, the
- 22 registrant shall promptly file a correcting amendment.
- 23 (3) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of
- 24 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222 of the investment advisers act of
- 25 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a broker-dealer registered or required to be
- 26 registered under this act and an investment adviser registered or
- 27 required to be registered under this act shall make and maintain

- 1 the accounts, correspondence, memoranda, papers, books, and other
- 2 records required by rule or order of the administrator. The records
- 3 required to be maintained under this subsection shall be maintained
- 4 as follows:
- 5 (a) Broker-dealer records may be maintained in any form of
- 6 data storage acceptable under section 17(a) of the securities
- 7 exchange act of 1934, 15 USC 78q, if they are readily accessible to
- 8 the administrator.
- 9 (b) Investment adviser records may be maintained in any form
- 10 of data storage required by rule or order under this act.
- 11 (4) The records of a broker-dealer registered or required to
- 12 be registered under this act and of an investment adviser
- 13 registered or required to be registered under this act are subject
- 14 to reasonable periodic, special, or other audits or inspections by
- 15 a representative of the administrator, in or outside of this state,
- 16 as the administrator considers necessary or appropriate in the
- 17 public interest and for the protection of investors. An audit or
- 18 inspection may be made at any time and without prior notice. The
- 19 administrator may copy and remove for audit or inspection copies of
- 20 all records the administrator reasonably considers necessary or
- 21 appropriate to conduct the audit or inspection. The administrator
- 22 may assess a reasonable charge for conducting an audit or
- 23 inspection under this subsection.
- 24 (5) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of
- 25 1934, 15 USC 780, or section 222 of the investment advisers act of
- 26 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, a rule or order under this act may require a
- 27 broker-dealer and investment adviser that has custody of or

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

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

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

- 1 date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness,
- 2 was incomplete in any material respect or contained a statement
- 3 that, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, was
- 4 false or misleading with respect to a 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 a
- 12 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 administrator
- 16 under this act or the predecessor act, a state, the securities and
- 17 exchange commission, or the United States from engaging in or
- 18 continuing an act, practice, or course of business involving an
- 19 aspect of a business involving securities, commodities,
- 20 investments, franchises, insurance, banking, or finance.
- 21 (e) The person is the subject of an order, issued after notice
- 22 and opportunity for hearing by any of the following:
- 23 (i) The securities or other financial services regulator of a
- 24 state, or the securities and exchange commission or other federal
- 25 agency denying, revoking, barring, or suspending registration as a
- 26 broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal covered
- 27 investment adviser, or investment adviser representative.

- 1 (ii) The securities regulator of a state or the securities and
- 2 exchange commission against a broker-dealer, agent, investment
- 3 adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered
- 4 investment adviser.
- 5 (iii) The securities and exchange commission or a self-
- 6 regulatory organization suspending or expelling the registrant from
- 7 membership in a self-regulatory organization.
- 8 (iv) A court adjudicating a United States postal service fraud.
- v) The insurance regulator of a state denying, suspending, or
- 10 revoking the license or registration of an insurance agent.
- 11 (vi) A depository institution or financial services regulator
- 12 suspending or barring the person from the depository institution or
- 13 other financial services business.
- 14 (f) The person is the subject of an adjudication or
- 15 determination, after notice and opportunity for hearing, by the
- 16 securities and exchange commission, the commodity futures trading
- 17 commission, the federal trade commission, a federal depository
- 18 institution regulator, or a depository institution, insurance, or
- 19 other financial services regulator of a state that the person
- 20 willfully violated the securities act of 1933, the securities
- 21 exchange act of 1934, the investment advisers act of 1940, the
- 22 investment company act of 1940, or the commodity exchange act, the
- 23 securities or commodities law of a state, or a federal or state law
- 24 under which a business involving investments, franchises,
- 25 insurance, banking, or finance is regulated.
- 26 (g) The person is insolvent, either because the person's
- 27 liabilities exceed the person's assets or because the person cannot

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

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

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

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

- 1 services as a finder.
- 2 (c) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a security
- 3 in violation of section 301. However, if the broker-dealer makes a
- 4 reasonable effort to ascertain if a registration has been effected
- 5 or an exemption order granted in this state or to ascertain the
- 6 basis for an exemption claim and does not have knowledge that the
- 7 proposed transaction would violate section 301, the broker-dealer's
- 8 activities as a finder do not violate section 301.
- 9 (d) Participate in the offer, purchase, or sale of a security
- 10 without obtaining information relative to the risks of the
- 11 transaction, the direct or indirect compensation to be received by
- 12 promoters, partners, officers, directors, or their affiliates, the
- 13 financial condition of the issuer, and the use of proceeds to be
- 14 received from investors, or fail to read any offering materials
- 15 obtained. This section does not require independent investigation
- 16 or alteration of offering materials furnished to the broker-dealer.
- 17 (e) Fail to inform or otherwise ensure disclosure to all
- 18 persons involved in the transaction as a result of the broker-
- 19 dealer's finding activities of any material information which the
- 20 broker-dealer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should
- 21 know based on the information furnished to the broker-dealer, is
- 22 material in making an investment decision, until conclusion of the
- 23 transaction.
- 24 (f) Locate, introduce, or refer persons that the broker-dealer
- 25 knows, or after a reasonable inquiry should know, are not suitable
- 26 investors by reason of their financial condition, age, experience,
- 27 or need to diversify investments.

1 ARTICLE 5

2 FRAUD AND LIABILITIES

- 3 Sec. 501. It is unlawful for a person, in connection with the
- 4 offer, sale, or purchase of a security, to directly or indirectly
- 5 do any of the following:
- 6 (a) Employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud.
- 7 (b) Make an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to
- 8 state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements
- 9 made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made,
- 10 not misleading.
- 11 (c) Engage in an act, practice, or course of business that
- 12 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit on another person.
- Sec. 502. (1) It is unlawful for a person that advises others
- 14 for compensation, either directly or indirectly or through
- 15 publications or writings, as to the value of securities or the
- 16 advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities, or
- 17 that, for compensation and as part of a regular business, issues or
- 18 promulgates analyses or reports relating to securities, to do any
- 19 of the following:
- (a) Employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud another
- 21 person.
- 22 (b) Engage in an act, practice, or course of business that
- 23 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.
- 24 (2) An investment adviser acting as a finder shall not do any
- 25 of the following:
- 26 (a) Take possession of funds or securities in connection with
- 27 the transaction for which payment is made for services as a finder.

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

- 1 knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know based on
- 2 the information furnished to him or her, is material in making an
- 3 investment decision, until conclusion of the transaction. This
- 4 subdivision does not require the finder to independently generate
- 5 information.
- 6 (f) Locate, introduce, or refer persons that the finder knows,
- 7 or after a reasonable inquiry should know, are not suitable
- 8 investors by reason of their financial condition, age, experience,
- 9 or need to diversify investments.
- 10 (3) A rule under this act may do any of the following:
- 11 (a) Define an act, practice, or course of business of an
- 12 investment adviser or an investment adviser representative, other
- 13 than a supervised person of a federal covered investment adviser,
- 14 as fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative, and prescribe means
- 15 reasonably designed to prevent investment advisers and investment
- 16 adviser representatives, other than supervised persons of a federal
- 17 covered investment adviser, from engaging in acts, practices, and
- 18 courses of business defined as fraudulent, deceptive, or
- 19 manipulative.
- 20 (b) Specify the contents of an investment advisory contract
- 21 entered into, extended, or renewed by an investment adviser.
- 22 Sec. 503. (1) In a civil action or administrative proceeding
- 23 under this act, a person claiming an exemption, exception,
- 24 preemption, or exclusion has the burden to prove the applicability
- 25 of the exemption, exception, preemption, or exclusion.
- 26 (2) In a criminal proceeding under this act, a person claiming
- 27 an exemption, exception, preemption, or exclusion has the burden of

- 1 going forward with evidence of the claim.
- 2 Sec. 504. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a rule or order under
- 3 this act may require the filing of a prospectus, pamphlet,
- 4 circular, form letter, advertisement, sales literature, or other
- 5 advertising record relating to a security or investment advice
- 6 addressed or intended for distribution to prospective investors,
- 7 including clients or prospective clients of a person registered or
- 8 required to be registered as an investment adviser under this act.
- 9 (2) This section does not apply to sales and advertising
- 10 literature specified in subsection (1) relating to a federal
- 11 covered security, a federal covered investment adviser, or a
- 12 security or transaction exempted by section 201, 202, or 203 except
- 13 as required under section 201(g).
- 14 Sec. 505. A person shall not make or cause to be made, in a
- 15 record that is used in an action or proceeding or filed under this
- 16 act, a statement that, at the time and in the light of the
- 17 circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading in a
- 18 material respect, or, in connection with the statement, omit to
- 19 state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in the
- 20 light of the circumstances under which it was made, not false or
- 21 misleading.
- Sec. 506. The filing of an application for registration, a
- 23 registration statement, a notice filing under this act, or the
- 24 registration of a person, the notice filing by a person, or the
- 25 registration of a security under this act does not constitute a
- 26 finding by the administrator that a record filed under this act is
- 27 true, complete, and not misleading. The filing or registration or

- 1 the availability of an exemption, exception, preemption, or
- 2 exclusion for a security or a transaction does not mean that the
- 3 administrator has passed upon the merits or qualifications of, or
- 4 recommended or given approval to, a person, security, or
- 5 transaction. A person shall not make or cause to be made to a
- 6 purchaser, customer, client, or prospective customer or client a
- 7 representation inconsistent with this section.
- 8 Sec. 507. A broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal
- 9 covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative is
- 10 not liable to another broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser,
- 11 federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser
- 12 representative for defamation relating to a statement that is
- 13 contained in a record required by the administrator, or designee of
- 14 the administrator, the securities and exchange commission, or a
- 15 self-regulatory organization, unless the person knew, or should
- 16 have known at the time that the statement was made, that it was
- 17 false in a material respect or the person acted in reckless
- 18 disregard of the statement's truth or falsity.
- 19 Sec. 508. (1) A person that willfully violates this act or a
- 20 rule adopted or order issued under this act, except section 504 or
- 21 the notice filing requirements of section 302 or 405, or that
- 22 willfully violates section 505 knowing the statement made to be
- 23 false or misleading in a material respect, is guilty of a felony
- 24 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine of
- 25 not more than \$500,000.00 for each violation, or both. An
- 26 individual convicted of violating a rule or order under this act
- 27 may be fined, but shall not be imprisoned, if the individual did

- 1 not have knowledge of the rule or order.
- 2 (2) The attorney general or the proper prosecuting attorney
- 3 may institute appropriate criminal proceedings under this act with
- 4 or without a reference from the administrator.
- 5 (3) This act does not limit the power of this state to punish
- 6 a person for conduct that constitutes a crime under other laws of
- 7 this state.
- 8 Sec. 509. (1) Enforcement of civil liability under this
- 9 section is subject to the securities litigation uniform standards
- **10** act of 1998.
- 11 (2) A person is liable to the purchaser if the person sells a
- 12 security in violation of section 301, or by means of an untrue
- 13 statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material
- 14 fact necessary in order to make the statement made, in light of the
- 15 circumstances under which it is made, not misleading, the purchaser
- 16 not knowing the untruth or omission, and the seller not sustaining
- 17 the burden of proof that the seller did not know and, in the
- 18 exercise of reasonable care, could not have known of the untruth or
- 19 omission. All of the following apply to an action under this
- 20 subsection:
- 21 (a) The purchaser may maintain an action to recover the
- 22 consideration paid for the security, less the amount of any income
- 23 received on the security, and interest at 6% per year from the date
- 24 of the purchase, costs, and reasonable attorney fees determined by
- 25 the court, upon the tender of the security, or for actual damages
- 26 as provided in subdivision (c).
- (b) The tender referred to in subdivision (a) may be made any

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

- 1 specified. If the purchaser no longer owns the security, the seller
- 2 may recover actual damages as provided in subdivision (c).
- 3 (c) Actual damages in an action arising under this subsection
- 4 are the difference between the price at which the security was sold
- 5 and the value the security would have had at the time of the sale
- 6 in the absence of the purchaser's conduct causing liability,
- 7 interest at 6% from the date of sale of the security, costs, and
- 8 reasonable attorney fees determined by the court.
- 9 (4) A person acting as a broker-dealer or agent that sells or
- 10 buys a security in violation of section 401(1), 402(1), or 506 is
- 11 liable to the customer. The customer, if a purchaser, may maintain
- 12 an action for recovery of actual damages as specified in subsection
- 13 (2) or, if a seller, a remedy as specified in subsection (3).
- 14 (5) A person acting as an investment adviser or investment
- 15 adviser representative that provides investment advice for
- 16 compensation in violation of section 403(1), 404(1), or 506 is
- 17 liable to the client. The client may maintain an action at law or
- 18 in equity to recover the consideration paid for the advice,
- 19 interest at 6% from the date of payment, costs, and reasonable
- 20 attorney fees determined by the court.
- 21 (6) A person that receives, directly or indirectly, any
- 22 consideration for providing investment advice to another person and
- 23 that employs a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud the other
- 24 person or engages in an act, practice, or course of business that
- 25 operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit on the other person
- 26 is liable to the other person. The person defrauded may maintain an
- 27 action to recover the consideration paid for the advice and the

- 1 amount of any actual damages caused by the fraudulent conduct that
- 2 gives rise to liability under this subsection, interest at 6% from
- 3 the date of the fraudulent conduct, costs, and reasonable attorney
- 4 fees determined by the court, less the amount of any income
- 5 received as a result of the fraudulent conduct. This subsection
- 6 does not apply to a broker-dealer or its agents if the investment
- 7 advice provided is solely incidental to transacting business as a
- 8 broker-dealer and no special compensation is received for the
- 9 investment advice.
- 10 (7) The following persons are liable jointly and severally
- 11 with and to the same extent as persons liable under subsections (2)
- **12** to (6):
- 13 (a) A person that directly or indirectly controls a person
- 14 liable under subsections (2) to (6), unless the controlling person
- 15 sustains the burden of proving that the controlling person did not
- 16 know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known,
- 17 of the existence of the conduct by reason of which the liability is
- 18 alleged to exist.
- 19 (b) An individual who is a managing partner, executive
- 20 officer, or director of a person liable under subsections (2) to
- 21 (6), including each individual having a similar status or
- 22 performing similar functions, unless the individual sustains the
- 23 burden of proving that the individual did not know and, in the
- 24 exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the existence
- 25 of the conduct by reason of which the liability is alleged to
- 26 exist.
- 27 (c) An individual who is an employee of or associated with a

- 1 person liable under subsections (2) to (6) and who materially aids
- 2 the conduct giving rise to the liability, unless the individual
- 3 sustains the burden of proving that the individual did not know
- 4 and, in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of
- 5 the existence of the conduct by reason of which the liability is
- 6 alleged to exist.
- 7 (d) A person that is a broker-dealer, agent, investment
- 8 adviser, or investment adviser representative that materially aids
- 9 the conduct giving rise to the liability under subsections (2) to
- 10 (6), unless the person sustains the burden of proving that the
- 11 person did not know and, in the exercise of reasonable care could
- 12 not have known, of the existence of the conduct by reason of which
- 13 liability is alleged to exist.
- 14 (8) A person liable under this section has a right of
- 15 contribution as in cases of contract against any other person
- 16 liable under this section for the same conduct.
- 17 (9) A cause of action under this section survives the death of
- 18 an individual who might have been a plaintiff or defendant.
- 19 (10) A person may not obtain relief if an action is not
- 20 commenced within 1 of the following time limits, as applicable:
- 21 (a) Under subsection (2) for violation of section 301, or
- 22 under subsection (4) or (5), unless the action is commenced within
- 23 1 year after the violation occurred.
- 24 (b) Under subsection (2), other than for violation of section
- 25 301, or under subsection (3) or (6), unless the action is commenced
- 26 within the earlier of 2 years after discovery of the facts
- 27 constituting the violation or 5 years after the violation occurred.

- 1 (11) A person that has made or engaged in the performance of a
- 2 contract in violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued
- 3 under this act, or that has acquired a purported right under the
- 4 contract with knowledge of the facts by reason of which its making
- 5 or performance was in violation of this act, may not base an action
- 6 on the contract.
- 7 (12) A condition, stipulation, or provision binding a person
- 8 purchasing or selling a security or receiving investment advice to
- 9 waive compliance with this act or a rule adopted or order issued
- 10 under this act is void.
- 11 (13) The rights and remedies provided by this act are in
- 12 addition to any other rights or remedies that may exist, but this
- 13 act does not create a cause of action not specified in this section
- **14** or section 411(5).
- 15 Sec. 510. A purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment
- 16 advice may not maintain an action under section 509 if all of the
- 17 following are met:
- 18 (a) The purchaser, seller, or recipient of investment advice
- 19 receives in a record, before the action is commenced, an offer that
- 20 does all of the following:
- 21 (i) States the respect in which liability under section 509 may
- 22 have arisen and fairly advises the purchaser, seller, or recipient
- 23 of investment advice of that person's rights in connection with the
- 24 offer, including financial or other information necessary to
- 25 correct all material misstatements or omissions in the information
- 26 that was required by this act to be furnished to that person at the
- 27 time of the purchase, sale, or investment advice.

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

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

- 1 (2) The administrator or officer, employee, or designee of the
- 2 administrator shall not use for personal benefit or the benefit of
- 3 others records or other information obtained by or filed with the
- 4 administrator that are not public under section 607(2). This act
- 5 does not authorize the administrator or an officer, employee, or
- 6 designee of the administrator to disclose the record or
- 7 information, except in accordance with section 602, 607(3), or 608.
- 8 (3) This act does not create or diminish any privilege or
- 9 exemption that exists at common law, by statute, by rule, or
- 10 otherwise.
- 11 (4) The administrator may develop and implement investor
- 12 education initiatives to inform the public about investing in
- 13 securities, with particular emphasis on the prevention and
- 14 detection of securities fraud. In developing and implementing these
- 15 initiatives, the administrator may collaborate with public and
- 16 nonprofit organizations with an interest in investor education. The
- 17 administrator may accept grants or donations from a person that is
- 18 not affiliated with the securities industry or from a nonprofit
- 19 organization, regardless of whether or not the organization is
- 20 affiliated with the securities industry, to develop and implement
- 21 investor education initiatives. This subsection does not authorize
- 22 the administrator to require participation or monetary
- 23 contributions of a registrant in an investor education program.
- 24 (5) All fees and civil fines received under this act shall be
- 25 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the administrator,
- 26 to be used pursuant to legislative appropriation by the
- 27 administrator in carrying out those duties required by law. After

- 1 the payment of the amounts appropriated by the legislature for the
- 2 necessary expenses incurred in the administration of this act, the
- 3 money remaining shall be credited to the general fund of this
- 4 state.
- 5 Sec. 602. (1) The administrator may do any of the following:
- 6 (a) Conduct public or private investigations in or out of this
- 7 state that the administrator considers necessary or appropriate to
- 8 determine whether any person has violated, is violating, or is
- 9 about to violate this act or a rule adopted or order issued under
- 10 this act, or to aid in the enforcement of this act or the adoption
- 11 of rules and forms under this act.
- 12 (b) Require or permit a person to testify, file a statement,
- 13 or produce a record, under oath or otherwise as the administrator
- 14 determines, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning a
- 15 matter to be investigated or about which an action or proceeding is
- 16 to be commenced.
- 17 (c) Publish a record concerning an action, proceeding, or
- 18 investigation under, or a violation of, this act or a rule adopted
- 19 or order issued under this act if the administrator determines it
- 20 is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the
- 21 protection of investors.
- 22 (2) For the purpose of an investigation under this act, the
- 23 administrator or a designated officer may administer oaths and
- 24 affirmations, subpoena witnesses, seek compulsion of attendance,
- 25 take evidence, require the filing of statements, and require the
- 26 production of any records that the administrator considers relevant
- 27 or material to the investigation.

- 1 (3) If a person fails to appear or refuses to testify, file a
- 2 statement, produce records, or otherwise fails to obey a subpoena
- 3 as required by the administrator under this act, the administrator
- 4 may refer the matter to the attorney general or the proper
- 5 prosecuting attorney, who may apply to the circuit court of Ingham
- 6 county or a court of another state to enforce compliance. The court
- 7 may do any of the following:
- 8 (a) Hold the person in contempt.
- 9 (b) Order the person to appear before the administrator.
- (c) Order the person to testify about the matter under
- 11 investigation or in question.
- 12 (d) Order the production of records.
- 13 (e) Grant injunctive relief, including restricting or
- 14 prohibiting the offer or sale of securities or the providing of
- 15 investment advice.
- 16 (f) Order a civil fine of not less than \$10,000.00 and not
- more than \$500,000.00 for each violation.
- (g) Grant any other necessary or appropriate relief.
- 19 (4) This section does not preclude a person from applying to
- 20 the circuit court of Ingham county or a court of another state for
- 21 appropriate relief from a request to appear, testify, file a
- 22 statement, produce records, or obey a subpoena.
- 23 (5) An individual is not excused from attending, testifying,
- 24 filing a statement, producing a record or other evidence, or
- 25 obeying a subpoena of the administrator under this act or in an
- 26 action commenced or proceeding instituted by the administrator
- 27 under this act on the ground that the required testimony,

- 1 statement, record, or other evidence, directly or indirectly, may
- 2 tend to incriminate the individual or subject the individual to a
- 3 criminal fine, penalty, or forfeiture. If the individual refuses to
- 4 testify, file a statement, or produce a record or other evidence on
- 5 the basis of the individual's privilege against self-incrimination,
- 6 the administrator may apply to the circuit court to compel the
- 7 testimony, the filing of the statement, the production of the
- 8 record, or the giving of other evidence. The testimony, record, or
- 9 other information compelled under a court order obtained under this
- 10 subsection shall not be used, directly or indirectly, against the
- 11 individual in a criminal case, except in a prosecution for perjury,
- 12 contempt, or otherwise failing to comply with the order.
- 13 (6) At the request of the securities regulator of another
- 14 state or a foreign jurisdiction, the administrator may provide
- 15 assistance if the requesting regulator states that it is conducting
- 16 an investigation to determine whether a person has violated, is
- 17 violating, or is about to violate a law or rule of the other state
- 18 or foreign jurisdiction relating to securities matters which the
- 19 requesting regulator administers or enforces. The administrator may
- 20 provide the assistance by using the authority to investigate and
- 21 the powers conferred by this section as the administrator
- 22 determines is necessary or appropriate. The assistance may be
- 23 provided without regard to whether the conduct described in the
- 24 request would also constitute a violation of this act or other law
- 25 of this state if occurring in this state. In deciding whether to
- 26 provide the assistance, the administrator may consider whether the
- 27 requesting regulator is permitted and has agreed to provide

- 1 assistance reciprocally within its state or foreign jurisdiction to
- 2 the administrator on securities matters when requested, whether
- 3 compliance with the request would violate or prejudice the public
- 4 policy of this state, and the availability of resources and
- 5 employees of the administrator to carry out the request for
- 6 assistance.
- 7 Sec. 603. (1) If it appears to the administrator that a person
- 8 has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act,
- 9 practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this
- 10 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, or that a
- 11 person has, is, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or
- 12 course of business that materially aids a violation of this act or
- 13 a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the administrator
- 14 may maintain an action in the circuit court to enjoin the act,
- 15 practice, or course of business and to enforce compliance with this
- 16 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- 17 (2) In an action under this section and upon a proper showing,
- 18 the court may do any of the following:
- 19 (a) Issue a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining
- 20 order, or a declaratory judgment.
- 21 (b) Issue an order for other appropriate or ancillary relief,
- 22 including any of the following:
- 23 (i) An asset freeze, accounting, writ of attachment, writ of
- 24 general or specific execution, and an appointment of a receiver or
- 25 conservator, which may be the administrator, for the defendant or
- 26 the defendant's assets.
- 27 (ii) An order to the administrator to take charge and control

- 1 of a defendant's property, including investment accounts and
- 2 accounts in a depository institution, rents, and profits, to
- 3 collect debts, and to acquire and dispose of property.
- 4 (iii) The imposition of a civil fine of not more than \$10,000.00
- 5 for a single violation or \$500,000.00 for multiple violations.
- 6 (iv) An order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement
- 7 directed to a person that has engaged in an act, practice, or
- 8 course of business constituting a violation of this act or the
- 9 predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or
- 10 the predecessor act.
- 11 (v) An order for the payment of prejudgment and postjudgment
- 12 interest.
- 13 (c) Granting other relief that the court considers
- **14** appropriate.
- 15 (3) The administrator shall not be required to post a bond in
- 16 an action under this section.
- Sec. 604. (1) If the administrator determines that a person
- 18 has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act,
- 19 practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this
- 20 act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, or that a
- 21 person has materially aided, is materially aiding, or is about to
- 22 materially aid an act, practice, or course of business constituting
- 23 a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under
- 24 this act, the administrator may do 1 or more of the following:
- 25 (a) Issue an order directing the person to cease and desist
- 26 from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to
- 27 take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this act.

- 1 (b) Issue an order denying, suspending, revoking, or
- 2 conditioning the exemptions for a broker-dealer under section
- 3 401(2) (a) (iv) or (vi) or an investment adviser under section
- **4** 403(2)(a)(*iii*).
- 5 (c) Issue an order under section 204.
- 6 (2) An order under subsection (1) is effective on the date of
- 7 issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the administrator shall
- 8 promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the
- 9 order and a notice that the order has been entered. The order must
- 10 include a statement of any civil penalty or costs of the
- 11 investigation the administrator will seek, a statement of the
- 12 reasons for the order, and notice that the matter will be scheduled
- 13 for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of a request in a record
- 14 from the person. If a person subject to the order does not request
- 15 a hearing and none is ordered by the administrator within 30 days
- 16 after the date of service of the order, the order, including any
- 17 civil penalty imposed or requirement for payment of the costs of
- 18 investigation sought in a statement in that order, becomes final as
- 19 to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or
- 20 ordered, the administrator, after notice of and opportunity for
- 21 hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate
- 22 the order or extend it until final determination.
- 23 (3) If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to
- 24 subsection (2), the hearing shall be held pursuant to the
- administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- 26 24.328. A final order shall not be issued unless the administrator
- 27 makes findings of fact and conclusions of law on the record

- 1 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
- 2 MCL 24.201 to 24.328. The final order may make final, vacate, or
- 3 modify the order issued under subsection (1).
- 4 (4) In a final order, the administrator may impose a civil
- 5 fine of not more than \$10,000.00 for a single violation or
- 6 \$500,000.00 for multiple violations.
- 7 (5) In a final order, the administrator may charge the actual
- 8 cost of an investigation or proceeding for a violation of this act
- 9 or a rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- 10 (6) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not
- 11 filed in accordance with section 609, the administrator may file a
- 12 certified copy of the final order with the clerk of a court of
- 13 competent jurisdiction. The filed order shall have the same effect
- 14 as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced, or
- 15 satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.
- 16 (7) If a person fails to comply with an order under this
- 17 section, the administrator may petition a court of competent
- 18 jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court shall not require the
- 19 administrator to post a bond. If the court finds, after service and
- 20 opportunity for hearing, that the person is not in compliance with
- 21 the order, the court may adjudge the person in civil contempt of
- 22 the order. The court may impose an additional civil penalty against
- 23 the person for contempt in an amount not less than \$10,000.00 or
- 24 more than \$500,000.00 for each violation and may grant any other
- 25 relief the court determines is just and proper in the
- 26 circumstances.
- 27 Sec. 605. (1) The administrator may do any of the following:

- 1 (a) Issue forms and orders and, after notice and comment, may
- 2 adopt and amend rules necessary or appropriate to carry out this
- 3 act, and may repeal rules, including rules and forms governing
- 4 registration statements, applications, notice filings, reports, and
- 5 other records.
- 6 (b) By rule, define terms, whether or not used in this act, if
- 7 the definitions are not inconsistent with this act.
- 8 (c) By rule, classify securities, persons, and transactions
- 9 and adopt different requirements for different classes.
- 10 (2) A rule or form shall not be adopted or amended or an order
- 11 issued or amended under this act unless the administrator finds
- 12 that the rule, form, order, or amendment is necessary or
- 13 appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of
- 14 investors and is consistent with the purposes intended by this act.
- 15 In adopting, amending, and repealing rules and forms, section 608
- 16 applies in order to achieve uniformity among the states and
- 17 coordination with federal laws in the form and content of
- 18 registration statements, applications, reports, and other records,
- 19 including in the adoption of uniform rules, forms, and procedures.
- 20 (3) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of
- 21 1934, 15 USC 780, and section 222 of the investment advisers act of
- 22 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, the administrator may require that a
- 23 financial statement filed under this act be prepared in accordance
- 24 with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States
- 25 and comply with other requirements specified by rule or order under
- 26 this act. A rule or order under this act may establish any of the
- 27 following:

- 1 (a) Subject to section 15(h) of the securities exchange act of
- 2 1934, 15 USC 780, and section 222 of the investment advisers act of
- 3 1940, 15 USC 80b-18a, the form and content of financial statements
- 4 required under this act.
- 5 (b) Whether unconsolidated financial statements must be filed.
- 6 (c) Whether required financial statements must be audited by
- 7 an independent certified public accountant.
- 8 (4) The administrator may provide interpretative opinions or
- 9 issue determinations that the administrator will not institute a
- 10 proceeding or an action under this act against a specified person
- 11 for engaging in a specified act, practice, or course of business if
- 12 the determination is consistent with this act. A rule or order
- 13 under this act may charge a reasonable fee for interpretative
- 14 opinions or determinations that the administrator will not
- 15 institute an action or a proceeding under this act.
- 16 (5) A penalty under this act shall not be imposed and
- 17 liability does not arise for conduct that is engaged in or omitted
- 18 in good faith conformity with a rule, form, or order of the
- 19 administrator under this act.
- 20 (6) A hearing in an administrative proceeding under this act
- 21 shall be conducted in public unless the administrator for good
- 22 cause consistent with the purposes intended by this act determines
- 23 that the hearing not be public.
- Sec. 606. (1) The administrator shall maintain, or designate a
- 25 person to maintain, a register of all applications for registration
- 26 of securities; registration statements; notice filings,
- 27 applications for registration of broker-dealers, agents, investment

- 1 advisers, and investment adviser representatives; notice filings by
- 2 federal covered investment advisers that are or have been effective
- 3 under this act or the predecessor act; notices of claims of
- 4 exemption from registration or notice filing requirements contained
- 5 in a record; orders issued under this act or the predecessor act;
- 6 and interpretative opinions or no-action determinations issued
- 7 under this act.
- 8 (2) The administrator shall make all rules, forms,
- 9 interpretative opinions, and orders available to the public.
- 10 (3) Upon request, the administrator shall furnish to a person
- 11 a copy of a record that is a public record or a certification that
- 12 the public record does not exist. A rule under this act may
- 13 establish a reasonable charge for furnishing the record. A copy of
- 14 the record certified or a certificate of its nonexistence by the
- 15 administrator is prima facie evidence of a record or its
- 16 nonexistence.
- Sec. 607. (1) Subject to subsection (2), records obtained by
- 18 the administrator or filed under this act, including a record
- 19 contained in or filed with any registration statement, application,
- 20 notice filing, or report, are public records and are available for
- 21 public examination.
- 22 (2) The following records are not public records and are not
- 23 available for public examination under subsection (1):
- 24 (a) A record obtained by the administrator in connection with
- 25 an audit or inspection under section 411(4) or an investigation
- 26 under section 602.
- (b) A part of a report filed in connection with a registration

- 1 statement under sections 301 and 303 through 305, or a record under
- 2 section 411(4), that contains trade secrets or confidential
- 3 information when the person filing the registration statement or
- 4 report has asserted a claim of confidentiality or privilege that is
- 5 authorized by law.
- 6 (c) A record that is not required to be provided to the
- 7 administrator or filed under this act and is provided to the
- 8 administrator only on the condition that the record will not be
- 9 subject to public examination or disclosure.
- 10 (d) A nonpublic record received from a person specified in
- **11** section 608.
- 12 (e) Any social security number, residential address unless
- 13 used as a business address, or residential telephone number unless
- 14 used as a business telephone number contained in a record that is
- 15 filed.
- 16 (f) A record obtained by the administrator through a designee
- 17 of the administrator that is determined by a rule or order under
- 18 this act to have been either of the following:
- 19 (i) Appropriately expunded from the administrator's records by
- 20 that designee.
- 21 (ii) Appropriately determined to be nonpublic or nondisclosable
- 22 by that designee if the administrator finds that this is in the
- 23 public interest and for the protection of investors.
- 24 (3) The administrator may disclose a record obtained in
- 25 connection with an audit or inspection under section 411(4) or a
- 26 record obtained in connection with an investigation under section
- 27 602 if disclosure is for the purpose of a civil, administrative, or

- 1 criminal investigation, action, or proceeding or to a person
- 2 specified in section 608(1).
- 3 Sec. 608. (1) The administrator shall, in its discretion,
- 4 cooperate, coordinate, consult, and, subject to section 607, share
- 5 records and information with the securities regulators of 1 or more
- 6 states, Canada or 1 or more of its provinces or territories, 1 or
- 7 more foreign jurisdictions, the securities and exchange commission,
- 8 the United States department of justice, the commodity futures
- 9 trading commission, the federal trade commission, the securities
- 10 investor protection corporation, a self-regulatory organization, a
- 11 national or international organization of securities regulators,
- 12 federal or state banking and insurance regulators, and any
- 13 governmental law enforcement agency, in order to effectuate greater
- 14 uniformity in securities matters among the federal government,
- 15 self-regulatory organizations, and state and foreign governments.
- 16 (2) In cooperating, coordinating, consulting, and sharing
- 17 records and information under this section and in acting by rule,
- 18 order, or waiver under this act, the administrator shall, in the
- 19 discretion of the administrator, take into consideration in
- 20 carrying out the public interest the following general policies:
- 21 (a) Maximizing effectiveness of regulation for the protection
- 22 of investors.
- 23 (b) Maximizing uniformity in federal and state regulatory
- 24 standards.
- (c) Minimizing burdens on the business of capital formation,
- 26 without adversely affecting essentials of investor protection.
- 27 (3) The cooperation, coordination, consultation, and sharing

- 1 of records and information authorized by this section includes:
- 2 (a) Establishing or employing 1 or more designees as a central
- 3 depository for registration and notice filings under this act and
- 4 for records required or allowed to be maintained under this act.
- 5 (b) Developing and maintaining uniform forms.
- 6 (c) Conducting a joint examination or investigation.
- 7 (d) Holding a joint administrative hearing.
- 8 (e) Instituting and prosecuting a joint civil or
- 9 administrative proceeding.
- 10 (f) Sharing and exchanging personnel.
- 11 (g) Coordinating registrations under sections 301 and 401
- 12 through 404 and exemptions under section 203.
- (h) Sharing and exchanging records.
- 14 (i) Formulating rules, statements of policy, guidelines,
- 15 forms, and interpretative opinions and releases.
- 16 (j) Formulating common systems and procedures.
- 17 (k) Notifying the public of proposed rules, forms, statements
- 18 of policy, and guidelines.
- (l) Attending conferences and other meetings among securities
- 20 regulators, which may include representatives of governmental and
- 21 private organizations involved in capital formation, considered to
- 22 be necessary or appropriate to promote or achieve uniformity.
- (m) Developing and maintaining a uniform exemption from
- 24 registration for small issuers and taking other steps to reduce the
- 25 burden of raising investment capital by small businesses.
- 26 Sec. 609. (1) Final orders issued by the administrator under
- 27 this act are subject to judicial review pursuant to the

- 1 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to
- 2 24.328.
- 3 (2) Rules adopted under this act are subject to judicial
- 4 review pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969
- 5 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- 6 Sec. 610. (1) Sections 301, 302, 401(1), 402(1), 403(1),
- 7 404(1), 501, 506, 509, and 510 apply to a person that sells or
- 8 offers to sell a security if the offer to sell or the sale is made
- 9 in this state or the offer to purchase or the purchase is made and
- 10 accepted in this state.
- 11 (2) Sections 401(1), 402(1), 403(1), 404(1), 501, 506, 509,
- 12 and 510 apply to a person that purchases or offers to purchase a
- 13 security if the offer to purchase or the purchase is made in this
- 14 state or the offer to sell or the sale is made and accepted in this
- 15 state.
- 16 (3) For the purpose of this section, an offer to sell or to
- 17 purchase a security is made in this state, whether or not either
- 18 party is then present in this state, if either of the following
- **19** apply to the offer:
- 20 (a) It originates from this state.
- 21 (b) It is directed by the offeror to a place in this state and
- 22 received at the place to which it is directed.
- 23 (4) For purposes of this section, an offer to purchase or to
- 24 sell is accepted in this state whether or not either party is then
- 25 present in this state, if both of the following apply to the
- 26 acceptance:
- 27 (a) It is communicated to the offeror in this state, the

- 1 offeree reasonably believes the offeror to be present in this
- 2 state, and the acceptance is received at the place in this state to
- 3 which it is directed.
- 4 (b) It has not previously been communicated to the offeror,
- 5 orally or in a record, outside this state.
- 6 (5) An offer to sell or to purchase is not made in this state
- 7 when a publisher circulates or there is circulated on the
- 8 publisher's behalf in this state a bona fide newspaper or other
- 9 publication of general, regular, and paid circulation that is not
- 10 published in this state, or that is published in this state but has
- 11 had more than 2/3 of its circulation outside this state during the
- 12 previous 12 months, or when a radio or television program or other
- 13 electronic communication originating outside this state is received
- 14 in this state. A radio, television program, or other electronic
- 15 communication is considered as having originated in this state if
- 16 either the broadcast studio or the originating source of
- 17 transmission is located in this state, unless any of the following
- 18 are met:
- 19 (a) The program or communication is syndicated and distributed
- 20 from outside this state for redistribution to the general public in
- 21 this state.
- 22 (b) The program or communication is supplied by a radio,
- 23 television, or other electronic network with the electronic signal
- 24 originating from outside this state for redistribution to the
- 25 general public in this state.
- (c) The program or communication is an electronic
- 27 communication that originates outside this state and is captured

- 1 for redistribution to the general public in this state by a
- 2 community antenna or cable, radio, cable television, or other
- 3 electronic system.
- 4 (d) The program or communication consists of an electronic
- 5 communication that originates in this state, but which is not
- 6 intended for distribution to the general public in this state.
- 7 (6) Sections 403(1), 404(1), 405(1), 502, 505, and 506 apply
- 8 to a person if the person engages in an act, practice, or course of
- 9 business instrumental in effecting prohibited or actionable conduct
- 10 in this state, whether or not either party is then present in this
- 11 state.
- Sec. 611. (1) A consent to service of process complying with
- 13 this section required by this act must be signed and filed in the
- 14 form required by a rule or order under this act. A consent
- 15 appointing the administrator the person's agent for service of
- 16 process in a noncriminal action or proceeding against the person,
- 17 or the person's successor, or personal representative under this
- 18 act or a rule adopted or order issued by the administrator under
- 19 this act after the consent is filed, has the same force and
- 20 validity as if the service were made personally on the person
- 21 filing the consent. A person that has filed a consent complying
- 22 with this subsection in connection with a previous application for
- 23 registration or notice filing need not file an additional consent.
- 24 (2) If a person, including a nonresident of this state,
- 25 engages in an act, practice, or course of business prohibited or
- 26 made actionable by this act or a rule adopted or order issued by
- 27 the administrator under this act and the person has not filed a

- 1 consent to service of process under subsection (1), that act,
- 2 practice, or course of business constitutes the appointment of the
- 3 administrator as the person's agent for service of process in a
- 4 noncriminal action or proceeding against the person, the person's
- 5 successor, or personal representative.
- 6 (3) Service under subsection (1) or (2) may be made by
- 7 providing a copy of the process to the office of the administrator,
- 8 but it is not effective unless both of the following are met:
- 9 (a) The plaintiff, which may be the administrator, promptly
- 10 sends notice of the service and a copy of the process, return
- 11 receipt requested, to the defendant or respondent at the address
- 12 given in the consent to service of process or, if a consent to
- 13 service of process has not been filed, at the last known address,
- 14 or takes other reasonable steps to give notice.
- 15 (b) The plaintiff files an affidavit of compliance with this
- 16 subsection in the action or proceeding on or before the return day
- 17 of the process, if any, or within the time that the court or the
- 18 administrator in a proceeding before the administrator allows.
- 19 (4) Service as provided in subsection (3) may be used in a
- 20 proceeding before the administrator or by the administrator in a
- 21 civil action in which the administrator is the moving party.
- 22 (5) If the process is served under subsection (3), the court
- 23 or the administrator in a proceeding before the administrator shall
- 24 order continuances as are necessary or appropriate to afford the
- 25 defendant or respondent reasonable opportunity to defend.
- 26 Sec. 612. If any provision of this act or its application to
- 27 any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does

- 1 not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be
- 2 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
- 3 this end, the provisions of this act are severable.
- 4 ARTICLE 7
- 5 TRANSITION
- 6 Sec. 701. This act takes effect 180 days after the date this
- 7 act is enacted.
- 8 Sec. 702. The uniform securities act, 1964 PA 265, MCL 451.501
- **9** to 451.818, is repealed.
- 10 Sec. 703. (1) The predecessor act exclusively governs all
- 11 actions, prosecutions, or proceedings that are pending or may be
- 12 maintained or instituted on the basis of facts or circumstances
- 13 occurring before the effective date of this act, but a civil action
- 14 shall not be maintained to enforce any liability under the
- 15 predecessor act unless commenced within any period of limitation
- 16 that applied when the cause of action accrued or within 3 years
- 17 after the effective date of this act, whichever is earlier.
- 18 (2) All effective registrations under the predecessor act, all
- 19 administrative orders relating to the registrations, statements of
- 20 policy, interpretative opinions, declaratory rulings, no action
- 21 determinations, and all conditions imposed upon the registrations
- 22 under the predecessor act remain in effect for the same time period
- 23 they would have remained in effect if this act had not been
- 24 enacted. They are considered to have been filed, issued, or imposed
- 25 under this act, but are exclusively governed by the predecessor
- 26 act.
- 27 (3) The predecessor act exclusively governs any offer or sale

- 1 made within 1 year after the effective date of this act pursuant to
- 2 an offering made in good faith before the effective date of this
- 3 act on the basis of an exemption available under the predecessor
- **4** act.