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**MEMORANDUM TO: JUDGES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
CLERKS, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTS
BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATORS**

SUBJECT: Chapter 12 Legislation (INFORMATION)

On August 15, 2003, the President signed into law H.R. 2465 (Public Law 108-73), which retroactively extends chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code for six months from its previous expiration date of July 1, 2003. As a result, Chapter 12 has been extended until January 1, 2004. New chapter 12 cases can be accepted for filing, and cases that were filed under other chapters in the period from July 1, 2003 through August 15 can be converted to chapter 12. The statutory filing fee for a chapter 12 case remains at \$200.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Bankruptcy Judges Division at 202/502-1900 or the Bankruptcy Court Administration Division at 202/502-1540.

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