

HOUSE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE IV

Page 454, strike lines 10 and 11 and insert the following:

- 1 (4) in paragraph (6)—
2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”;
3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and adding “; or”; and
5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:
7 “(C) a private fund; or”; and

Page 459, insert after line 22 the following (and re-designate succeeding paragraphs accordingly):

- 8 (8) DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE FUND INFORMA-
9 TION.—An investment adviser registered under this
10 Act shall provide such reports, records, and other
11 documents to investors, prospective investors,
12 counterparties, and creditors, of any private fund
13 advised by the investment adviser as the Commis-
14 sion, by rule or regulation, may prescribe as nec-
15 essary or appropriate in the public interest and for

1 the protection of investors or for the assessment of
2 systemic risk.

Page 463, line 6, strike “The” and insert “(1) The”.

Page 463, line 16, strike the closed quotation marks and following period and after such line insert the following (and redesignate succeeding sections and conform the table of contents accordingly):

3 “(2) Nothing in this Act shall relieve any per-
4 son of any obligation or duty, or affect the avail-
5 ability of any right or remedy available to the Com-
6 modity Futures Trading Commission or any private
7 party, arising under the Commodity Exchange Act
8 (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) governing commodity pools,
9 commodity pool operators, or commodity trading ad-
10 visors.”.

11 **SEC. 407. EXEMPTION OF AND REPORTING BY CERTAIN**
12 **PRIVATE FUND ADVISERS.**

13 Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
14 (15 U.S.C. 80b-3), as amended by section 5006, is further
15 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 sections:

17 “(m) EXEMPTION OF AND REPORTING BY CERTAIN
18 PRIVATE FUND ADVISERS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall pro-
2 vide an exemption from the registration require-
3 ments under this section to any investment adviser
4 of private funds, if each of such investment adviser
5 acts solely as an adviser to private funds and has as-
6 sets under management in the United States of less
7 than \$150,000,000.

8 “(2) REPORTING.—The Commission shall re-
9 quire investment advisers exempted by reason of this
10 subsection to maintain such records and provide to
11 the Commission such annual or other reports as the
12 Commission determines necessary or appropriate in
13 the public interest or for the protection of investors.

14 “(n) REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION OF MID-
15 SIZED PRIVATE FUND ADVISERS.—In prescribing regula-
16 tions to carry out the requirements of this section with
17 respect to investment advisers acting as investment advis-
18 ers to mid-sized private funds, the Commission shall take
19 into account the size, governance, and investment strategy
20 of such funds to determine whether they pose systemic
21 risk, and shall provide for registration and examination
22 procedures with respect to the investment advisers of such
23 funds which reflect the level of systemic risk posed by such
24 funds.”.

Page 463, line 17, insert “**AND REPORTING BY**” after “**EXEMPTION OF**”.

Page 464, line 4, insert before the closed quotation mark the following: “The Commission shall require such advisers to maintain such records and provide to the Commission such annual or other reports as the Commission determines necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.”.

Beginning on page 464, strike line 5 through page 465, line 6.

Page 466, strike lines 1 through 17 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 410. INVESTMENT ADVISERS SUBJECT TO STATE AU-**
2 **THORITIES.**

3 Section 203A(a) of the Investment Advisers Act of
4 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-3a(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
6 graph (3); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(2) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MID-SIZED IN-**
10 **VESTMENT ADVISERS.**—Notwithstanding paragraph
11 (1), an investment adviser that is not exempt from
12 registration under section 203 and—

1 “(A) is regulated and examined, or re-
2 quired to be regulated and examined, in the
3 State where it maintains its principal office and
4 place of business; and

5 “(B) has assets under management be-
6 tween—

7 “(i) the amount specified under sub-
8 paragraph (A) of paragraph (1), as such
9 amount may have been adjusted by the
10 Commission pursuant to that subpara-
11 graph; and

12 “(ii) \$100,000,000, or such higher
13 amount as the Commission may, by rule,
14 deem appropriate in accordance with the
15 purposes of this title,

16 shall register with, and be subject to examina-
17 tion by, such State. The Commission shall pub-
18 lish a list of the States that regulate and exam-
19 ine, or require regulation and examination of,
20 investment advisers to which the requirements
21 of this paragraph apply. If no State in which an
22 investment adviser described in subparagraph
23 (B) is registered conducts such an examination,
24 the investment adviser must register with the
25 Commission. If, pursuant to this paragraph, an

1 investment adviser would be required to register
2 with 5 or more States, then the adviser may
3 maintain its registration with the Commis-
4 sion.”.

Page 466, strike lines 18 through 21 and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

5 **SEC. 411. CUSTODIAL REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this title, the Securities and Ex-
8 change Commission shall adopt a rule pursuant to its au-
9 thority under section 211(a) of the Investment Advisers
10 Act of 1940 making it unlawful under section 206(4) of
11 that Act for an investment adviser registered under such
12 Act to have custody of funds or securities of a client, un-
13 less—

14 (1) the funds and securities are maintained
15 with a qualified custodian either in a separate ac-
16 count for each client under the client’s name, or in
17 accounts that contain only client funds and securi-
18 ties under the name of the investment adviser as
19 agent or trustee for the client; and

20 (2) the qualified custodian does not directly or
21 indirectly provide investment advice with respect to
22 such funds or securities.

1 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The rule adopted under sub-
2 section (a) shall include such exceptions as the Commis-
3 sion determines in the public interest and consistent with
4 the protection of investors. Any exemption granted under
5 this subsection shall ensure that at least once per year,
6 a client described in subsection (a) shall receive a report
7 from an independent entity with a fiduciary responsibility
8 to the client to verify that the assets in the client’s account
9 are in accord with those stated on the client’s account
10 statement.

11 (c) NO LIMITS ON OTHER ACTIONS.—Nothing in this
12 section shall be construed to limit other actions the Securi-
13 ties and Exchange Commission may take under this Act
14 to require the protection of client assets.

Page 472, after line 3, insert the following new sec-
tion (and redesignate the succeeding section and conform
the table of contents accordingly):

15 **SEC. 416. QUALIFIED CLIENT STANDARD.**

16 Section 205(e) of the Investment Advisers Act of
17 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–5(e)) is amended by adding at the
18 end the following: “With respect to any factor used in any
19 rule or regulation by the Commission in making a deter-
20 mination under this subsection, if the Commission uses
21 a dollar amount test in connection with such factor, such
22 as a net asset threshold, the Commission shall, by order,

1 not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
2 the Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration Act of
3 2009, and every 5 years thereafter, adjust for the effects
4 of inflation on such test. Any such adjustment that is not
5 a multiple of \$100,000 shall be rounded to the nearest
6 multiple of \$100,000.”.

