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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Urban Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise
its regulations regarding the qualifications of natural
persons as accredited investors.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Investment Op-
3 portunities for Professional Experts Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF ACCREDITED INVESTOR.**

5 Section 2(a)(15) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15
6 U.S.C. 77b(a)(15) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-
8 paragraphs (A) and (F), respectively; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated),
10 by striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon, and in-
11 serting after such subparagraph the following:

12 “(B) any natural person whose individual
13 net worth, or joint net worth with that person’s
14 spouse, exceeds \$1,000,000 (which amount,
15 along with the amounts set forth in subpara-
16 graph (C), shall be adjusted for inflation by the
17 Commission every 5 years to the nearest
18 \$10,000 to reflect the change in the Consumer
19 Price Index for All Urban Consumers published
20 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) where, for
21 purposes of calculating net worth under this
22 subparagraph—

23 “(i) the person’s primary residence
24 shall not be included as an asset;

25 “(ii) indebtedness that is secured by
26 the person’s primary residence, up to the

1 estimated fair market value of the primary
2 residence at the time of the sale of securi-
3 ties, shall not be included as a liability (ex-
4 cept that if the amount of such indebted-
5 ness outstanding at the time of sale of se-
6 curities exceeds the amount outstanding 60
7 days before such time, other than as a re-
8 sult of the acquisition of the primary resi-
9 dence, the amount of such excess shall be
10 included as a liability); and

11 “(iii) indebtedness that is secured by
12 the person’s primary residence in excess of
13 the estimated fair market value of the pri-
14 mary residence at the time of the sale of
15 securities shall be included as a liability;

16 “(C) any natural person who had an indi-
17 vidual income in excess of \$200,000 in each of
18 the 2 most recent years or joint income with
19 that person’s spouse in excess of \$300,000 in
20 each of those years and has a reasonable expec-
21 tation of reaching the same income level in the
22 current year;

23 “(D) any natural person who is currently
24 licensed or registered as a broker or investment
25 adviser by the Commission, the Financial In-

1 industry Regulatory Authority, or an equivalent
2 self-regulatory organization (as defined in sec-
3 tion 3(a)(26) of the Securities Exchange Act of
4 1934), or the securities division of a State or
5 the equivalent State division responsible for li-
6 censing or registration of individuals in connec-
7 tion with securities activities;

8 “(E) any natural person the Commission
9 determines, by regulation, to have demonstrable
10 education or job experience to qualify such per-
11 son as having professional knowledge of a sub-
12 ject related to a particular investment, and
13 whose education or job experience is verified by
14 the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority or
15 an equivalent self-regulatory organization (as
16 defined in section 3(a)(26) of the Securities Ex-
17 change Act of 1934); or”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 1,
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.