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## AN ACT

To amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy.

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 “Financial Institution  
3 Bankruptcy Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO COVERED FI-**  
5 **NANCIAL CORPORATIONS.**

6       (a) DEFINITION.—Section 101 of title 11, United  
7 States Code, is amended by inserting the following after  
8 paragraph (9):

9           “(9A) The term ‘covered financial corporation’  
10       means any corporation incorporated or organized  
11       under any Federal or State law, other than a stock-  
12       broker, a commodity broker, or an entity of the kind  
13       specified in paragraph (2) or (3) of section 109(b),  
14       that is—

15           “(A) a bank holding company, as defined  
16       in section 2(a) of the Bank Holding Company  
17       Act of 1956; or

18           “(B) a corporation that exists for the pri-  
19       mary purpose of owning, controlling and financ-  
20       ing its subsidiaries, that has total consolidated  
21       assets of \$50,000,000,000 or greater, and for  
22       which, in its most recently completed fiscal  
23       year—

24           “(i) annual gross revenues derived by  
25       the corporation and all of its subsidiaries  
26       from activities that are financial in nature

1 (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank  
2 Holding Company Act of 1956) and, if ap-  
3 plicable, from the ownership or control of  
4 one or more insured depository institu-  
5 tions, represents 85 percent or more of the  
6 consolidated annual gross revenues of the  
7 corporation; or

8 “(ii) the consolidated assets of the  
9 corporation and all of its subsidiaries re-  
10 lated to activities that are financial in na-  
11 ture (as defined in section 4(k) of the  
12 Bank Holding Company Act of 1956) and,  
13 if applicable, related to the ownership or  
14 control of one or more insured depository  
15 institutions, represents 85 percent or more  
16 of the consolidated assets of the corpora-  
17 tion.”.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTERS.—Section 103 of  
19 title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following:

21 “(l) Subchapter V of chapter 11 of this title applies  
22 only in a case under chapter 11 concerning a covered fi-  
23 nancial corporation.”.

24 (c) WHO MAY BE A DEBTOR.—Section 109 of title  
25 11, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at  
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking the  
5 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) a covered financial corporation.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d)—

9 (A) by striking “and” before “an unin-  
10 sured State member bank”;

11 (B) by striking “or” before “a corpora-  
12 tion”; and

13 (C) by inserting “, or a covered financial  
14 corporation” after “Federal Deposit Insurance  
15 Corporation Improvement Act of 1991”.

16 (d) CONVERSION TO CHAPTER 7.—Section 1112 of  
17 title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
18 end the following:

19 “(g) Notwithstanding section 109(b), the court may  
20 convert a case under subchapter V to a case under chapter  
21 7 if—

22 “(1) a transfer approved under section 1185  
23 has been consummated;

24 “(2) the court has ordered the appointment of  
25 a special trustee under section 1186; and

1           “(3) the court finds, after notice and a hearing,  
2           that conversion is in the best interest of the credi-  
3           tors and the estate.”.

4           (e)(1) Section 726(a)(1) of title 11, United States  
5           Code, is amended by inserting after “first,” the following:  
6           “in payment of any unpaid fees, costs, and expenses of  
7           a special trustee appointed under section 1186, and then”.

8           (2) Section 1129(a) of title 11, United States Code,  
9           is amended by inserting after paragraph (16) the fol-  
10          lowing:

11           “(17) In a case under subchapter V, all payable  
12           fees, costs, and expenses of the special trustee have  
13           been paid or the plan provides for the payment of  
14           all such fees, costs, and expenses on the effective  
15           date of the plan.

16           “(18) In a case under subchapter V, confirma-  
17           tion of the plan is not likely to cause serious adverse  
18           effects on financial stability in the United States.”.

19           (f) Section 322(b)(2) of title 11, United States Code,  
20           is amended by striking “The” and inserting “In cases  
21           under subchapter V, the United States trustee shall rec-  
22           ommend to the court, and in all other cases, the”.

1 **SEC. 3. LIQUIDATION, REORGANIZATION, OR RECAPITAL-**  
2 **IZATION OF A COVERED FINANCIAL COR-**  
3 **PORATION.**

4 Chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, is amend-  
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “SUBCHAPTER V—LIQUIDATION, REORGANIZA-  
7 TION, OR RECAPITALIZATION OF A COV-  
8 ERED FINANCIAL CORPORATION

9 “§ 1181. **Inapplicability of other sections**

10 “Sections 303 and 321(c) do not apply in a case  
11 under this subchapter concerning a covered financial cor-  
12 poration. Section 365 does not apply to a transfer under  
13 section 1185, 1187, or 1188.

14 “§ 1182. **Definitions for this subchapter**

15 “In this subchapter, the following definitions shall  
16 apply:

17 “(1) The term ‘Board’ means the Board of  
18 Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

19 “(2) The term ‘bridge company’ means a newly  
20 formed corporation to which property of the estate  
21 may be transferred under section 1185(a) and the  
22 equity securities of which may be transferred to a  
23 special trustee under section 1186(a).

24 “(3) The term ‘capital structure debt’ means all  
25 unsecured debt of the debtor for borrowed money for  
26 which the debtor is the primary obligor, other than

1 a qualified financial contract and other than debt se-  
2 cured by a lien on property of the estate that is to  
3 be transferred to a bridge company pursuant to an  
4 order of the court under section 1185(a).

5 “(4) The term ‘contractual right’ means a con-  
6 tractual right of a kind defined in section 555, 556,  
7 559, 560, or 561.

8 “(5) The term ‘qualified financial contract’  
9 means any contract of a kind defined in paragraph  
10 (25), (38A), (47), or (53B) of section 101, section  
11 741(7), or paragraph (4), (5), (11), or (13) of sec-  
12 tion 761.

13 “(6) The term ‘special trustee’ means the trust-  
14 ee of a trust formed under section 1186(a)(1).

15 **“§ 1183. Commencement of a case concerning a cov-**  
16 **ered financial corporation**

17 “(a) A case under this subchapter concerning a cov-  
18 ered financial corporation may be commenced by the filing  
19 of a petition with the court by the debtor under section  
20 301 only if the debtor states to the best of its knowledge  
21 under penalty of perjury in the petition that it is a covered  
22 financial corporation.

23 “(b) The commencement of a case under subsection  
24 (a) constitutes an order for relief under this subchapter.

1       “(c) The members of the board of directors (or body  
2 performing similar functions) of a covered financial cor-  
3 poration shall have no liability to shareholders, creditors,  
4 or other parties in interest for a good faith filing of a peti-  
5 tion to commence a case under this subchapter, or for any  
6 reasonable action taken in good faith in contemplation of  
7 such a petition or a transfer under section 1185 or section  
8 1186, whether prior to or after commencement of the case.

9       “(d) Counsel to the debtor shall provide, to the great-  
10 est extent practicable without disclosing the identity of the  
11 potential debtor, sufficient confidential notice to the chief  
12 judge of the court of appeals for the circuit embracing the  
13 district in which such counsel intends to file a petition to  
14 commence a case under this subchapter regarding the po-  
15 tential commencement of such case. The chief judge of  
16 such court shall randomly assign to preside over such case  
17 a bankruptcy judge selected from among the bankruptcy  
18 judges designated by the Chief Justice of the United  
19 States under section 298 of title 28.

20   **“§ 1184. Regulators**

21       “The Board, the Securities Exchange Commission,  
22 the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the De-  
23 partment of the Treasury, the Commodity Futures Trad-  
24 ing Commission, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-



1 poration may raise and may appear and be heard on any  
 2 issue in any case or proceeding under this subchapter.

3 **“§ 1185. Special transfer of property of the estate**

4       “(a) On request of the trustee, and after notice and  
 5 a hearing that shall occur not less than 24 hours after  
 6 the order for relief, the court may order a transfer under  
 7 this section of property of the estate, and the assignment  
 8 of executory contracts, unexpired leases, and qualified fi-  
 9 nancial contracts of the debtor, to a bridge company.  
 10 Upon the entry of an order approving such transfer, any  
 11 property transferred, and any executory contracts, unex-  
 12 pired leases, and qualified financial contracts assigned  
 13 under such order shall no longer be property of the estate.  
 14 Except as provided under this section, the provisions of  
 15 section 363 shall apply to a transfer and assignment under  
 16 this section.

17       “(b) Unless the court orders otherwise, notice of a  
 18 request for an order under subsection (a) shall consist of  
 19 electronic or telephonic notice of not less than 24 hours  
 20 to—

21               “(1) the debtor;

22               “(2) the holders of the 20 largest secured  
 23 claims against the debtor;

24               “(3) the holders of the 20 largest unsecured  
 25 claims against the debtor;

1           “(4) counterparties to any debt, executory con-  
2       tract, unexpired lease, and qualified financial con-  
3       tract requested to be transferred under this section;

4           “(5) the Board;

5           “(6) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora-  
6       tion;

7           “(7) the Secretary of the Treasury and the Of-  
8       fice of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Treas-  
9       ury;

10          “(8) the Commodity Futures Trading Commis-  
11       sion;

12          “(9) the Securities and Exchange Commission;

13          “(10) the United States trustee or bankruptcy  
14       administrator; and

15          “(11) each primary financial regulatory agency,  
16       as defined in section 2(12) of the Dodd-Frank Wall  
17       Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, with  
18       respect to any affiliate the equity securities of which  
19       are proposed to be transferred under this section.

20          “(c) The court may not order a transfer under this  
21       section unless the court determines, based upon a prepon-  
22       derance of the evidence, that—

23               “(1) the transfer under this section is necessary  
24       to prevent serious adverse effects on financial sta-  
25       bility in the United States;

1           “(2) the transfer does not provide for the as-  
2           sumption of any capital structure debt by the bridge  
3           company;

4           “(3) the transfer does not provide for the trans-  
5           fer to the bridge company of any property of the es-  
6           tate that is subject to a lien securing a debt, execu-  
7           tory contract, unexpired lease or agreement (includ-  
8           ing a qualified financial contract) of the debtor un-  
9           less—

10           “(A)(i) the bridge company assumes such  
11           debt, executory contract, unexpired lease or  
12           agreement (including a qualified financial con-  
13           tract), including any claims arising in respect  
14           thereof that would not be allowed secured  
15           claims under section 506(a)(1) and after giving  
16           effect to such transfer, such property remains  
17           subject to the lien securing such debt, executory  
18           contract, unexpired lease or agreement (includ-  
19           ing a qualified financial contract); and

20           “(ii) the court has determined that as-  
21           sumption of such debt, executory contract, un-  
22           expired lease or agreement (including a quali-  
23           fied financial contract) by the bridge company  
24           is in the best interests of the estate; or

1           “(B) such property is being transferred to  
2           the bridge company in accordance with the pro-  
3           visions of section 363;

4           “(4) the transfer does not provide for the as-  
5           sumption by the bridge company of any debt, execu-  
6           tory contract, unexpired lease or agreement (includ-  
7           ing a qualified financial contract) of the debtor se-  
8           cured by a lien on property of the estate unless the  
9           transfer provides for such property to be transferred  
10          to the bridge company in accordance with paragraph  
11          (3)(A) of this subsection;

12          “(5) the transfer does not provide for the trans-  
13          fer of the equity of the debtor;

14          “(6) the trustee has demonstrated that the  
15          bridge company is not likely to fail to meet the obli-  
16          gations of any debt, executory contract, qualified fi-  
17          nancial contract, or unexpired lease assumed and as-  
18          signed to the bridge company;

19          “(7) the transfer provides for the transfer to a  
20          special trustee all of the equity securities in the  
21          bridge company and appointment of a special trustee  
22          in accordance with section 1186;

23          “(8) after giving effect to the transfer, ade-  
24          quate provision has been made for the fees, costs,  
25          and expenses of the estate and special trustee; and

1           “(9) the bridge company will have governing  
2 documents, and initial directors and senior officers,  
3 that are in the best interest of creditors and the es-  
4 tate.

5           “(d) Immediately before a transfer under this section,  
6 the bridge company that is the recipient of the transfer  
7 shall—

8           “(1) not have any property, executory con-  
9 tracts, unexpired leases, qualified financial contracts,  
10 or debts, other than any property acquired or execu-  
11 tory contracts, unexpired leases, or debts assumed  
12 when acting as a transferee of a transfer under this  
13 section; and

14           “(2) have equity securities that are property of  
15 the estate, which may be sold or distributed in ac-  
16 cordance with this title.

17 **“§ 1186. Special trustee**

18           “(a)(1) An order approving a transfer under section  
19 1185 shall require the trustee to transfer to a qualified  
20 and independent special trustee, who is appointed by the  
21 court, all of the equity securities in the bridge company  
22 that is the recipient of a transfer under section 1185 to  
23 hold in trust for the sole benefit of the estate, subject to  
24 satisfaction of the special trustee’s fees, costs, and ex-  
25 penses. The trust of which the special trustee is the trust-

1 ee shall be a newly formed trust governed by a trust agree-  
2 ment approved by the court as in the best interests of the  
3 estate, and shall exist for the sole purpose of holding and  
4 administering, and shall be permitted to dispose of, the  
5 equity securities of the bridge company in accordance with  
6 the trust agreement.

7 “(2) In connection with the hearing to approve a  
8 transfer under section 1185, the trustee shall confirm to  
9 the court that the Board has been consulted regarding the  
10 identity of the proposed special trustee and advise the  
11 court of the results of such consultation.

12 “(b) The trust agreement governing the trust shall  
13 provide—

14 “(1) for the payment of the fees, costs, ex-  
15 penses, and indemnities of the special trustee from  
16 the assets of the debtor’s estate;

17 “(2) that the special trustee provide—

18 “(A) quarterly reporting to the estate,  
19 which shall be filed with the court; and

20 “(B) information about the bridge com-  
21 pany reasonably requested by a party in inter-  
22 est to prepare a disclosure statement for a plan  
23 providing for distribution of any securities of  
24 the bridge company if such information is nec-  
25 essary to prepare such disclosure statement;

1           “(3) that for as long as the equity securities of  
2           the bridge company are held by the trust, the special  
3           trustee shall file a notice with the court in connec-  
4           tion with—

5                   “(A) any change in a director or senior of-  
6                   ficer of the bridge company;

7                   “(B) any modification to the governing  
8                   documents of the bridge company; and

9                   “(C) any material corporate action of the  
10                  bridge company, including—

11                           “(i) recapitalization;

12                           “(ii) a material borrowing;

13                           “(iii) termination of an intercompany  
14                   debt or guarantee;

15                           “(iv) a transfer of a substantial por-  
16                   tion of the assets of the bridge company;

17                   or

18                           “(v) the issuance or sale of any secu-  
19                   rities of the bridge company;

20           “(4) that any sale of any equity securities of  
21           the bridge company shall not be consummated until  
22           the special trustee consults with the Federal Deposit  
23           Insurance Corporation and the Board regarding  
24           such sale and discloses the results of such consulta-  
25           tion with the court;

1           “(5) that, subject to reserves for payments per-  
2           mitted under paragraph (1) provided for in the trust  
3           agreement, the proceeds of the sale of any equity se-  
4           curities of the bridge company by the special trustee  
5           be held in trust for the benefit of or transferred to  
6           the estate;

7           “(6) the process and guidelines for the replace-  
8           ment of the special trustee; and

9           “(7) that the property held in trust by the spe-  
10          cial trustee is subject to distribution in accordance  
11          with subsection (c).

12          “(c)(1) The special trustee shall distribute the assets  
13          held in trust—

14               “(A) if the court confirms a plan in the case,  
15               in accordance with the plan on the effective date of  
16               the plan; or

17               “(B) if the case is converted to a case under  
18               chapter 7, as ordered by the court.

19          “(2) As soon as practicable after a final distribution  
20          under paragraph (1), the office of the special trustee shall  
21          terminate, except as may be necessary to wind up and con-  
22          clude the business and financial affairs of the trust.

23          “(d) After a transfer to the special trustee under this  
24          section, the special trustee shall be subject only to applica-  
25          ble nonbankruptcy law, and the actions and conduct of



1 the special trustee shall no longer be subject to approval  
2 by the court in the case under this subchapter.

3 **“§ 1187. Temporary and supplemental automatic stay;**  
4 **assumed debt**

5 “(a)(1) A petition filed under section 1183 operates  
6 as a stay, applicable to all entities, of the termination, ac-  
7 celeration, or modification of any debt, contract, lease, or  
8 agreement of the kind described in paragraph (2), or of  
9 any right or obligation under any such debt, contract,  
10 lease, or agreement, solely because of—

11 “(A) a default by the debtor under any such  
12 debt, contract, lease, or agreement; or

13 “(B) a provision in such debt, contract, lease,  
14 or agreement, or in applicable nonbankruptcy law,  
15 that is conditioned on—

16 “(i) the insolvency or financial condition of  
17 the debtor at any time before the closing of the  
18 case;

19 “(ii) the commencement of a case under  
20 this title concerning the debtor;

21 “(iii) the appointment of or taking posses-  
22 sion by a trustee in a case under this title con-  
23 cerning the debtor or by a custodian before the  
24 commencement of the case; or

1           “(iv) a credit rating agency rating, or ab-  
2           sence or withdrawal of a credit rating agency  
3           rating—

4                   “(I) of the debtor at any time after  
5                   the commencement of the case;

6                   “(II) of an affiliate during the period  
7                   from the commencement of the case until  
8                   48 hours after such order is entered;

9                   “(III) of the bridge company while the  
10                  trustee or the special trustee is a direct or  
11                  indirect beneficial holder of more than 50  
12                  percent of the equity securities of—

13                           “(aa) the bridge company; or

14                           “(bb) the affiliate, if all of the di-  
15                           rect or indirect interests in the affil-  
16                           iate that are property of the estate  
17                           are transferred under section 1185; or

18                   “(IV) of an affiliate while the trustee  
19                  or the special trustee is a direct or indirect  
20                  beneficial holder of more than 50 percent  
21                  of the equity securities of—

22                           “(aa) the bridge company; or

23                           “(bb) the affiliate, if all of the di-  
24                           rect or indirect interests in the affil-

1                   iate that are property of the estate  
2                   are transferred under section 1185.

3           “(2) A debt, contract, lease, or agreement described  
4 in this paragraph is—

5               “(A) any debt (other than capital structure  
6 debt), executory contract, or unexpired lease of the  
7 debtor (other than a qualified financial contract);

8               “(B) any agreement under which the debtor  
9 issued or is obligated for debt (other than capital  
10 structure debt);

11               “(C) any debt, executory contract, or unexpired  
12 lease of an affiliate (other than a qualified financial  
13 contract); or

14               “(D) any agreement under which an affiliate  
15 issued or is obligated for debt.

16           “(3) The stay under this subsection terminates—

17               “(A) for the benefit of the debtor, upon the ear-  
18 liest of—

19                   “(i) 48 hours after the commencement of  
20 the case;

21                   “(ii) assumption of the debt, contract,  
22 lease, or agreement by the bridge company  
23 under an order authorizing a transfer under  
24 section 1185;

1           “(iii) a final order of the court denying the  
2           request for a transfer under section 1185; or

3           “(iv) the time the case is dismissed; and

4           “(B) for the benefit of an affiliate, upon the  
5           earliest of—

6           “(i) the entry of an order authorizing a  
7           transfer under section 1185 in which the direct  
8           or indirect interests in the affiliate that are  
9           property of the estate are not transferred under  
10          section 1185;

11          “(ii) a final order by the court denying the  
12          request for a transfer under section 1185;

13          “(iii) 48 hours after the commencement of  
14          the case if the court has not ordered a transfer  
15          under section 1185; or

16          “(iv) the time the case is dismissed.

17          “(4) Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) of section 362  
18          apply to a stay under this subsection.

19          “(b) A debt, executory contract (other than a quali-  
20          fied financial contract), or unexpired lease of the debtor,  
21          or an agreement under which the debtor has issued or is  
22          obligated for any debt, may be assumed by a bridge com-  
23          pany in a transfer under section 1185 notwithstanding  
24          any provision in an agreement or in applicable nonbank-  
25          ruptcy law that—

1           “(1) prohibits, restricts, or conditions the as-  
2           signment of the debt, contract, lease, or agreement;  
3           or

4           “(2) accelerates, terminates, or modifies, or  
5           permits a party other than the debtor to terminate  
6           or modify, the debt, contract, lease, or agreement on  
7           account of—

8                   “(A) the assignment of the debt, contract,  
9                   lease, or agreement; or

10                   “(B) a change in control of any party to  
11                   the debt, contract, lease, or agreement.

12           “(c)(1) A debt, contract, lease, or agreement of the  
13           kind described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection  
14           (a)(2) may not be accelerated, terminated, or modified,  
15           and any right or obligation under such debt, contract,  
16           lease, or agreement may not be accelerated, terminated,  
17           or modified, as to the bridge company solely because of  
18           a provision in the debt, contract, lease, or agreement or  
19           in applicable nonbankruptcy law—

20                   “(A) of the kind described in subsection  
21                   (a)(1)(B) as applied to the debtor;

22                   “(B) that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the  
23                   assignment of the debt, contract, lease, or agree-  
24                   ment; or

1           “(C) that accelerates, terminates, or modifies,  
2           or permits a party other than the debtor to termi-  
3           nate or modify, the debt, contract, lease or agree-  
4           ment on account of—

5                   “(i) the assignment of the debt, contract,  
6                   lease, or agreement; or

7                   “(ii) a change in control of any party to  
8                   the debt, contract, lease, or agreement.

9           “(2) If there is a default by the debtor under a provi-  
10          sion other than the kind described in paragraph (1) in  
11          a debt, contract, lease or agreement of the kind described  
12          in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(2), the  
13          bridge company may assume such debt, contract, lease,  
14          or agreement only if the bridge company—

15                   “(A) shall cure the default;

16                   “(B) compensates, or provides adequate assur-  
17          ance in connection with a transfer under section  
18          1185 that the bridge company will promptly com-  
19          pensate, a party other than the debtor to the debt,  
20          contract, lease, or agreement, for any actual pecu-  
21          niary loss to the party resulting from the default;  
22          and

23                   “(C) provides adequate assurance in connection  
24          with a transfer under section 1185 of future per-  
25          formance under the debt, contract, lease, or agree-

1       ment, as determined by the court under section  
2       1185(c)(4).

3       **“§ 1188. Treatment of qualified financial contracts**  
4               **and affiliate contracts**

5       “(a) Notwithstanding sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(7),  
6       362(b)(17), 362(b)(27), 362(o), 555, 556, 559, 560, and  
7       561, a petition filed under section 1183 operates as a stay,  
8       during the period specified in section 1187(a)(3)(A), ap-  
9       plicable to all entities, of the exercise of a contractual  
10      right—

11               “(1) to cause the modification, liquidation, ter-  
12      mination, or acceleration of a qualified financial con-  
13      tract of the debtor or an affiliate;

14               “(2) to offset or net out any termination value,  
15      payment amount, or other transfer obligation arising  
16      under or in connection with a qualified financial con-  
17      tract of the debtor or an affiliate; or

18               “(3) under any security agreement or arrange-  
19      ment or other credit enhancement forming a part of  
20      or related to a qualified financial contract of the  
21      debtor or an affiliate.

22      “(b)(1) During the period specified in section  
23      1187(a)(3)(A), the trustee or the affiliate shall perform  
24      all payment and delivery obligations under such qualified  
25      financial contract of the debtor or the affiliate, as the case

1 may be, that become due after the commencement of the  
2 case. The stay provided under subsection (a) terminates  
3 as to a qualified financial contract of the debtor or an  
4 affiliate immediately upon the failure of the trustee or the  
5 affiliate, as the case may be, to perform any such obliga-  
6 tion during such period.

7 “(2) Any failure by a counterparty to any qualified  
8 financial contract of the debtor or any affiliate to perform  
9 any payment or delivery obligation under such qualified  
10 financial contract, including during the pendency of the  
11 stay provided under subsection (a), shall constitute a  
12 breach of such qualified financial contract by the  
13 counterparty.

14 “(c) Subject to the court’s approval, a qualified finan-  
15 cial contract between an entity and the debtor may be as-  
16 signed to or assumed by the bridge company in a transfer  
17 under, and in accordance with, section 1185 if and only  
18 if—

19 “(1) all qualified financial contracts between  
20 the entity and the debtor are assigned to and as-  
21 sumed by the bridge company in the transfer under  
22 section 1185;

23 “(2) all claims of the entity against the debtor  
24 in respect of any qualified financial contract between  
25 the entity and the debtor (other than any claim that,



1 under the terms of the qualified financial contract,  
2 is subordinated to the claims of general unsecured  
3 creditors) are assigned to and assumed by the bridge  
4 company;

5 “(3) all claims of the debtor against the entity  
6 under any qualified financial contract between the  
7 entity and the debtor are assigned to and assumed  
8 by the bridge company; and

9 “(4) all property securing or any other credit  
10 enhancement furnished by the debtor for any quali-  
11 fied financial contract described in paragraph (1) or  
12 any claim described in paragraph (2) or (3) under  
13 any qualified financial contract between the entity  
14 and the debtor is assigned to and assumed by the  
15 bridge company.

16 “(d) Notwithstanding any provision of a qualified fi-  
17 nancial contract or of applicable nonbankruptcy law, a  
18 qualified financial contract of the debtor that is assumed  
19 or assigned in a transfer under section 1185 may not be  
20 accelerated, terminated, or modified, after the entry of the  
21 order approving a transfer under section 1185, and any  
22 right or obligation under the qualified financial contract  
23 may not be accelerated, terminated, or modified, after the  
24 entry of the order approving a transfer under section 1185  
25 solely because of a condition described in section

1 1187(c)(1), other than a condition of the kind specified  
2 in section 1187(b) that occurs after property of the estate  
3 no longer includes a direct beneficial interest or an indi-  
4 rect beneficial interest through the special trustee, in more  
5 than 50 percent of the equity securities of the bridge com-  
6 pany.

7 “(e) Notwithstanding any provision of any agreement  
8 or in applicable nonbankruptcy law, an agreement of an  
9 affiliate (including an executory contract, an unexpired  
10 lease, qualified financial contract, or an agreement under  
11 which the affiliate issued or is obligated for debt) and any  
12 right or obligation under such agreement may not be ac-  
13 celerated, terminated, or modified, solely because of a con-  
14 dition described in section 1187(c)(1), other than a condi-  
15 tion of the kind specified in section 1187(b) that occurs  
16 after the bridge company is no longer a direct or indirect  
17 beneficial holder of more than 50 percent of the equity  
18 securities of the affiliate, at any time after the commence-  
19 ment of the case if—

20 “(1) all direct or indirect interests in the affil-  
21 iate that are property of the estate are transferred  
22 under section 1185 to the bridge company within the  
23 period specified in subsection (a);

24 “(2) the bridge company assumes—

1           “(A) any guarantee or other credit en-  
2           hancement issued by the debtor relating to the  
3           agreement of the affiliate; and

4           “(B) any obligations in respect of rights of  
5           setoff, netting arrangement, or debt of the debt-  
6           or that directly arises out of or directly relates  
7           to the guarantee or credit enhancement; and

8           “(3) any property of the estate that directly  
9           serves as collateral for the guarantee or credit en-  
10          hancement is transferred to the bridge company.

11   **“§ 1189. Licenses, permits, and registrations**

12          “(a) Notwithstanding any otherwise applicable non-  
13          bankruptcy law, if a request is made under section 1185  
14          for a transfer of property of the estate, any Federal, State,  
15          or local license, permit, or registration that the debtor or  
16          an affiliate had immediately before the commencement of  
17          the case and that is proposed to be transferred under sec-  
18          tion 1185 may not be accelerated, terminated, or modified  
19          at any time after the request solely on account of—

20               “(1) the insolvency or financial condition of the  
21          debtor at any time before the closing of the case;

22               “(2) the commencement of a case under this  
23          title concerning the debtor;

24               “(3) the appointment of or taking possession by  
25          a trustee in a case under this title concerning the

1 debtor or by a custodian before the commencement  
2 of the case; or

3 “(4) a transfer under section 1185.

4 “(b) Notwithstanding any otherwise applicable non-  
5 bankruptcy law, any Federal, State, or local license, per-  
6 mit, or registration that the debtor had immediately before  
7 the commencement of the case that is included in a trans-  
8 fer under section 1185 shall be valid and all rights and  
9 obligations thereunder shall vest in the bridge company.

10 **“§ 1190. Exemption from securities laws**

11 “For purposes of section 1145, a security of the  
12 bridge company shall be deemed to be a security of a suc-  
13 cessor to the debtor under a plan if the court approves  
14 the disclosure statement for the plan as providing ade-  
15 quate information (as defined in section 1125(a)) about  
16 the bridge company and the security.

17 **“§ 1191. Inapplicability of certain avoiding powers**

18 “A transfer made or an obligation incurred by the  
19 debtor to an affiliate prior to or after the commencement  
20 of the case, including any obligation released by the debtor  
21 or the estate to or for the benefit of an affiliate, in con-  
22 templation of or in connection with a transfer under sec-  
23 tion 1185 is not avoidable under section 544, 547,  
24 548(a)(1)(B), or 549, or under any similar nonbankruptcy  
25 law.

1   **“§ 1192. Consideration of financial stability**

2           “The court may consider the effect that any decision  
3 in connection with this subchapter may have on financial  
4 stability in the United States.”.

5   **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE.**

6           (a) AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 13.—Chapter 13 of  
7 title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following:

9   **“§ 298. Judge for a case under subchapter V of chap-**  
10                           **ter 11 of title 11**

11           “(a)(1) Notwithstanding section 295, the Chief Jus-  
12 tice of the United States shall designate not fewer than  
13 10 bankruptcy judges to be available to hear a case under  
14 subchapter V of chapter 11 of title 11. Bankruptcy judges  
15 may request to be considered by the Chief Justice of the  
16 United States for such designation.

17           “(2) Notwithstanding section 155, a case under sub-  
18 chapter V of chapter 11 of title 11 shall be heard under  
19 section 157 by a bankruptcy judge designated under para-  
20 graph (1), who shall be randomly assigned to hear such  
21 case by the chief judge of the court of appeals for the cir-  
22 cuit embracing the district in which the case is pending.  
23 To the greatest extent practicable, the approvals required  
24 under section 155 should be obtained.

25           “(3) If the bankruptcy judge assigned to hear a case  
26 under paragraph (2) is not assigned to the district in

1 which the case is pending, the bankruptcy judge shall be  
 2 temporarily assigned to the district.

3 “(b) A case under subchapter V of chapter 11 of title  
 4 11, and all proceedings in the case, shall take place in  
 5 the district in which the case is pending.

6 “(c) In this section, the term ‘covered financial cor-  
 7 poration’ has the meaning given that term in section  
 8 101(9A) of title 11.”.

9 (b) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1334 OF TITLE 28.—  
 10 Section 1334 of title 28, United States Code, is amended  
 11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(f) This section does not grant jurisdiction to the  
 13 district court after a transfer pursuant to an order under  
 14 section 1185 of title 11 of any proceeding related to a spe-  
 15 cial trustee appointed, or to a bridge company formed, in  
 16 connection with a case under subchapter V of chapter 11  
 17 of title 11.”.

18 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (1) The table of sections of chapter 13 of title  
 20 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
 21 the end the following:

“298. Judge for a case under subchapter V of chapter 11 of title 11.”.

22 (2) The table of subchapters of chapter 11 of  
 23 title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding  
 24 at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—LIQUIDATION, REORGANIZATION, OR RECAPITALIZATION OF  
A COVERED FINANCIAL CORPORATION

- “1181. Inapplicability of other sections.
- “1182. Definitions for this subchapter.
- “1183. Commencement of a case concerning a covered financial corporation.
- “1184. Regulators.
- “1185. Special transfer of property of the estate.
- “1186. Special trustee.
- “1187. Temporary and supplemental automatic stay; assumed debt.
- “1188. Treatment of qualified financial contracts and affiliate contracts.
- “1189. Licenses, permits, and registrations.
- “1190. Exemption from securities laws.
- “1191. Inapplicability of certain avoiding powers.
- “1192. Consideration of financial stability.”.

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