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H. R. 5970

To require the Securities and Exchange Commission to implement rules simplifying the quarterly financial reporting regime.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WAGNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Simplifying Discl-
5 sures for Investors Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ISSUER OPTION FOR SIMPLIFIED QUARTERLY FI-**
7 **NANCIAL REPORTING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Ex-
10 change Commission shall issue such rules as the Commis-

1 sion determines may be necessary or appropriate in the
2 public interest or for the protection of investors to allow
3 issuers of securities traded on a national securities ex-
4 change to elect to disclose quarterly financial information
5 in a simplified manner, such as through a press release
6 or by a shortened form. In issuing such disclosure rules,
7 the Commission shall—

8 (1) amend rules issued pursuant to sections
9 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of
10 1934 to permit issuers of securities traded on a na-
11 tional securities exchange to disclose quarterly finan-
12 cial information in a manner other than through fil-
13 ing a Form 10-Q;

14 (2) require financial statements disclosed pur-
15 suant to such rules to include a quarterly income
16 statement, a balance sheet as of the last day of the
17 quarter, and a statement of operations, all prepared
18 in accordance with such rules as the Commission
19 may adopt consistent with this Act;

20 (3) not provide any exemption with respect to
21 the requirements of section 302 of the Sarbanes-
22 Oxley Act of 2002 and section 1350 of title 18,
23 United States Code; and

24 (4) require that such disclosures include a
25 statement of any material changes in financial con-

1 dition or results of operations since the end of the
2 issuer’s most recent financial statements disclosed
3 pursuant to the Commission’s rules.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

5 (1) NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE.—The
6 term “national securities exchange” means an ex-
7 change registered as a national securities exchange
8 pursuant to section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act
9 of 1934.

10 (2) OTHER TERMS.—The terms “Commission”,
11 “issuer”, and “security” have the meaning given
12 those terms, respectively, under section 3 of the Se-
13 curities Exchange Act of 1934.

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