

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6252

To amend the Securities Act of 1933 to provide an exemption for certain micro-offering transactions, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2020

Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. BARR, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. HUIZENGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

To amend the Securities Act of 1933 to provide an exemption for certain micro-offering transactions, and for other purposes.

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 “Relief for Small Busi-  
5 nesses Through Micro-Offerings Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS FOR CERTAIN MICRO-OF-**  
2 **FERINGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(a) of the Securities Act  
4 of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77d(a)) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(8) transactions involving the offer or sale of  
7 securities by an issuer (including all entities con-  
8 trolled by or under common control with the issuer),  
9 provided that—

10 “(A) the aggregate amount sold to all in-  
11 vestors by the issuer, including any amount sold  
12 in reliance on the exemption provided under  
13 this paragraph during the 12-month period pre-  
14 ceding the date of such transaction, is not more  
15 than \$250,000;

16 “(B) the aggregate amount sold to any in-  
17 vestor by an issuer, including any amount sold  
18 in reliance on the exemption provided under  
19 this paragraph during the 12-month period pre-  
20 ceding the date of such transaction, does not  
21 exceed \$5,000; and

22 “(C) the transaction is conducted through  
23 a broker or funding portal registered with the  
24 Commission.”.

25 (b) AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT BAD ACTORS.—In  
26 issuing rules to carry out section 4(a)(8) of the Securities

1 Act of 1933, as added by subsection (a), the Securities  
2 and Exchange Commission may prohibit a person from en-  
3 gaging in a transaction described under such section  
4 4(a)(8) if such person is subject to an event that would  
5 disqualify an issuer or other covered person under Rule  
6 506(d)(1) of Regulation D (17 CFR 230.506(d)(1)) or is  
7 subject to a statutory disqualification described under sec-  
8 tion 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

9 (c) TERMINATION.—Effective on the date that is 3  
10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, para-  
11 graph (8) of section 4(a) of the Securities Act of 1933  
12 (15 U.S.C. 77d(a)), as added by subsection (a), is re-  
13 pealed.

14 (d) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
15 the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
16 United States shall submit to Congress a study on the im-  
17 pact of paragraph (8) of section 4(a) of the Securities Act  
18 of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77d(a)), as added by subsection (a).

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