

*Provided, That no action taken in fulfillment of the policy set forth in this paragraph shall apply to the export of medicine or medical supplies."*

Medicine,  
exemption.

#### ALLOCATION OF LICENSES

SEC. 12. Section 4(b) (1) of the Export Administration Act of 1969 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "In curtailing the exportation of any articles, materials, or supplies to effectuate the policy set forth in section 3(2) (A) of this Act, the President is authorized and directed to allocate a portion of export licenses on the basis of factors other than a prior history of exportation."

50 USC app.  
2403.

50 USC app.  
2402.

#### EXPIRATION DATE

SEC. 13. Section 14 of the Export Administration Act of 1969 is amended by striking "September 30, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1976".

50 USC app.  
2413.

#### PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW

SEC. 14. The President is directed to review all laws, regulations issued thereunder by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Department of Commerce, and other Government agencies, governing the export and re-export of materials, supplies, articles, technical data or other information relating to the design, fabrication, development, supply, repair or replacement of any nuclear facility or any part thereof, and to report within six months to the Congress on the adequacy of such regulations to prevent the proliferation of nuclear capability for non-peaceful purposes. The President is also directed to review domestic and international nuclear safeguards and to report within six months to the Congress on the adequacy of such safeguards to prevent the proliferation, diversion or theft of all such nuclear materials and on efforts by the United States and other countries to strengthen international nuclear safeguards in anticipation of the Review Conference scheduled to be held in February 1975 pursuant to Article VIII, section 3 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons."

42 USC 2153  
note.

Report to  
Congress.

21 UST 483.

Approved October 29, 1974.

Public Law 93-501

#### AN ACT

To authorize the regulation of interest rates payable on obligations issued by affiliates of certain depository institutions, and for other purposes.

October 29, 1974  
[S. 3838]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Debt obligations.  
Issuance and  
sale, regulation.

### TITLE I—REGULATION OF INTEREST RATES ON CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS

SEC. 101. Section 19(a) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 461) is amended by inserting "and, regardless of the use of the proceeds," immediately before "shall be deemed a deposit".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to any bank holding company which has filed prior to the date of enactment of this Act an irrevocable declaration with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to divest itself of all of its banks under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act, or to any debt obligation which is an exempted security under section 3(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.

12 USC 461  
note.

12 USC 1843.

15 USC 77c.

SEC. 102. (a) The sixth sentence of section 18(g) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(g)) is amended by striking out "for the purpose of obtaining funds to be used in the banking business".

12 USC 1828  
note.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to any bank holding company which has filed prior to the date of enactment of this Act an irrevocable declaration with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to divest itself of all of its banks under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act, or to any debt obligation which is an exempted security under section 3(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.

SEC. 103. Section 5B of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1425b) is amended as follows:

(1) by adding at the end of subsection (a) thereof the following new sentences: "The provisions of this subsection shall apply, in the discretion of the Board, to an obligation issued by an affiliate of an institution which is an insured institution as defined in section 401(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1724(a)). The Board is authorized to define by regulation the terms used in this section, except that the Board may not, under the additional authority conferred by this sentence and the preceding sentence, define as a deposit any debt obligation which is an exempted security under section 3(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.";

(2) by striking out "institution subject to this section" in subsection (b) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof "person or organization"; and

(3) by striking out "nonmember institution" and "institution" in subsection (c) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof "person or organization" in both places.

## TITLE II—INTEREST RATE AMENDMENTS REGARDING STATE USURY CEILINGS ON BUSINESS LOANS

SEC. 201. Section 5197 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U.S.C. 85), is amended by inserting in the first and second sentences before the phrase "whichever may be the greater", the following: "or in the case of business or agricultural loans in the amount of \$25,000 or more, at a rate of 5 per centum in excess of the discount rate on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve bank in the Federal Reserve district where the bank is located,".

SEC. 202. The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811–31) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"SEC. 24. (a) In order to prevent discrimination against State-chartered insured banks with respect to interest rates, if the applicable rate prescribed in this subsection exceeds the rate such State bank would be permitted to charge in the absence of this subsection, a State bank may in the case of business or agricultural loans in the amount of \$25,000 or more, notwithstanding any State constitution or statute, which is hereby preempted for the purposes of this section, take, receive, reserve, and charge on any loan or discount made, or upon any note, bill or exchange, or other evidence of debt, interest at a rate of not more than 5 per centum in excess of the discount rate on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve bank in the Federal Reserve district where the bank is located, and such interest may be taken in advance, reckoning the days for which the note, bill, or other evidence of debt has to run.

"(b) If the rate prescribed in subsection (a) exceeds the rate such State bank would be permitted to charge in the absence of this paragraph, and such State fixed rate is thereby preempted by the rate

State-chartered  
insured banks,  
interest rates,  
limitation.  
12 USC 1831a.

Interest over-  
charge, forfeiture.

described in subsection (a), the taking, receiving, reserving, or charging a greater rate of interest than is allowed by subsection (a), when knowingly done, shall be deemed a forfeiture of the entire interest which the note, bill, or other evidence of debt carries with it, or which has been agreed to be paid thereon. If such greater rate of interest has been paid, the person who paid it may recover in a civil action commenced in a court of appropriate jurisdiction not later than two years after the date of such payment, an amount equal to twice the amount of the interest paid from the State bank taking or receiving such interest."

Interest payment recovery.

SEC. 203. Title IV of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1724-1730(d)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"SEC. 412. (a) If the applicable rate prescribed in this section exceeds the rate an insured institution would be permitted to charge in the absence of this section, such institution may in the case of business or agricultural loans in the amount of \$25,000 or more, notwithstanding any State constitution or statute, which is hereby preempted for the purposes of this section, take, receive, reserve, and charge on any loan or discount made, or upon any note, bill of exchange, or other evidence of debt, interest at a rate of not more than 5 per centum in excess of the discount rate on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve bank in the Federal Reserve district where the institution is located, and such interest may be taken in advance, reckoning the days for which the note, bill, or other evidence of debt has to run.

Savings and loan accounts, interest rate charges, limitation.  
12 USC 1730e.

"(b) If the rate prescribed in subsection (a) exceeds the rate such institution would be permitted to charge in the absence of this section, and such State fixed rate is thereby preempted by the rate described in subsection (a), the taking, receiving, reserving, or charging a greater rate of interest than that prescribed by subsection (a), when knowingly done, shall be deemed a forfeiture of the entire interest which the note, bill, or other evidence of debt carries with it, or which has been agreed to be paid thereon. If such greater rate of interest has been paid, the person who paid it may recover, in a civil action commenced in a court of appropriate jurisdiction not later than two years after the date of such payment, an amount equal to twice the amount of the interest paid from the institution taking or receiving such interest."

Interest overcharge, forfeiture.

SEC. 204. Section 308 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (15 U.S.C. 661), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Interest payment recovery.

"(h) (1) In order to facilitate the orderly and necessary flow of long-term loans and equity funds to small business concerns, as defined in the Small Business Act, if the maximum interest rate permitted by the Small Business Administration exceeds the rate a small business investment company would be permitted to charge in the absence of this subsection, such small business investment company may in the case of business loans in the amount of \$25,000 or more, notwithstanding any State constitution or statute, which is hereby preempted for the purposes of this section, take, receive, reserve, and charge on any such loan, interest at a rate of not more than 5 per centum in excess of the discount rate on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve bank in the Federal Reserve district where the small business investment company is located.

15 USC 687.

Small business investment companies, interest charges, limitation.  
15 USC 631 note.

"(2) If the rate prescribed in paragraph (1) exceeds the rate such small business investment company would be permitted to charge in the absence of this subsection, and such State fixed rate is thereby preempted by the rate described in paragraph (1), the taking, receiving, reserving or charging a greater rate than is allowed by paragraph (1),

Interest overcharge, forfeiture.

Interest pay-  
ment recovery.

12 USC 1831a  
note.

Effective date,  
12 USC 1831a  
note.

when knowingly done, shall be deemed a forfeiture of the entire interest which the loan carries with it, or which has been agreed to be paid thereon. If such greater rate of interest has been paid, the person who paid it may recover, in a civil action commenced in a court of appropriate jurisdiction not later than two years after the date of such payment, an amount equal to twice the amount of interest paid from the small business investment company taking or receiving such interest."

SEC. 205. If any provision of this title or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of the title and the application of such provision to any person or circumstance other than that as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 206. The amendments made by this title shall apply to any loan made in any State after the date of enactment of this title, but prior to the earlier of July 1, 1977, or the date (after the date of enactment of this title) on which the State enacts a provision of law which prohibits the charging of interest at the rates provided in the amendments made by this title.

### TITLE III—APPLICABILITY OF STATE USURY CEILINGS TO CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY BANKS AND AFFILIATES

12 USC 461.

SEC. 301. Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

12 USC 371b-1.

"(k) No member bank or affiliate thereof, or any successor or assignee of such member bank or affiliate or any endorser, guarantor, or surety of such member bank or affiliate may plead, raise, or claim directly or by counterclaim, setoff, or otherwise, with respect to any deposit or obligation of such member bank or affiliate, any defense, right, or benefit under any provision of a statute or constitution of a State or of a territory of the United States, or of any law of the District of Columbia, regulating or limiting the rate of interest which may be charged, taken, received, or reserved, and any such provision is hereby preempted, and no civil or criminal penalty which would otherwise be applicable under such provision shall apply to such member bank or affiliate or to any other person."

SEC. 302. Section 18 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(k) No insured nonmember bank or affiliate thereof, or any successor or assignee of such bank or affiliate or any endorser, guarantor, or surety of such bank or affiliate may plead, raise, or claim, directly or by counterclaim, setoff, or otherwise, with respect to any deposit or obligation of such bank or affiliate, any defense, right, or benefit under any provision of a statute or constitution of a State or of a territory of the United States, or of any law of the District of Columbia, regulating or limiting the rate of interest which may be charged, taken, received, or reserved, and any such provision is hereby preempted, and no civil or criminal penalty which would otherwise be applicable under such provision shall apply to such bank or affiliate or to any other person."

SEC. 303. Section 5B of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1425b) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(e) No member or nonmember association, institution, or bank or affiliate thereof, or any successor or assignee, or any endorser, guarantor, or surety thereof may plead, raise, or claim, directly or by counterclaim, setoff, or otherwise, with respect to any deposit or obligation of such member or nonmember association, institution, bank or affiliate,



any defense, right, or benefit under any provision of a statute or constitution of a State or of a territory of the United States, or of any law of the District of Columbia, regulating or limiting the rate of interest which may be charged, taken, received, or reserved, and any such provision is hereby preempted, and no civil or criminal penalty which would otherwise be applicable under such provision shall apply to such member or nonmember association, institution, bank, or affiliate or to any other person."

SEC. 304. The amendments made by this title shall apply to any deposit made or obligation issued in any State after the date of enactment of this title, but prior to the earlier of (1) July 1, 1977 or (2) the date (after such date of enactment) on which the State enacts a provision of law which limits the amount of interest which may be charged in connection with deposits or obligations referred to in the amendments made by this title.

Approved October 29, 1974.

Effective date.  
12 USC 371b-1  
note.

## Public Law 93-502

### AN ACT

November 21, 1974  
[H. R. 12471]

To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, known as the Freedom of Information Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) the fourth sentence of section 552(a) (2) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: "Each agency shall also maintain and make available for public inspection and copying current indexes providing identifying information for the public as to any matter issued, adopted, or promulgated after July 4, 1967, and required by this paragraph to be made available or published. Each agency shall promptly publish, quarterly or more frequently, and distribute (by sale or otherwise) copies of each index or supplements thereto unless it determines by order published in the Federal Register that the publication would be unnecessary and impracticable, in which case the agency shall nonetheless provide copies of such index on request at a cost not to exceed the direct cost of duplication."

Public information.

Indexes, publication and distribution.

Publication in Federal Register.

(b) (1) Section 552(a) (3) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

Records, availability to public.

"(3) Except with respect to the records made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, each agency, upon any request for records which (A) reasonably describes such records and (B) is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any), and procedures to be followed, shall make the records promptly available to any person."

(2) Section 552(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by redesignating paragraph (4), and all references thereto, as paragraph (5) and by inserting immediately after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

Document search and duplication fees, regulations.

"(4) (A) In order to carry out the provisions of this section, each agency shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to notice and receipt of public comment, specifying a uniform schedule of fees applicable to all constituent units of such agency. Such fees shall be limited to reasonable standard charges for document search and duplication and provide for recovery of only the direct costs of such search and duplication. Documents shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge where the agency determines that waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.