

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1784

To amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 1996

Mr. BOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, 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; INCORPORATED DEFINITIONS.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Invest-
5 ment Company Improvement Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—Section 103(5) of
8 the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.
9 662(5)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon the
10 following: “, except that, for purposes of this Act, an in-

1 vestment by a venture capital firm, investment company
2 (including a small business investment company) employee
3 welfare benefit plan or pension plan, or trust, foundation,
4 or endowment that is exempt from Federal income tax-
5 ation—

6 “(A) shall not cause a business concern to be
7 deemed not independently owned and operated;

8 “(B) shall be disregarded in determining wheth-
9 er a business concern satisfies size standards estab-
10 lished pursuant to section 3(a)(2) of the Small Busi-
11 ness Act; and

12 “(C) shall be disregarded in determining wheth-
13 er a small business concern is a smaller enterprise”.

14 (b) PRIVATE CAPITAL.—Section 103(9) of the Small
15 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 662(9)) is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(9) the term ‘private capital’—

18 “(A) means the sum of—

19 “(i) the paid-in capital and paid-in
20 surplus of a corporate licensee, the contrib-
21 uted capital of the partners of a partner-
22 ship licensee, or the equity investment of
23 the members of a limited liability company
24 licensee; and

1 “(ii) unfunded binding commitments,
2 from investors that meet criteria estab-
3 lished by the Administrator, to contribute
4 capital to the licensee; provided that such
5 unfunded commitments may be counted as
6 private capital for purposes of approval by
7 the Administrator of any request for lever-
8 age, but leverage shall not be funded based
9 on such commitments; and

10 “(B) does not include any—

11 “(i) funds borrowed by a licensee from
12 any source;

13 “(ii) funds obtained through the issu-
14 ance of leverage; or

15 “(iii) funds obtained directly or indi-
16 rectly from any Federal, State, or local
17 government, or any government agency or
18 instrumentality, except for—

19 “(I) funds invested by an em-
20 ployee welfare benefit plan or pension
21 plan; and

22 “(II) any qualified nonprivate
23 funds (if the investors of the qualified
24 nonprivate funds do not control, di-
25 rectly or indirectly, the management,

1 board of directors, general partners,
2 or members of the licensee);”.

3 (c) NEW DEFINITIONS.—Section 103 of the Small
4 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 662) is
5 amended by striking paragraph (10) and inserting the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(10) the term ‘leverage’ includes—

8 “(A) debentures purchased or guaranteed
9 by the Administration;

10 “(B) participating securities purchased or
11 guaranteed by the Administration; and

12 “(C) preferred securities outstanding as of
13 October 1, 1995;

14 “(11) the term ‘third party debt’ means any in-
15 debtedness for borrowed money, other than indebt-
16 edness owed to the Administration;

17 “(12) the term ‘smaller enterprise’ means any
18 small business concern that, together with its affili-
19 ates—

20 “(A) has—

21 “(i) a net financial worth of not more
22 than \$6,000,000, as of the date on which
23 assistance is provided under this Act to
24 that business concern; and

1 “(ii) an average net income for the 2-
2 year period preceding the date on which
3 assistance is provided under this Act to
4 that business concern, of not more than
5 \$2,000,000, after Federal income taxes
6 (excluding any carryover losses); or

7 “(B) satisfies the standard industrial clas-
8 sification size standards established by the Ad-
9 ministration for the industry in which the small
10 business concern is primarily engaged;

11 “(13) the term ‘qualified nonprivate funds’
12 means any—

13 “(A) funds directly or indirectly invested in
14 any applicant or licensee on or before August
15 16, 1982, by any Federal agency, other than
16 the Administration, under a provision of law ex-
17 plicitly mandating the inclusion of those funds
18 in the definition of the term ‘private capital’;

19 “(B) funds directly or indirectly invested
20 in any applicant or licensee by any Federal
21 agency under a provision of law enacted after
22 September 4, 1992, explicitly mandating the in-
23 clusion of those funds in the definition of the
24 term ‘private capital’; and

1 “(C) funds invested in any applicant or li-
2 censee by one or more State or local govern-
3 ment entities (including any guarantee extended
4 by those entities) in an aggregate amount that
5 does not exceed—

6 “(i) 33 percent of the private capital
7 of the applicant or licensee if such funds
8 were invested before June 30, 1996; or

9 “(ii) 20 percent of the private capital
10 of the applicant or licensee if such funds
11 were invested on or after June 30, 1996;

12 “(14) the terms ‘employee welfare benefit plan’
13 and ‘pension plan’ have the same meanings as in
14 section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Secu-
15 rity Act of 1974, and are intended to include—

16 “(A) public and private pension or retire-
17 ment plans subject to such Act; and

18 “(B) similar plans not covered by such Act
19 that have been established and that are main-
20 tained by the Federal Government or any State
21 or political subdivision, or any agency or instru-
22 mentality thereof, for the benefit of employees;

23 “(15) the term ‘member’ means, with respect to
24 a licensee that is a limited liability company, a hold-
25 er of an ownership interest or a person otherwise ad-

1 mitted to membership in the limited liability com-
2 pany; and

3 “(16) the term ‘limited liability company’
4 means a business entity that is organized and oper-
5 ating in accordance with a State limited liability
6 company statute approved by the Administration.”.

7 **SEC. 3. ORGANIZATION OF SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT**
8 **COMPANIES.**

9 (a) LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES.—Section
10 301(a) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15
11 U.S.C. 681(a)) is amended in the first sentence, by strik-
12 ing “body or” and inserting “body, a limited liability com-
13 pany, or”.

14 (b) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—Section 301(c) of the
15 Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.
16 681(c)) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(c) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.—

18 “(1) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.—Each ap-
19 plicant for a license to operate as a small business
20 investment company under this Act shall submit to
21 the Administrator an application, in a form and in-
22 cluding such documentation as may be prescribed by
23 the Administrator.

24 “(2) PROCEDURES.—

1 “(A) STATUS.—Not later than 90 days
2 after the initial receipt by the Administrator of
3 an application under this subsection, the Ad-
4 ministrator shall provide the applicant with a
5 written report detailing the status of the appli-
6 cation and any requirements remaining for
7 completion of the application.

8 “(B) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—With-
9 in a reasonable time after receiving a completed
10 application submitted in accordance with this
11 subsection and in accordance with such require-
12 ments as the Administrator may prescribe by
13 regulation, the Administrator shall—

14 “(i) approve the application and issue
15 a license for such operation to the appli-
16 cant if the requirements of this section are
17 satisfied; or

18 “(ii) disapprove the application and
19 notify the applicant in writing of the dis-
20 approval.

21 “(3) MATTERS CONSIDERED.—In reviewing and
22 processing any application under this subsection, the
23 Administrator—

24 “(A) shall determine whether—

1 “(i) the applicant meets the require-
2 ments of subsections (a) and (c) of section
3 302; and

4 “(ii) the management of the applicant
5 is qualified and has the knowledge, experi-
6 ence, and capability necessary to comply
7 with this Act;

8 “(B) shall take into consideration—

9 “(i) the need for and availability of fi-
10 nancing for small business concerns in the
11 geographic area in which the applicant is
12 to commence business;

13 “(ii) the general business reputation
14 of the owners and management of the ap-
15 plicant; and

16 “(iii) the probability of successful op-
17 erations of the applicant, including ade-
18 quate profitability and financial soundness;
19 and

20 “(C) shall not take into consideration any
21 projected shortage or unavailability of leverage.

22 “(4) EXCEPTION.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
24 other provision of this Act, the Administrator
25 may, in the discretion of the Administrator and

1 based on a showing of special circumstances
2 and good cause, approve an application and
3 issue a license under this subsection with re-
4 spect to any applicant that—

5 “(i) has private capital of not less
6 than \$3,000,000;

7 “(ii) would otherwise be issued a li-
8 cense under this subsection, except that
9 the applicant does not satisfy the require-
10 ments of section 302(a); and

11 “(iii) has a viable business plan rea-
12 sonably projecting profitable operations
13 and a reasonable timetable for achieving a
14 level of private capital that satisfies the re-
15 quirements of section 302(a).

16 “(B) LEVERAGE.—An applicant licensed
17 pursuant to the exception provided in this para-
18 graph shall not be eligible to receive leverage as
19 a licensee until the applicant satisfies the re-
20 quirements of section 302(a).”.

21 (c) SPECIALIZED SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT
22 COMPANIES.—Section 301(d) of the Small Business In-
23 vestment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 681(d)) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 4. CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS.**

2 (a) INCREASED MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIRE-
3 MENTS.—Section 302(a) of the Small Business Invest-
4 ment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 682(a)) is amended by strik-
5 ing “(a)” and all that follows through “The Administra-
6 tion shall also determine the ability of the company,” and
7 inserting the following:

8 “(a) AMOUNT.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), the private capital of each licensee shall
11 be not less than—

12 “(A) \$5,000,000; or

13 “(B) \$10,000,000, with respect to each li-
14 censee authorized or seeking authority to issue
15 participating securities to be purchased or guar-
16 anteed by the Administration under this Act.

17 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The Administrator may, in
18 the discretion of the Administrator and based on a
19 showing of special circumstances and good cause,
20 permit the private capital of a licensee authorized or
21 seeking authorization to issue participating securi-
22 ties to be purchased or guaranteed by the Adminis-
23 tration to be less than \$10,000,000, but not less
24 than \$5,000,000, if the Administrator determines
25 that such action would not create or otherwise con-

1 tribute to an unreasonable risk of default or loss to
2 the Federal Government.

3 “(3) ADEQUACY.—In addition to the require-
4 ments of paragraph (1), the Administrator shall—

5 “(A) determine whether the private capital
6 of each licensee is adequate to assure a reason-
7 able prospect that the licensee will be operated
8 soundly and profitably, and managed actively
9 and prudently in accordance with its articles;
10 and

11 “(B) determine that the licensee will be
12 able”.

13 (b) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LICENSEES.—Section
14 302(a) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15
15 U.S.C. 682(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new paragraph:

17 “(4) EXEMPTION FROM CAPITAL REQUIRE-
18 MENTS.—

19 “(A) AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT.—The Ad-
20 ministrator may, in the discretion of the Ad-
21 ministrator, exempt from the capital require-
22 ments in paragraph (1) any licensee licensed
23 under subsection (c) or (d) of section 301 be-
24 fore the date of enactment of the Small Busi-

1 ness Investment Company Improvement Act of
2 1996, if—

3 “(i) the private capital of the licensee
4 is not less than \$2,500,000;

5 “(ii) the licensee certifies in writing
6 that not less than 50 percent of the aggre-
7 gate dollar amount of its financings after
8 the date of enactment of the Small Busi-
9 ness Investment Company Improvement
10 Act of 1996 will be provided to smaller en-
11 terprises; and

12 “(iii) the Administrator determines
13 that the licensee—

14 “(I) has a record of profitable
15 operations; and

16 “(II) has not committed any seri-
17 ous or continuing violation of any ap-
18 plicable provision of Federal or State
19 law or regulation.

20 “(B) REDUCTION OF PRIVATE CAPITAL RE-
21 QUIREMENT.—If the Administrator determines
22 that such action would not create or otherwise
23 contribute to an unreasonable risk of default or
24 loss to the United States Government, the Ad-
25 ministrator, in the discretion of the Adminis-

1 trator and based on a showing of special cir-
2 cumstances and good cause, may reduce the
3 private capital requirement under subparagraph
4 (A)(i) with respect to any licensee.”.

5 (c) **DIVERSIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP.**—Section
6 302(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15
7 U.S.C. 682(c)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(c) **DIVERSIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP.**—The Ad-
9 ministrators shall ensure that the management of each li-
10 censee licensed after the date of enactment of the Small
11 Business Investment Company Improvement Act of 1996
12 is sufficiently diversified from and unaffiliated with the
13 ownership of the licensee in a manner that ensures inde-
14 pendence and objectivity in the financial management and
15 oversight of the investments and operations of the li-
16 censee.”.

17 **SEC. 5. BORROWING.**

18 (a) **DEBENTURES.**—Section 303(b) of the Small
19 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 683(b)) is
20 amended in the first sentence, by striking “(but only” and
21 all that follows through “terms)”.

22 (b) **THIRD PARTY DEBT.**—Section 303(c) of the
23 Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.
24 683(c)) is amended to read as follows:

25 “(c) **THIRD PARTY DEBT.**—The Administrator—

1 “(1) shall not permit a licensee having out-
2 standing leverage to incur third party debt that
3 would create or contribute to an unreasonable risk
4 of default or loss to the Federal Government; and

5 “(2) shall permit such licensees to incur third
6 party debt only on such terms and subject to such
7 conditions as may be established by the Adminis-
8 trator, by regulation or otherwise.”.

9 (c) REQUIREMENT TO FINANCE SMALLER ENTER-
10 PRISES.—Section 303(d) of the Small Business Invest-
11 ment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 683(d)) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 “(d) REQUIREMENT TO FINANCE SMALLER ENTER-
14 PRISES.—The Administrator shall require each licensee,
15 as a condition of approval of an application for leverage,
16 to certify in writing that not less than 20 percent of the
17 aggregate dollar amount of the financings of the licensee
18 will be provided to smaller enterprises.”.

19 (d) CAPITAL IMPAIRMENT REQUIREMENTS.—Section
20 303(e) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15
21 U.S.C. 683(e)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(e) CAPITAL IMPAIRMENT.—Before approving any
23 application for leverage submitted by a licensee under this
24 Act, the Administrator—

1 “(1) shall determine that the private capital of
2 the licensee meets the requirements of section
3 302(a); and

4 “(2) shall determine, taking into account the
5 nature of the assets of the licensee, the amount and
6 terms of any third party debt owed by such licensee,
7 and any other factors determined to be relevant by
8 the Administrator, that the private capital of the li-
9 censee has not been impaired to such an extent that
10 the issuance of additional leverage would create or
11 otherwise contribute to an unreasonable risk of de-
12 fault or loss to the Federal Government.”.

13 (e) EQUITY INVESTMENT REQUIREMENT.—Section
14 303(g)(4) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958
15 (15 U.S.C. 683(g)(4)) is amended by striking “and main-
16 tain”.

17 (f) FEES.—Section 303 of the Small Business Invest-
18 ment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 683) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b), in the fifth sentence, by
20 striking “1 per centum,” and all that follows before
21 the period at the end of the sentence and inserting
22 the following: “1 percent, plus an additional charge
23 of .50 percent per annum which shall be paid to and
24 retained by the Administration”;

1 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “1 per cen-
2 tum,” and all that follows before the period at the
3 end of the paragraph and inserting the following: “1
4 percent, plus an additional charge of .50 percent per
5 annum which shall be paid to and retained by the
6 Administration”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 sections:

9 “(i) LEVERAGE FEE.—With respect to leverage
10 granted by the Administration to a licensee, the Adminis-
11 tration shall collect from the licensee a nonrefundable fee
12 in an amount equal to 3 percent of the face amount of
13 leverage granted to the licensee, payable upon the earlier
14 of the date of entry into any commitment for such leverage
15 or the date on which the leverage is drawn by the licensee.

16 “(j) CALCULATION OF SUBSIDY RATE.—All fees, in-
17 terest, and profits received and retained by the Adminis-
18 tration under this section shall be included in the calcula-
19 tions made by the Director of the Office of Management
20 and Budget to offset the cost (as that term is defined in
21 section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990)
22 to the Administration of purchasing and guaranteeing de-
23 bentures and participating securities under this Act.”.

1 **SEC. 6. LIABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

2 Section 308(e) of the Small Business Investment Act
3 of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 687(e)) is amended by striking “Noth-
4 ing” and inserting “Except as expressly provided other-
5 wise in this Act, nothing”.

6 **SEC. 7. EXAMINATIONS; VALUATIONS.**

7 (a) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 310(b) of the Small
8 Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 687b(b)) is
9 amended in the first sentence by inserting “which may be
10 conducted with the assistance of a private sector entity
11 that has both the qualifications to conduct and expertise
12 in conducting such examinations,” after “Investment Divi-
13 sion of the Administration,”.

14 (b) VALUATIONS.—Section 310(d) of the Small Busi-
15 ness Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 687b(d)) is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(d) VALUATIONS.—

18 “(1) FREQUENCY OF VALUATIONS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each licensee shall
20 submit to the Administrator a written valuation
21 of the loans and investments of the licensee not
22 less often than semiannually or otherwise upon
23 the request of the Administrator, except that
24 any licensee with no leverage outstanding shall
25 submit such valuations annually, unless the Ad-
26 ministrator determines otherwise.

1 “(B) MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES.—Not
2 later than 30 days after the end of a fiscal
3 quarter of a licensee during which a material
4 adverse change in the aggregate valuation of
5 the loans and investments or operations of the
6 licensee occurs, the licensee shall notify the Ad-
7 ministrator in writing of the nature and extent
8 of that change.

9 “(C) INDEPENDENT CERTIFICATION.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not less than once
11 during each fiscal year, each licensee shall
12 submit to the Administrator the financial
13 statements of the licensee, audited by an
14 independent certified public accountant ap-
15 proved by the Administrator.

16 “(ii) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.—Each
17 audit conducted under clause (i) shall in-
18 clude—

19 “(I) a review of the procedures
20 and documentation used by the li-
21 censee in preparing the valuations re-
22 quired by this section; and

23 “(II) a statement by the inde-
24 pendent certified public accountant
25 that such valuations were prepared in

1 conformity with the valuation criteria
2 applicable to the licensee established
3 in accordance with paragraph (2).

4 “(2) VALUATION CRITERIA.—Each valuation
5 submitted under this subsection shall be prepared by
6 the licensee in accordance with valuation criteria,
7 which shall—

8 “(A) be established or approved by the Ad-
9 ministrator; and

10 “(B) include appropriate safeguards to en-
11 sure that the noncash assets of a licensee are
12 not overvalued.”.

13 **SEC. 8. TRUSTEE OR RECEIVERSHIP OVER LICENSEES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 311 of the Small Business
15 Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 687c) is amended by
16 adding at the end the following new subsection:

17 “(d) APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL RECEIVERS AND
18 AGENTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon appointment as a re-
20 ceiver, as described in subsection (c), the Adminis-
21 trator may appoint principal receivers and receiver’s
22 agents.

23 “(2) COMPENSATION.—A receiver’s agent ap-
24 pointed under paragraph (1) may be paid—

1 “(A) at any time from salaries and expense
2 amounts appropriated for the Administration,
3 and the Administration may be reimbursed for
4 such amounts from amounts recovered from the
5 liquidation of any assets of the licensee at the
6 conclusion of the receivership; or

7 “(B) from amounts recovered from the liq-
8 uidation of any assets of the licensee, but only
9 at the conclusion of the receivership.”.

10 (b) CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTI-
11 TIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30,
13 1997, the Small Business Administration shall enter
14 into one or more contracts or arrangements with pri-
15 vate sector entities to provide for the orderly liquida-
16 tion of all licensee assets in liquidation, including as-
17 sets of licensees in receivership or in trust with re-
18 spect to which the court has appointed the Adminis-
19 tration as receiver or trustee under section 311 of
20 the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

21 (2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
22 section, the term “licensee” has the same meaning
23 as in section 103 of the Small Business Investment
24 Act of 1958.

1 **SEC. 9. BOOK ENTRY REGISTRATION.**

2 Subsection 321(f) of the Small Business Investment
3 Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 687*l*) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(5) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the uti-
6 lization of a book entry or other electronic form of reg-
7 istration for trust certificates.”

8 **SEC. 10. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

9 The Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15
10 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) is amended—

11 (1) in section 303—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “deben-
13 ture bonds,” and inserting “securities,”;

14 (B) by striking subsection (f) and inserting
15 the following:

16 “(f) REDEMPTION OR REPURCHASE OF PREFERRED
17 STOCK.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

18 “(1) the Administrator may allow the issuer of
19 any preferred stock sold to the Administration be-
20 fore November 1, 1989 to redeem or repurchase
21 such stock, upon the payment to the Administration
22 of an amount less than the par value of such stock,
23 for a repurchase price determined by the Adminis-
24 trator after consideration of all relevant factors, in-
25 cluding—

26 “(A) the market value of the stock;

1 “(B) the value of benefits provided and an-
2 ticipated to accrue to the issuer;

3 “(C) the amount of dividends paid, ac-
4 crued, and anticipated; and

5 “(D) the Administrator’s estimate of any
6 anticipated redemption; and

7 “(2) any moneys received by the Administration
8 from the repurchase of preferred stock shall be
9 available solely to provide debenture leverage to li-
10 censees having 50 percent or more in aggregate dol-
11 lar amount of their financings invested in smaller
12 enterprises.”; and

13 (C) in subsection (g)(8)—

14 (i) by striking “partners or sharehold-
15 ers” and inserting “partners, shareholders,
16 or members”;

17 (ii) by striking “partner’s or share-
18 holder’s” and inserting “partner’s, share-
19 holder’s, or member’s”; and

20 (iii) by striking “partner or share-
21 holder” and inserting “partner, share-
22 holder, or member”;

23 (2) in section 308(h), by striking “subsection
24 (c) or (d) of section 301” each place that term ap-
25 pears and inserting “section 301”;

1 (3) in section 310(c)(4), by striking “not less
2 than four years in the case of section 301(d) licens-
3 ees and in all other cases,”;

4 (4) in section 312—

5 (A) by striking “shareholders or partners”
6 and inserting “shareholders, partners, or mem-
7 bers”; and

8 (B) by striking “shareholder, or partner”
9 each place that term appears and inserting
10 “shareholder, partner, or member”;

11 (5) by striking sections 317 and 318, and re-
12 designating sections 319 through 322 as sections
13 317 through 320, respectively;

14 (6) in section 319, as redesignated—

15 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “, includ-
16 ing companies operating under the authority of
17 section 301(d),”; and

18 (B) in subsection (f)(2), by inserting “or
19 investments in obligations of the United States”
20 after “accounts”;

21 (7) in section 320, as redesignated, by striking
22 “section 321” and inserting “section 319”; and

23 (8) in section 509—

24 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking the
25 second sentence; and

1 (B) in subsection (e)(1)(B), by striking
2 “subsection (e) or (d) of section 301” and in-
3 serting “section 301”.

4 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 20(p)(3) of the Small Business Act (15
6 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by striking subparagraph
7 (B) and inserting the following:

8 “(B) \$300,000,000 in guarantees of de-
9 bentures; and”.

10 **SEC. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
12 become effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

○