

# OMNIBUS SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL FORMATION ACT OF 1980

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## LIAISON BETWEEN SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**SEC. 502. [15 U.S.C. 80c]** (a) The Securities and Exchange Commission shall gather, analyze, and make available to the public, information with respect to the capital formation needs, and the problems and costs involved with new, small, medium-sized, and independent businesses.

(b) The Commission shall make the results of such studies available to the Small Business Administration and otherwise have regular communication and liaison with such Administration in these matters.

## ANNUAL GOVERNMENT-BUSINESS FORUM ON CAPITAL FORMATION

**SEC. 503. [15 U.S.C. 80c-1]** (a) Pursuant to the consultation called for in section 502, the Securities and Exchange Commission shall conduct an annual Government-business forum to review the current status of problems and programs relating to small business capital formation.

(b) The Commission shall invite other Federal agencies, such as the Department of the Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Small Business Administration, organizations representing State securities commissioners, and leading small business and professional organizations concerned with capital formation, to participate in the planning for such forums.

(c) The Commission may request any of the Federal departments, agencies, or organizations such as those specified in subsection (b), or other groups or individuals, to prepare statements and reports to be delivered at such forums. Such departments and agencies shall cooperate in this effort.

(d) A summary of the proceedings of such forums and any findings or recommendations thereof shall be prepared and transmitted to the participants, appropriate committees of the Congress, and others who may be interested in the subject matter.

## ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**SEC. 504. [15 U.S.C. 80c-2]** For fiscal year 1982, and for each of the three succeeding fiscal years, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary and appro-

appropriate to carry out the provisions and purposes of this title. Any sums so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

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REDUCTION OF COSTS OF SMALL SECURITIES ISSUES

SEC. 506. [15 U.S.C. 80c-3] (a) The Securities and Exchange Commission shall use its best efforts to identify and reduce the costs of raising capital in connection with the issuance of securities by firms whose aggregate outstanding securities and other indebtedness have a market value of \$25,000,000 or less, through such means as studies, giving appropriate publicity to improved technology developments in fields such as printing, communications, and filing, and giving special attention to the effect of existing and proposed regulatory changes upon the small companies wishing to raise capital and independent broker-dealers which are in a key position with respect to the costs of underwriting and making markets in the securities of smaller companies.

(b) The Commission shall report on these efforts at the annual Government-business forum required by section 503.

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