AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8

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At the end of title XVII, insert the following new section:

| 1 | SEC. 17 REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN SECURITIES POST- |
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| 2 | PONED. |
| 3 | (a) In General.—Section 22 of the Investment |
| 4 | Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-22) is amended by |
| 5 | adding at the end the following: |
| 6 | "(h) Requirements With Respect to Non-insti- |
| 7 | TUTIONAL DIRECT AT-FUND ACCOUNTS.— |
| 8 | "(1) Election.— |
| 9 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—A registered open-end |
| 10 | investment company and a transfer agent de- |
| 11 | scribed under paragraph (2) may elect to com- |
| 12 | ply with the requirements under paragraph (2) |
| 13 | and subsection (i) by notifying the Commission |
| 14 | of such election. |
| 15 | "(B) Effect of election.—Paragraph |
| 16 | (2) and subsection (i) shall only apply to a reg- |
| 17 | istered open-end investment company and a |

| 1 | transfer agent that have made the election |
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| 2 | under subparagraph (A). |
| 3 | "(2) Requirements.—In the case of a cus- |
| 4 | tomer who is a holder of a non-institutional account |
| 5 | held directly with a registered open-end investment |
| 6 | company and serviced by a transfer agent (a 'direct- |
| 7 | at-fund account'), the company and transfer agent |
| 8 | shall— |
| 9 | "(A) request from such customer the name |
| 10 | and contact information of at least one indi- |
| 11 | vidual who— |
| 12 | "(i) is at the time of such request an |
| 13 | adult; and |
| 14 | "(ii) may be contacted with respect to |
| 15 | such account; |
| 16 | "(B) document and retain the information |
| 17 | received pursuant to subparagraph (A); and |
| 18 | "(C) disclose to such customer in writing |
| 19 | (including through electronic delivery) that such |
| 20 | company or transfer agent may contact an indi- |
| 21 | vidual specified pursuant to subparagraph (A) |
| 22 | with respect to the account of such customer |
| 23 | to— |
| 24 | "(i) address possible financial exploi- |
| 25 | tation of such customer; |

| 1 | "(ii) confirm the contact information |
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| 2 | or health status of the customer; or |
| 3 | "(iii) identify any legal guardian, ex- |
| 4 | ecutor, trustee, or holder of a power of at- |
| 5 | torney of the customer. |
| 6 | "(i) Redemption of Certain Securities Post- |
| 7 | PONED.— |
| 8 | "(1) In general.—Notwithstanding subsection |
| 9 | (e), a registered open-end investment company or a |
| 10 | transfer agent acting on behalf of such company |
| 11 | may postpone the date of payment or satisfaction |
| 12 | upon redemption of any redeemable security in ac- |
| 13 | cordance with its terms for more than seven days |
| 14 | after the tender of such security to such company or |
| 15 | its agent designated for that purpose for redemption |
| 16 | if such company or agent reasonably believes that— |
| 17 | "(A) the redemption is requested by a se- |
| 18 | curity holder who is a specified adult; and |
| 19 | "(B) financial exploitation has occurred, is |
| 20 | occurring, or has been attempted with respect |
| 21 | to such redemption. |
| 22 | "(2) Duration.— |
| 23 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in |
| 24 | subparagraphs (B) and (C), a registered open- |
| 25 | end investment company or a transfer agent |

| 1 | acting on behalf of such company may postpone |
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| 2 | the date of payment or satisfaction upon re- |
| 3 | demption of a redeemable security under para- |
| 4 | graph (1) for a period of not more than 15 |
| 5 | business days. |
| 6 | "(B) Extension upon determination |
| 7 | OF EXPLOITATION.—The period described in |
| 8 | subparagraph (A) may be extended by an addi- |
| 9 | tional 10 business days if the registered open- |
| 10 | end investment company or a transfer agent |
| 11 | acting on behalf of such company— |
| 12 | "(i) reasonably believes that— |
| 13 | "(I) the redemption is requested |
| 14 | by a security holder who is a specified |
| 15 | adult; and |
| 16 | "(II) financial exploitation has |
| 17 | occurred, is occurring, or has been at- |
| 18 | tempted with respect to such redemp- |
| 19 | tion; |
| 20 | "(ii) subject to subparagraph (D), not |
| 21 | later than 2 days after making a deter- |
| 22 | mination under clause (i), notifies the indi- |
| 23 | viduals specified by such security holder |
| 24 | under subsection $(h)(2)(A)$ in writing (in- |
| 25 | cluding through electronic delivery) of the |

| 1 | extension of the period described in sub- |
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| 2 | paragraph (A) under this subparagraph |
| 3 | and the reason for such extension; |
| 4 | "(iii) initiates an internal review of |
| 5 | the facts and circumstances relating to the |
| 6 | determination under clause (i); |
| 7 | "(iv) holds amounts related to the de- |
| 8 | layed payment or satisfaction upon re- |
| 9 | demption of the redeemable security in a |
| 10 | demand deposit account; and |
| 11 | "(v) documents and retains records |
| 12 | related to carrying out clause (iv) and in- |
| 13 | cludes such records in the first required |
| 14 | account statement of the security holder |
| 15 | provided after the date on which the deter- |
| 16 | mination is made under clause (i). |
| 17 | "(C) Extension by Government.—A |
| 18 | State regulator, administrative agency of com- |
| 19 | petent jurisdiction, or court of competent juris- |
| 20 | diction may extend the period described in sub- |
| 21 | paragraph (A). |
| 22 | "(D) Notification.— |
| 23 | "(i) Exception.—Subparagraph |
| 24 | (B)(ii) shall not apply if a registered open- |
| 25 | end investment company or transfer agent |

| 1 | acting on behalf of such company reason- |
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| 2 | ably believes that an individual required to |
| 3 | be notified under such subparagraph is, |
| 4 | has been, or will subject the security holder |
| 5 | who identified such individual under sub- |
| 6 | section (h)(2)(A) to financial exploitation. |
| 7 | "(ii) Reasonable efforts.—An |
| 8 | open-end investment company or transfer |
| 9 | agent acting on behalf of such company |
| 10 | shall be considered in compliance with sub- |
| 11 | paragraph (B)(ii) if such company or |
| 12 | transfer agent makes a reasonable effort to |
| 13 | contact the individuals specified by a secu- |
| 14 | rity holder under subsection (h)(2)(A). |
| 15 | "(E) Internal procedures.—An open- |
| 16 | end investment company or transfer agent act- |
| 17 | ing on behalf of such company shall establish |
| 18 | procedures to carry out the requirements under |
| 19 | this subsection, including procedures— |
| 20 | "(i) related to the identification and |
| 21 | reporting of matters related to the finan- |
| 22 | cial exploitation of specified adults; |
| 23 | "(ii) to determine whether to release |
| 24 | or reinvest delayed redemption proceeds, |
| 25 | taking into account the facts and cir- |

| 1 | cumstances of each case, should the inter- |
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| 2 | nal review under subparagraph (B)(iii) |
| 3 | support the reasonable belief described in |
| 4 | subparagraph (B)(i); |
| 5 | "(iii) identifying each employee of the |
| 6 | company or transfer agent with authority |
| 7 | to establish, extend, or terminate a period |
| 8 | described in paragraph (1) or subpara- |
| 9 | graph (A); |
| 10 | "(iv) in the case of a transfer agent, |
| 11 | that are reasonably designed to ensure that |
| 12 | the employees of such transfer agent com- |
| 13 | ply with this subsection; and |
| 14 | "(v) in the case of an open-end invest- |
| 15 | ment company, establishing periodic re- |
| 16 | porting requirements under which a trans- |
| 17 | fer agent acting on behalf of such company |
| 18 | shall notify such company of— |
| 19 | "(I) each extension under sub- |
| 20 | paragraph (B) authorized by such |
| 21 | transfer agent; |
| 22 | "(II) each finding by the transfer |
| 23 | agent under subparagraph (B)(i); |

| 1 | "(III) each notification under |
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| 2 | subparagraph (B)(ii) carried out by |
| 3 | such transfer agent; and |
| 4 | "(IV) the results of each internal |
| 5 | review initiated by the transfer agent |
| 6 | under subparagraph (B)(iii). |
| 7 | "(F) Information included in certain |
| 8 | STATEMENTS.—An open-end investment com- |
| 9 | pany shall include in each prospectus or state- |
| 10 | ment of additional information a notification |
| 11 | that the company or transfer agent acting on |
| 12 | behalf of such company may postpone redemp- |
| 13 | tion of certain securities under this subsection. |
| 14 | "(G) RECORD RETENTION.—An open-end |
| 15 | investment company or transfer agent acting on |
| 16 | behalf of such company shall— |
| 17 | "(i) document and retain records of— |
| 18 | "(I) each postponement of re- |
| 19 | demption under subparagraph (A), |
| 20 | (B), and (C); |
| 21 | $"(\Pi)$ each finding under subpara- |
| 22 | graph (B)(i); |
| 23 | "(III) the name and position of |
| 24 | each employee described in subpara- |
| 25 | graph (E)(iii); |

| 1 | "(IV) each notification carried |
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| 2 | out under subparagraph (B)(ii); and |
| 3 | "(V) the results of each internal |
| 4 | review initiated under subparagraph |
| 5 | (B)(iii); and |
| 6 | "(ii) make such records available to |
| 7 | the Commission at the request of the Com- |
| 8 | mission. |
| 9 | "(3) Specified adult defined.—In this sub- |
| 10 | section, the term 'specified adult' means a veteran |
| 11 | age 65 or older.". |
| 12 | (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.— |
| 13 | (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after |
| 14 | the date of the enactment of this section, the Securi- |
| 15 | ties and Exchange Commission, in consultation with |
| 16 | the entities specified in paragraph (2), shall submit |
| 17 | to Congress a report that includes recommendations |
| 18 | regarding the regulatory and legislative changes nec- |
| 19 | essary to address the financial exploitation of secu- |
| 20 | rity holders who are specified adults (as defined in |
| 21 | subsection (i)(3) of section 22 of the Investment |
| 22 | Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–22), as added |
| 23 | by this section). |
| 24 | (2) Consultation.—The entities specified in |
| 25 | this paragraph are as follows: |

| 1 | (A) The Commodity Futures Trading |
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| 2 | Commission. |
| 3 | (B) The Director of the Bureau of Con- |
| 4 | sumer Financial Protection. |
| 5 | (C) The Financial Industry Regulatory Au- |
| 6 | thority. |
| 7 | (D) The North American Securities Ad- |
| 8 | ministrators Association. |
| 9 | (E) The Board of Governors of the Fed- |
| 10 | eral Reserve System. |
| 11 | (F) The Comptroller of the Currency. |
| 12 | (G) The Federal Deposit Insurance Cor- |
| 13 | poration. |
| 14 | (H) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs. |
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