AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2792

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

| 1 | SECTION 1. STUDIES, REPORTS, AND RULES REGARDING |
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| 2 | SMALL ENTITIES. |
| 3 | (a) Definitions.—In this section— |
| 4 | (1) the term "Commission" means the Securi- |
| 5 | ties and Exchange Commission; and |
| 6 | (2) the term "small entity"— |
| 7 | (A) has the meaning given the term in sec- |
| 8 | tion 601 of title 5, United States Code, with re- |
| 9 | spect to the activities of the Commission; and |
| 10 | (B) includes any definition established by |
| 11 | the Commission of the term "small business", |
| 12 | "small organization", or "small governmental |
| 13 | jurisdiction" under paragraph (3), (4), or (5), |
| 14 | respectively, of section 601 of title 5, United |
| 15 | States Code, with respect to the activities of the |
| 16 | Commission. |

| 1 | (b) Studies and Reports.—Not later than 1 year |
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| 2 | after the date of enactment of this Act, and again 5 years |
| 3 | thereafter, the Commission shall— |
| 4 | (1) conduct a study of the definition of the |
| 5 | term "small entity" with respect to the activities of |
| 6 | the Commission for the purposes of chapter 6 of |
| 7 | title 5, United States Code, which shall consider— |
| 8 | (A) the extent to which the definition of |
| 9 | the term "small entity", as in effect during the |
| 10 | period in which the study is conducted, aligns |
| 11 | with the findings and declarations made under |
| 12 | section 2(a) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 |
| 13 | U.S.C. 601 note); |
| 14 | (B) the amount by which financial markets |
| 15 | in the United States have grown since the last |
| 16 | time the Commission amended the definition of |
| 17 | the term "small entity", if applicable; and |
| 18 | (C) how the Commission should define the |
| 19 | term "small entity" to ensure that a meaningful |
| 20 | number of entities would fall under that defini- |
| 21 | tion; and |
| 22 | (2) submit to Congress a report that includes— |
| 23 | (A) the results of the applicable study con- |
| 24 | ducted under paragraph (1); and |

| 1 | (B) specific and detailed recommendations |
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| 2 | on the ways in which the Commission could |
| 3 | amend the definition of the term "small entity" |
| 4 | to— |
| 5 | (i) be consistent with the results de- |
| 6 | scribed in subparagraph (A); and |
| 7 | (ii) expand the number of entities cov- |
| 8 | ered by such definition. |
| 9 | (c) Rulemaking.—After the completion of each |
| 10 | study required under subsection (b), the Commission shall, |
| 11 | subject to public notice and comment, revise the rules of |
| 12 | the Commission consistent with the results of such study. |
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