

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9408

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2022

Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Mandatory Materiality
5 Requirement Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 2(b) of the
8 Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “;
2 LIMITATION ON DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS” after
3 “FORMATION”;

4 (2) by striking “Whenever” and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(2) LIMITATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever pursuant to
10 this title the Commission is engaged in rule-
11 making regarding disclosure obligations of
12 issuers, the Commission may impose a disclo-
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14 mission expressly determines that there is a
15 substantial likelihood that a reasonable investor
16 of the issuer would consider the information
17 disclosed to the Commission under the require-
18 ment to be important with respect to an invest-
19 ment decision regarding the issuer.

20 “(B) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A)
21 shall not apply with respect to the removal of
22 any disclosure requirement with respect to an
23 issuer.

24 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For the
25 purposes of this paragraph, information is im-

1 portant with respect to an investment decision
2 made by an investor if there is a substantial
3 likelihood that the investor would view the fail-
4 ure to disclose that information as having sig-
5 nificantly altered the total mix of information
6 made available to the investor.”.

7 (b) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section
8 3(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.
9 78c(f)) is amended—

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