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## H. R. 8498

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Hollingsworth introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

## A BILL

To establish reporting requirements for persons who issue fiat currency-backed stablecoins, and for other purposes.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. FIAT CURRENCY-BACKED STABLECOINS.

  (a) IN GENERAL.—The term "fiat currency-backed
- 6 (1) that maintains price stability by backing the 7 value of such digital asset to a non-digital currency 8 that is denominated in the same currency as such

stablecoin" means a fiat currency-backed digital asset—

9 digital asset is issued; and

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| 1  | (2) is redeemable on a one-to-one basis in the             |
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| 2  | denominated currency to which the digital asset is         |
| 3  | backed.  |
| 4  | (b) Treatment as a Security or Commodity.—                 |
| 5  | A fait currency-based stablecoin is not a security (within |
| 6  | the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Securities  |
| 7  | Exchange Act of 1934) or a commodity (within the mean-     |
| 8  | ing given the term in section 1a of the Commodity Ex-      |
| 9  | change Act) and may not be regulated as such by the Se-    |
| 10 | curities Exchange Commission or the Commodity Futures      |
| 11 | Trading Commission.  |
| 12 | SEC. 2. STABLECOIN ISSUER REQUIREMENTS.                    |
| 13 | (a) Definitions.—In this section:                          |
| 14 | (1) Fiat currency-backed stablecoin.—                      |
| 15 | The term "fiat currency-backed stablecoin" means a         |
| 16 | fiat currency-backed digital asset—                        |
| 17 | (A) that maintains price stability by back-                |
| 18 | ing the value of such digital asset to a non-dig-          |
| 19 | ital currency that is denominated in the same              |
| 20 | currency as such digital asset is issued; and              |
| 21 | (B) is redeemable on a one-to-one basis in                 |
| 22 | the denominated currency to which the digital              |
| 23 | asset is backed.   |

| 1  | (2) STABLECOIN ISSUER.—The term                             |
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| 2  | "stablecoin issuer" means a person that issues a fiat       |
| 3  | currency-backed stablecoin.                                 |
| 4  | (b) Reserves.—Each stablecoin issuer shall hold all         |
| 5  | reserves associated with each fiat currency-backed          |
| 6  | stablecoin issued by such stablecoin issuer in—             |
| 7  | (1) government securities that mature not more              |
| 8  | than 12 months;   |
| 9  | (2) fully collateralized security repurchase                |
| 10 | agreements; and   |
| 11 | (3) United States dollars or any other non-dig-             |
| 12 | ital currency.  |
| 13 | (c) Reserve Reports.—Each stablecoin issuer                 |
| 14 | shall, not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  |
| 15 | ment of this Act and every 30 days thereafter, publish on   |
| 16 | the website of such stablecoin issuer, a report on the re-  |
| 17 | serves held by such stablecoin issuer that has been audited |
| 18 | by a third-party auditor.                                   |

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