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# H. R. 1659

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2015

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

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## A BILL

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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 “Improving Access to  
5 Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FILING REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC FILING PRIOR**  
7 **TO PUBLIC OFFERING.**

8 Section 6(e)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15  
9 U.S.C. 77f(e)(1)) is amended by striking “21 days” and  
10 inserting “15 days”.

1 **SEC. 3. GRACE PERIOD FOR CHANGE OF STATUS OF**  
2 **EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES.**

3 Section 6(e)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15  
4 U.S.C. 77f(e)(1)) is further amended by adding at the end  
5 the following: “An issuer that was an emerging growth  
6 company at the time it filed a confidential registration  
7 statement for review under this subsection but is no longer  
8 an emerging growth company shall continue to be treated  
9 as an emerging growth company for purposes of this sub-  
10 section through the earlier of the date on which the issuer  
11 consummates its initial public offering pursuant to such  
12 registration statement or the end of the 1-year period be-  
13 ginning on the date that the company is no longer an  
14 emerging growth company.”.

15 **SEC. 4. SIMPLIFIED DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
16 **EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES.**

17 Section 102 of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups  
18 Act (Public Law 112–106) is amended by adding at the  
19 end the following:

20 “(d) SIMPLIFIED DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—  
21 With respect to an emerging growth company (as such  
22 term is defined under section 2 of the Securities Act of  
23 1933):

24 “(1) REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE NOTICE ON  
25 FORM S-1.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
26 of enactment of this subsection, the Securities and

1 Exchange Commission shall revise its general in-  
2 structions on Form S-1 to indicate that a registra-  
3 tion statement filed (or submitted for confidential  
4 review) by an issuer prior to an initial public offer-  
5 ing may omit financial information for historical pe-  
6 riods otherwise required by regulation S-X (17  
7 C.F.R. 210.1-01 et seq.) as of the time of filing (or  
8 confidential submission) of such registration state-  
9 ment, provided that—

10 “(A) prior to the issuer distributing a pre-  
11 liminary prospectus to investors, such registra-  
12 tion statement is amended to include all rel-  
13 evant periods required at the date of such  
14 amendment; and

15 “(B) the issuer reasonably believes such fi-  
16 nancial disclosure will no longer be required to  
17 be included in the Form S-1 at the time of the  
18 contemplated offering.

19 “(2) RELIANCE BY ISSUERS.—Effective 30 days  
20 after the date of enactment of this subsection, an  
21 issuer filing a registration statement (or submitting  
22 the statement for confidential review) utilizing Form  
23 S-1 may omit financial information for historical pe-  
24 riods otherwise required by regulation S-X (17  
25 C.F.R. 210.1-01 et seq.) as of the time of filing (or

1 confidential submission) of such registration state-  
2 ment, provided that prior to the public filing of  
3 Form S-1, such registration statement is amended  
4 to include all relevant periods required at the date  
5 of such amendment.”.

6 **SEC. 5. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOLLOW-ON OFFER-**  
7 **INGS.**

8 Section 6(e) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C.  
9 77f(e)) is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(3) FOLLOW-ON OFFERINGS.—An emerging  
12 growth company may, within 1 year of the com-  
13 pany’s initial public offering, confidentially submit to  
14 the Commission a draft registration statement for  
15 any securities to be issued subsequent to its initial  
16 public offering, for confidential nonpublic review by  
17 the staff of the Commission prior to publicly filing  
18 a registration statement, provided that the initial  
19 confidential submission and all amendments thereto  
20 shall be publicly filed with the Commission not later  
21 than 2 days before the date on which the emerging  
22 growth company issues such securities.”.

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