Florida Senate - 2007

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{By}}$ the Committee on General Government Appropriations; and Senator Alexander

601-2190-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the regulation of securities
3	transactions; amending s. 517.12, F.S.;
4	increasing the registration and filing fees for
5	dealers and investment advisers who deal or
6	trade in securities; deleting provisions
7	providing for an assessment fee to be allocated
8	to the Securities Guaranty Fund; increasing the
9	fees imposed for making or renewing a notice
10	filing; amending s. 517.1201, F.S.; increasing
11	the filing fees and late fees for federal
12	covered advisers who engage in certain
13	securities transactions; repealing ss. 517.1203
14	and 517.1204, F.S., relating to the allocation
15	and disbursement of assessment fees and the
16	Investment Fraud Restoration Financing
17	Corporation; amending s. 517.131, F.S.;
18	revising the formula for transferring revenues
19	received as assessment fees into the Securities
20	Guaranty Fund; amending s. 517.315 , F.S.;
21	revising requirements for the Office of
22	Financial Regulation with respect to the
23	deposit of fees collected under ch. 517, F.S.;
24	providing an effective date.
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26	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28	Section 1. Subsection (10) and paragraphs (b) and (e)
29	of subsection (17) of section 517.12, Florida Statutes, are
30	amended to read:
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517.12 Registration of dealers, associated persons, 1 2 investment advisers, and branch offices .--3 (10) An applicant for registration shall pay an 4 assessment fee of $\frac{250}{200}$, in the case of a dealer or investment adviser, or\$70, in the case of an associated 5 6 person. The assessment fee of an associated person shall be 7 reduced to \$30, but only after the office determines, by final order, that sufficient funds have been allocated to the 8 9 Securities Guaranty Fund pursuant to s. 517.1203 to satisfy all valid claims filed in accordance with s. 517.1203(2) and 10 after all amounts payable under any service contract entered 11 12 into by the office pursuant to s. 517.1204, and all notes, 13 bonds, certificates of indebtedness, other obligations, or evidences of indebtedness secured by such notes, bonds, 14 15 certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations, have been 16 paid or provision has been made for the payment of such 17 amounts, notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, other 18 obligations, or evidences of indebtedness. An associated person may be assessed an additional fee to cover the cost for 19 the fingerprint cards to be processed by the office. Such fee 20 21 shall be determined by rule of the commission. Each dealer and 2.2 each investment adviser shall pay an assessment fee of \$100 23 for each office in this state. Such fees become the revenue of the state, except for those assessments provided for under s. 2.4 517.131(1) until such time as the Securities Guaranty Fund 25 satisfies the statutory limits, and are not returnable in the 26 27 event that registration is withdrawn or not granted. 28 (17)(b) A notice filing under this subsection must consist 29 of documents the commission by rule requires to be filed, 30 together with a consent to service of process and a 31 2

1 nonrefundable filing fee of \$250\$200. The commission may 2 establish by rule procedures for the deposit of fees and the 3 filing of documents to be made by electronic means, if such 4 procedures provide the office with the information and data 5 required by this section.

б (e) A notice filing is effective upon receipt by the 7 office. A notice filing expires on December 31 of the year in which the filing becomes effective unless the Canadian dealer 8 has renewed the filing on or before that date. A Canadian 9 dealer may annually renew a notice filing by furnishing to the 10 office such information as the office requires together with a 11 12 renewal fee of\$250\$200 and the payment of any amount due and 13 owing the office pursuant to any agreement with the office. Any Canadian dealer who has not renewed a notice filing by the 14 time a current notice filing expires may request reinstatement 15 of such notice filing by filing with the office, on or before 16 17 January 31 of the year following the year the notice filing 18 expires, such information as the commission requires by rule, together with the payment of $\frac{5250}{200}$ and a late fee of $\frac{5250}{200}$ 19 20 \$200. A reinstatement of a notice filing granted by the office 21 during the month of January is effective retroactively to 22 January 1 of that year. 23 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 517.1201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2.4 517.1201 Notice filing requirements for federal 25

26 covered advisers.--

(1) It is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state as a federal covered adviser unless such person has made a notice filing with the office. A notice filing under this section shall consist of a copy of those documents that have been filed or are required to be filed by the

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1 federal covered adviser with the Securities and Exchange 2 Commission that the Financial Services Commission by rule requires to be filed, together with a consent to service of 3 process and a filing fee of $\frac{250}{200}$. The commission may 4 establish by rule procedures for the deposit of fees and the 5 6 filing of documents to be made through electronic means, if 7 the procedures provide to the office the information and data 8 required by this section.

(2) A notice filing shall be effective upon receipt. 9 A notice filing shall expire on December 31 of the year in 10 which the filing became effective unless the federal covered 11 12 adviser has renewed the filing on or before that date. A 13 federal covered adviser may renew a notice filing by furnishing to the office such information that has been filed 14 or is required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange 15 Commission, as the Financial Services Commission or office may 16 17 require, together with a renewal fee of 250 ± 200 and the 18 payment of any amount due and owing the office pursuant to any agreement with the office. Any federal covered adviser who has 19 not renewed a notice filing by the time a current notice 20 21 filing expires may request reinstatement of such notice filing 22 by filing with the office, on or before January 31 of the year 23 following the year the notice filing expires, such information that has been filed or is required to be filed with the 2.4 Securities and Exchange Commission as may be required by the 25 26 Financial Services Commission or office, together with the 27 payment of 250 ± 200 and a late fee equal to 250 ± 200 . Any 2.8 reinstatement of a notice filing granted by the office during the month of January shall be deemed effective retroactive to 29 30 January 1 of that year. 31

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1 Section 3. Sections 517.1203 and 517.1204, Florida 2 Statutes, are repealed. 3 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 517.131, Florida 4 Statutes, is amended to read: 5 517.131 Securities Guaranty Fund. -б (1)(a) The Chief Financial Officer shall establish a 7 Securities Guaranty Fund. An amount not exceeding 20 percent of all revenues received as assessment fees pursuant to s. 8 517.12(10) and (11) for dealers and investment advisers or s. 9 10 517.1201 for federal covered advisers and an amount not exceeding 10 percent of all revenues received as assessment 11 12 fees pursuant to s. 517.12(10) and (11) for associated persons 13 shall be allocated to the fund. An additional amount not exceeding 3.5 percent of all revenues received as assessment 14 15 fees for associated persons pursuant to s. 517.12(10) and (11) shall be allocated to the Securities Guaranty Fund but only 16 17 after the office determines, by final order, that sufficient 18 funds have been allocated to the fund pursuant to s. 517.1203 to satisfy all valid claims filed in accordance with s. 19 517.1203(2) and after all amounts payable under any service 2.0 21 contract entered into by the office pursuant to s. 517.1204, 2.2 and all notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, other 23 obligations, or evidences of indebtedness secured by such notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or other 2.4 25 obligations, have been paid or provision has been made for the 26 payment of such amounts, notes, bonds, certificates of 27 indebtedness, other obligations, or evidences of indebtedness. 2.8 This assessment fee shall be part of the regular license fee 29 and shall be transferred to or deposited in the Securities 30 Guaranty Fund. 31

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1 (b) If the fund at any time exceeds \$1.5 million, 2 transfer allocation of assessment fees to this fund shall be discontinued at the end of that license year, and transfer of 3 such assessment fees shall not be resumed reimposed unless the 4 fund is reduced below \$1 million by disbursement made in 5 6 accordance with s. 517.141. 7 Section 5. Section 517.315, Florida Statutes, is 8 amended to read: 9 517.315 Fees.--All fees and charges of any nature 10 collected by the office pursuant to this chapter shall be disbursed as follows: 11 12 (1) The office shall transfer the amount of fees 13 required to be deposited into the Securities Guaranty Fund pursuant to s. 517.131; 14 (2) After the transfer required in subsection (1), the 15 office shall transfer 50 percent of the remaining fees and 16 17 charges to the General Revenue Fund; and 18 (3) All remaining fees shall be deposited into the Regulatory Trust Fund. Such funds shall be used to pay the 19 office's administrative costs related to its duties and 20 21 responsibilities under this chapter., except the fees and 22 charges collected pursuant to s. 517.131, shall be paid into 23 the State Treasury and credited to the General Revenue Fund; and an appropriation shall be made annually of necessary funds 2.4 25 for the administration of the provisions of this chapter. Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 26 27 2.8 29 30 31

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CS for SB 1100

1 2	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 1100
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4	Increases the registration, renewal, and late fees of dealer
	<pre>and investment adviser firms from \$200 to \$250. Increases the fee for persons associated with dealers and firms from \$30 to \$70. Provides for the distribution of securities transaction fees to the General Revenue Fund and the Regulatory Trust Fund within the Office of Financial Regulation. 8</pre>
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