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HOUSE BILL 281

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2	AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND CONFORMING
3	CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
4	GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.
5	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	SECTION 1. G.S. 78A-17 reads as rewritten:
7	"§ 78A-17. Exempt transactions.
8	Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the following transactions are
9	exempted from G.S. 78A-24 and <u>G.S.</u> 78A-49(d):
10	(1) Any isolated nonissuer transaction, whether effected through a dealer
11	or not; not.
12	(2) Any nonissuer distribution other than by a controlling person of an
13	outstanding security if
14	a. A recognized securities manual contains the names of the
15	issuer's officers and directors, a balance sheet of the issuer as of
16	a date within 18 months, and a profit and loss statement for
17	either the fiscal year preceding that date or the most recent year
18	of operations, or
19	b. A registered dealer files with the Administrator such
20	information relating to the issuer as the Administrator may by
21	rule or order require, or
22	c. The security has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend
23	provision and there has been no default during the current fiscal
24	year or within the three preceding fiscal years, or during the
25	existence of the issuer and any predecessors if less than three
26	years, in the payment of principal, interest, or dividends on the
27	security; security.
28	(3) Any nonissuer transaction effected by or through a registered dealer
29	pursuant to an unsolicited order or offer to buy; but the Administrator

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1		may by rule require that the customer acknowledge upon a specified
2		form that the sale was unsolicited, and that a signed copy of each such
3		form be preserved by the dealer for a specified period; period.
4	(4)	Any transaction between the issuer or other person on whose behalf
5		the offering is made and an underwriter, or among
6	<i></i>	underwriters;underwriters.
7	(5)	Any transaction in a bond or other evidence of indebtedness secured
8		by a lien or security interest in real or personal property, or by an
9		agreement for the sale of real estate or chattels, if the entire security
10		interest or agreement, together with all the bonds or other evidences of
11		indebtedness secured thereby, is offered and sold as a unit;unit.
12	(6)	Any transaction by an executor, administrator, sheriff, marshal,
13		receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or conservator; conservator.
14	(7)	Any transaction executed by a person holding a bona fide security
15		interest without any purpose of evading this Chapter; Chapter.
16	(8)	Any offer or sale to an entity which has a net worth in excess of one
17		million dollars (\$1,000,000) as determined by generally accepted
18		accounting principles, bank, savings institution, trust company,
19		insurance company, investment company as defined in the Investment
20		Company Act of 1940, pension or profit-sharing trust, or other
21		financial institution or institutional buyer, or to a dealer, whether the
22		purchaser is acting for itself or in some fiduciary capacity; capacity.
23	(9)	Any transaction pursuant to an offer directed by the offeror to not
24		more than 25 persons, other than those persons designated in
25		subdivision (8), in this State during any period of 12 consecutive
26		months, whether or not the offeror or any of the offerees is then
27		present in this State, if the seller reasonably believes that all the buyers
28		in this State are purchasing for investment. The Administrator may by
29		rule or order withdraw, amend, or further condition this exemption for
30		any security or security transaction. There is established a fee of one
31		hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) to recover costs for any filing required.
32	(10)	Any offer or sale of a preorganizational certificate or subscription if:
33		(i) no commission or other remuneration is paid or given directly or
34		indirectly for soliciting any prospective subscriber; (ii) no public
35		advertising or solicitation is used in connection with the offer or sale;
36		(iii) the number of subscribers does not exceed 10 and the number of
37		offerees does not exceed 25; and (iv) no payment is made by any
38		subscriber.
39	(11)	Any transaction pursuant to an offer to existing security holders of the
40	~ /	issuer, including persons who at the time of the transaction are holders
41		of convertible securities, nontransferable warrants, or transferable
42		warrants exercisable within not more than 90 days of their issuance, if
43		(i) no commission or other remuneration (other than a standby
44		commission) is paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting any
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1		security holder in this State, or (ii) the issuer first files a notice
2		specifying the terms of the offer and the Administrator does not by
3		order disallow the exemption within the next 10 full business
4		days;<u>d</u>ays.
5	(12)	Any offer (but not a sale) of a security for which registration
6		statements have been filed under both this Chapter and the Securities
7		Act of 1933 if no stop order or refusal order is in effect and no public
8		proceeding or examination looking toward such an order is pending
9		under either act; act.
10	(13)	Any offer or sale by a domestic entity of its own securities if (i) the
11		entity was organized for the purpose of promoting community,
12		agricultural or industrial development of the area in which the
13		principal office is located, (ii) the offer or sale has been approved by
14		resolution of the county commissioners of the county in which its
15		principal office is located, and, if located in a municipality or within
16		two miles of the boundaries thereof, by resolution of the governing
17		body of such municipality, (iii) no commission or other remuneration
18		is paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting any prospective
19		buyer in this State, and (iv) the corporation entity is both organized
20		and operated principally to promote some community, industrial, or
21		agricultural development that confers a public benefit rather than
22		organized and operated principally to generate a pecuniary
23		profit; profit.
24	(14)	Any offer, sale or issuance of securities pursuant to an employees'
25		stock or equity purchase, option, savings, pension, profit-sharing, or
26		other similar benefit plan that is exempt under the provisions of G.S.
27		78A-16(11); 78A-16(11).
28	(15)	Any offer or sale of limited partnership interests in a partnership
29		organized under the North Carolina Uniform Limited Partnership Act
30		for the sole purpose of constructing, owning and operating a low and
31		moderate income rental housing project located in North Carolina if
32		the total amount of the offering and the total number of limited
33		partners, both within and without this State for each such partnership,
34		does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and 100
35		respectively. This exemption shall be allowed without limitation as to
36		(i) the number, either in total or within any time period, of separate
37		partnerships which may be formed by the same general partner or
38		partners, sponsors or individuals in which partnership interests are
39		offered; (ii) the period over which such offerings can be made; (iii) the
40		amount of each limited partner's investment; or (iv) the period over
41		which such investment is payable to the partnership. For purposes of
42		this subdivision (15), the term "low and moderate rental housing
43		project" means:

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1a.Any housing project with respect to which a more2insured or guaranteed under section 221(d)(3) or 22	
3 236 of the National Housing Act, or any housin	
4 financed or assisted by direct loan, mortgage inst	
5 guaranty, or tax abatement under similar provisions of	
6 State or local laws, whether now existing or hereafter	
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8 b. Any housing project, some or all of the units of y	which are
9 available for occupancy by families or individuals e	
10 receive subsidies under section 8 of the United States	-
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12 federal, State or local law authorizing similar levels of 13 for lower income families, whether now existing or	-
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14 enacted; or	:
15 c. Any housing project with respect to which a loan	
16 insured or guaranteed under Title V, section 515	
17 Housing Act of 1949, or under similar provisions	
18 federal, State or local laws, whether now existing or	hereafter
19 enacted.	
20 (16) Any offer to purchase or to sell or any sale or issuance of a	•
21 other than a security covered under federal law, pursuant	-
22 approved by the Administrator after a hearing conducted pu	
23 the provisions of G.S. 78A-30 or any transaction incident to	•
24 judicially or governmentally approved reorganization in	which a
25 security is issued in exchange for one or more outstanding	securities,
26 claims or property interests, or partly in such exchange and pa	artly cash.
27 (17) Any transaction that is exempt pursuant to rules established	ed by the
28 Administrator creating limited offering transactional exemp	tions that
are consistent with the objectives of compatibility with feder	al limited
30 offering exemptions and uniformity among the states.	There is
31 established a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) t	o recover
32 costs for any filing required by such rules.	
33 (18) Any transaction incident to a class vote by security holders,	pursuant
34 to the articles of incorporation or similar organizational doe	-
35 the applicable statute governing the internal affairs of the er	
36 merger, conversion, consolidation, share exchange, reclassif	-
37 securities, or sale of an entity's assets in consideration of the	
38 of securities of entity.	
39 (19) Any offer or sale of any viatical settlement contract	or any
40 fractionalized or pooled interest therein by the issuer in a tr	
41 that meets all of the following criteria:	
42 a. The underlying viatical settlement transaction with	
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1	b. The offer and sale of such contract or interest therein is
2	conducted in accordance with such conditions as the
3	Administrator requires by rule or order, including conditions
4	governing advertising, suitability standards, financial
5	statements, the investor's right of rescission, and the disclosure
6	of information to offerees and purchasers.
7	The Administrator may establish a fee to recover costs for any filing
8	required by such rules, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."
9	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.