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AN ACT

To repeal sections 409.1-102, 409.2-202, 409.3-304, 409.4-401, 409.4-404, 409.4-408, 409.4-412, 409.5-501, 409.6-604, and 409.6-607, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to the Missouri securities act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 409.1-102, 409.2-202, 409.3-304, 409.4-401, 409.4-404,

- 2 409.4-408, 409.4-412, 409.5-501, 409.6-604, and 409.6-607, RSMo, are repealed
- 3 and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 409.1-102,
- 4 409.2-202, 409.3-304, 409.4-401, 409.4-404, 409.4-408, 409.4-412, 409.5-501, 409.6-
- 5 604, and 409.6-607, to read as follows:

409.1-102. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2 (1) "Agent" means an individual, other than a broker-dealer, who
- 3 represents a broker-dealer in effecting or attempting to effect purchases or sales
- 4 of securities or represents an issuer in effecting or attempting to effect purchases
- 5 or sales of the issuer's securities. But a partner, officer, or director of a
- 6 broker-dealer or issuer, or an individual having a similar status or performing
- 7 similar functions is an agent only if the individual otherwise comes within the
- 8 term.The term does not include an individual excluded by rule adopted or order
- 9 issued under this act.
- 10 (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of securities appointed by the
- 11 secretary of state.
- 12 (3) "Bank" means:
- 13 (A) A banking institution organized under the laws of the United States;
- (B) A member bank of the Federal Reserve System;
- 15 (C) Any other banking institution, whether incorporated or not, doing

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 business under the laws of a state or of the United States, a substantial portion

- 17 of the business of which consists of receiving deposits or exercising fiduciary
- 18 powers similar to those permitted to be exercised by national banks under the
- 19 authority of the Comptroller of the Currency pursuant to Section 1 of Public Law
- 20 87-722 (12 U.S.C. Section 92a), and which is supervised and examined by a state
- 21 or federal agency having supervision over banks, and which is not operated for
- 22 the purpose of evading this act; and
- 23 (D) A receiver, conservator, or other liquidating agent of any institution
- 24 or firm included in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).
- 25 (4) "Broker-dealer" means a person engaged in the business of effecting
- 26 transactions in securities for the account of others or for the person's own
- 27 account. The term does not include:
- 28 (A) An agent;
- 29 (B) An issuer;
- 30 (C) A bank, a trust company organized or chartered under the laws of this
- 31 state, or a savings institution, if its activities as a broker-dealer are limited to
- 32 those specified in subsections 3(a)(4)(B)(i) to (vi), (viii) to (x), and (xi) if limited
- 33 to unsolicited transactions; 3(a)(5)(B); and 3(a)(5)(C) of the Securities Exchange
- 34 Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Sections 78c(a)(4) and (5)) or a bank that satisfies the
- 35 conditions described in subsection 3(a)(4)(E) of the Securities Exchange Act of
- 36 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78c(a)(4));
- 37 (D) An international banking institution; or
- 38 (E) A person excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- 39 (5) "Depository institution" means:
- 40 (A) A bank; or
- 41 (B) A savings institution, trust company, credit union, or similar
- 42 institution that is organized or chartered under the laws of a state or of the
- 43 United States, authorized to receive deposits, and supervised and examined by
- 44 an official or agency of a state or the United States if its deposits or share
- 45 accounts are insured to the maximum amount authorized by statute by the
- 46 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Share
- 47 Insurance Fund, or a successor authorized by federal law. The term does not
- 48 include:
- 49 (i) An insurance company or other organization primarily engaged in the
- 50 business of insurance;
- 51 (ii) A Morris Plan bank; or

- 52 (iii) An industrial loan company that is not an "insured depository 53 institution" as defined in Section 3(c)(2) of the Federal Deposit 54 Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1813(c)(2), or any successor federal statute.
- 55 (6) "Federal covered investment adviser" means a person registered under 56 the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- 57 (7) "Federal covered security" means a security that is, or upon completion 58 of a transaction will be, a covered security under Section 18(b) of the Securities 59 Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. Section 77r(b)) or rules or regulations adopted pursuant 60 to that provision.
- 61 (8) "Filing" means the receipt under this act of a record by the 62 commissioner or a designee of the commissioner.
 - (9) "Fraud", "deceit", and "defraud" are not limited to common law deceit.
- 64 (10) "Guaranteed" means guaranteed as to payment of all principal and 65 all interest.
- 66 (11) "Institutional investor" means any of the following, whether acting 67 for itself or for others in a fiduciary capacity:
- 68 (A) A depository institution, a trust company organized or chartered under 69 the laws of this state, or an international banking institution;
- (B) An insurance company;

- 71 (C) A separate account of an insurance company;
- 72 (D) An investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act 73 of 1940;
- 74 (E) A broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;
- (F) An employee pension, profit-sharing, or benefit plan if the plan has total assets in excess of ten million dollars or its investment decisions are made by a named fiduciary, as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, that is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, an investment adviser registered or exempt from registration under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, an investment adviser registered under this act, a depository institution, or an insurance company;
- (G) A plan established and maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or a political subdivision of a state for the benefit of its employees, if the plan has total assets in excess of ten million dollars or its investment decisions are made by a duly designated public official or by a named fiduciary, as defined in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, that is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities

88 Exchange Act of 1934, an investment adviser registered or exempt from

- 89 registration under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, an investment adviser
- 90 registered under this act, a depository institution, or an insurance company;
- 91 (H) A trust, if it has total assets in excess of ten million dollars, its
- 92 trustee is a depository institution, and its participants are exclusively plans of
- 93 the types identified in subparagraph (F) or (G), regardless of the size of their
- 94 assets, except a trust that includes as participants self-directed individual
- 95 retirement accounts or similar self-directed plans;
- 96 (I) An organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
- 97 Code (26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3)), corporation, Massachusetts trust or similar
- 98 business trust, limited liability company, or partnership, not formed for the
- 99 specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, with total assets in excess of
- 100 ten million dollars;
- 101 (J) A small business investment company licensed by the Small Business
- 102 Administration under Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of
- 103 1958 (15 U.S.C. Section 681(c)) with total assets in excess of ten million dollars;
- 104 (K) A private business development company as defined in Section
- 105 202(a)(22) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-2(a)(22))
- 106 with total assets in excess of ten million dollars;
- 107 (L) A federal covered investment adviser acting for its own account;
- 108 (M) A "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A(a)(1), other
- 109 than Rule 144A(a)(1)(i)(H), adopted under the Securities Act of 1933 (17 C.F.R.
- 110 230.144A);
- 111 (N) A "major U.S. institutional investor" as defined in Rule 15a-6(b)(4)(i)
- 112 adopted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. 240.15a-6);
- 113 (O) Any other person, other than an individual, of institutional character
- 114 with total assets in excess of ten million dollars not organized for the specific
- 115 purpose of evading this act; or
- 116 (P) Any other person specified by rule adopted or order issued under this
- 117 act.
- 118 (12) "Insurance company" means a company organized as an insurance
- 119 company whose primary business is writing insurance or reinsuring risks
- 120 underwritten by insurance companies and which is subject to supervision by the
- 121 insurance commissioner or a similar official or agency of a state.
- 122 (13) "Insured" means insured as to payment of all principal and all
- 123 interest.

124 (14) "International banking institution" means an international financial 125 institution of which the United States is a member and whose securities are 126 exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933.

- 127 (15) "Investment adviser" means a person that, for compensation, engages 128 in the business of advising others, either directly or through publications or 129 writings, as to the value of securities or the advisability of investing in, 130 purchasing, or selling securities or that, for compensation and as a part of a 131 regular business, issues or promulgates analyses or reports concerning securities. 132 The term includes a financial planner or other person that, as an integral 133 component of other financially related services, provides investment advice to 134 others for compensation as part of a business or that holds itself out as providing investment advice to others for compensation. The term does not include: 135
 - (A) An investment adviser representative;

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- (B) A lawyer, accountant, engineer, or teacher whose performance of investment advice is solely incidental to the practice of the person's profession;
- 139 (C) A broker-dealer or its agents whose performance of investment advice 140 is solely incidental to the conduct of business as a broker-dealer and that does not 141 receive special compensation for the investment advice;
- 142 (D) A publisher of a bona fide newspaper, news magazine, or business or 143 financial publication of general and regular circulation;
- 144 (E) A federal covered investment adviser;
- 145 (F) A bank, a trust company organized or chartered under the laws of this 146 state, or a savings institution;
- 147 (G) Any other person that is excluded by the Investment Advisers Act of 148 1940 from the definition of investment adviser; or
- (H) Any other person excluded by rule adopted or order issued under thisact.
- (16) "Investment adviser representative" means an individual employed 151 152 by or associated with an investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser 153 and who makes any recommendations or otherwise gives investment advice 154 regarding securities, manages accounts or portfolios of clients, determines which 155 recommendation or advice regarding securities should be given, provides 156 investment advice or holds herself or himself out as providing investment advice, 157 receives compensation to solicit, offer, or negotiate for the sale of or for selling 158 investment advice, or supervises employees who perform any of the 159 foregoing. The term does not include an individual who:

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- 160 (A) Performs only clerical or ministerial acts;
- 161 (B) Is an agent whose performance of investment advice is solely 162 incidental to the individual acting as an agent and who does not receive special 163 compensation for investment advisory services;
- 164 (C) Is employed by or associated with a federal covered investment 165 adviser, unless the individual has a "place of business" in this state as that term 166 is defined by rule adopted under Section 203A of the Investment Advisers Act of 167 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-3a) and is:
- (i) An "investment adviser representative" as that term is defined by rule
 adopted under Section 203A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C.
 Section 80b-3a); or
- 171 (ii) Not a "supervised person" as that term is defined in Section 202(a)(25) 172 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-2(a)(25)); or
 - (D) Is excluded by rule adopted or order issued under this act.
- 174 (17) "Issuer" means a person that issues or proposes to issue a security, 175 subject to the following:
 - (A) The issuer of a voting trust certificate, collateral trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, or share in an investment company without a board of directors or individuals performing similar functions is the person performing the acts and assuming the duties of depositor or manager pursuant to the trust or other agreement or instrument under which the security is issued.
 - (B) The issuer of an equipment trust certificate or similar security serving the same purpose is the person by which the property is or will be used or to which the property or equipment is or will be leased or conditionally sold or that is otherwise contractually responsible for assuring payment of the certificate.
 - (C) The issuer of a fractional undivided interest in an oil, gas, or other mineral lease or in payments out of production under a lease, right, or royalty is the owner of an interest in the lease or in payments out of production under a lease, right, or royalty, whether whole or fractional, that creates fractional interests for the purpose of sale.
- 190 (18) "Nonissuer transaction" or "nonissuer distribution" means a 191 transaction or distribution not directly or indirectly for the benefit of the issuer.
- 192 (19) "Offer to purchase" includes an attempt or offer to obtain, or 193 solicitation of an offer to sell, a security or interest in a security for value. The 194 term does not include a tender offer that is subject to Section 14(d) of the 195 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78n(d)).

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196 (20) "Person" means an individual; corporation; business trust; estate; 197 trust; partnership; limited liability company; association; joint venture; 198 government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; public 199 corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity.

- 200 (21) "Place of business" of a broker-dealer, an investment adviser, or a 201 federal covered investment adviser means:
 - (A) An office at which the broker-dealer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment adviser regularly provides brokerage or investment advice or solicits, meets with, or otherwise communicates with customers or clients; or
 - (B) Any other location that is held out to the general public as a location at which the broker-dealer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment adviser provides brokerage or investment advice or solicits, meets with, or otherwise communicates with customers or clients.
- 209 (22) "Predecessor act" means sections 409.101, 409.102 and 409.201 to 210 409.421, as repealed by this act.
 - (23) "Price amendment" means the amendment to a registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 or, if an amendment is not filed, the prospectus or prospectus supplement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 that includes a statement of the offering price, underwriting and selling discounts or commissions, amount of proceeds, conversion rates, call prices, and other matters dependent upon the offering price.
 - (24) "Principal place of business" of a broker-dealer or an investment adviser means the executive office of the broker-dealer or investment adviser from which the officers, partners, or managers of the broker-dealer or investment adviser direct, control, and coordinate the activities of the broker-dealer or investment adviser.
- 222 (25) "Record", except in the phrases "of record", "official record", and 223 "public record", means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that 224 is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.
- 225 (26) "Sale" includes every contract of sale, contract to sell, or disposition 226 of, a security or interest in a security for value, and "offer to sell" includes every 227 attempt or offer to dispose of, or solicitation of an offer to purchase, a security or 228 interest in a security for value. Both terms include:
- 229 (A) A security given or delivered with, or as a bonus on account of, a 230 purchase of securities or any other thing constituting part of the subject of the 231 purchase and having been offered and sold for value;

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232 (B) A gift of assessable stock involving an offer and sale; and

(C) A sale or offer of a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to another security of the same or another issuer and a sale or offer of a security that gives the holder a present or future right or privilege to convert the security into another security of the same or another issuer, including an offer of the other security.

- 238 (27) "Securities and Exchange Commission" means the United States 239 Securities and Exchange Commission.
 - (28) "Security" means a note; stock; treasury stock; security future; bond; debenture; evidence of indebtedness; certificate of interest or participation in a profit-sharing agreement; collateral trust certificate; preorganization certificate or subscription; transferable share; investment contract; voting trust certificate; certificate of deposit for a security; fractional undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights; put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on a security, certificate of deposit, or group or index of securities, including an interest therein or based on the value thereof; put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency; or, in general, an interest or instrument commonly known as a "security"; or a certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing. The term:
 - (A) Includes both a certificated and an uncertificated security;
 - (B) Does not include an insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract under which an insurance company promises to pay money either in a lump sum or periodically for life or other specified period;
- 256 (C) Does not include an interest in a contributory or noncontributory 257 pension or welfare plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act 258 of 1974;
 - (D) Includes as an "investment contract" an investment in a common enterprise with the expectation of profits to be derived primarily from the efforts of a person other than the investor and a "common enterprise" means an enterprise in which the fortunes of the investor are interwoven with those of either the person offering the investment, a third party, or other investors; and
- 264 (E) May include as an "investment contract", among other contracts, an 265 interest in a limited partnership and a limited liability company and an 266 investment in a viatical settlement or similar agreement.
- 267 (29) "Self-regulatory organization" means a national securities exchange

268 registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a national securities

- 269 association of broker-dealers registered under the Securities Exchange Act of
- 270 1934, a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or
- 271 the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established under the Securities
- 272 Exchange Act of 1934.
- (30) "Sign" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt a record:
- 274 (A) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
- 275 (B) To attach or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol,
- 276 sound, or process.
- 277 (31) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia,
- 278 Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular
- 279 possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
 - 409.2-202. The following transactions are exempt from the requirements
 - 2 of sections 409.3-301 to 409.3-306 and 409.5-504:
 - 3 (1) An isolated nonissuer transaction, whether effected by or through a
 - 4 broker-dealer or not;
 - 5 (2) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered, or
 - 6 exempt from registration under this act, and a resale transaction by a sponsor of
 - 7 a unit investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 - in a security of a class that has been outstanding in the hands of the public for
 - 9 at least ninety days, if, at the date of the transaction:
 - 10 (A) The issuer of the security is engaged in business, the issuer is not in
 - 11 the organizational stage or in bankruptcy or receivership, and the issuer is not
 - 12 a blank check, blind pool, or shell company that has no specific business plan or
 - 13 purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to engage in a merger
 - 14 or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of, an unidentified person;
 - 15 (B) The security is sold at a price reasonably related to its current market
 - 16 price;
 - 17 (C) The security does not constitute the whole or part of an unsold
 - 18 allotment to, or a subscription or participation by, the broker-dealer as an
 - 19 underwriter of the security or a redistribution; [and]
 - 20 (D) A nationally recognized securities manual or its electronic equivalent
 - 21 designated by rule adopted or order issued under this act or a record filed with
 - 22 the Securities and Exchange Commission that is publicly available contains:
 - (i) A description of the business and operations of the issuer;
 - 24 (ii) The names of the issuer's executive officers and the names of the

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- 26 (iii) An audited balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within eighteen 27 months before the date of the transaction or, in the case of a reorganization or 28 merger when the parties to the reorganization or merger each had an audited 29 balance sheet, a pro forma balance sheet for the combined organization; and
 - (iv) An audited income statement for each of the issuer's two immediately previous fiscal years or for the period of existence of the issuer, whichever is shorter, or, in the case of a reorganization or merger when each party to the reorganization or merger had audited income statements, a pro forma income statement; [or] and

(E) Any one of the following requirements is met:

- (i) The issuer of the security has a class of equity securities listed on a national securities exchange registered under **Section 6 of** the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or designated for trading on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation [System, unless] systems;
- 40 (ii) The issuer of the security is a unit investment trust registered under 41 the Investment Company Act of 1940; [or]
- 42 (iii) The issuer of the security, including its predecessors, has been 43 engaged in continuous business for at least three years;
 - (iv) Or the issuer of the security has total assets of at least two million dollars based on an audited balance sheet as of a date within eighteen months before the date of the transaction or, in the case of a reorganization or merger when the parties to the reorganization or merger each had [the] such an audited balance sheet, a pro forma balance sheet for the combined organization;
 - (3) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act in a security of a foreign issuer that is a margin security defined in regulations or rules adopted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System;
- (4) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or 54 exempt from registration under this act in an outstanding security if the 55 guarantor of the security files reports with the Securities and Exchange 56 Commission under the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the 57 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d));
- 58 (5) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or 59 exempt from registration under this act in a security that:
- 60 (A) Is rated at the time of the transaction by a nationally recognized

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61 statistical rating organization in one of its four highest rating categories; or

- (B) Has a fixed maturity or a fixed interest or dividend, if:
- (i) A default has not occurred during the current fiscal year or within the three previous fiscal years or during the existence of the issuer and any predecessor if less than three fiscal years, in the payment of principal, interest, or dividends on the security; and
- 67 (ii) The issuer is engaged in business, is not in the organizational stage 68 or in bankruptcy or receivership, and is not and has not been within the previous 69 twelve months a blank check, blind pool, or shell company that has no specific 70 business plan or purpose or has indicated that its primary business plan is to 71 engage in a merger or combination of the business with, or an acquisition of, an 72 unidentified person;
- 73 (6) A nonissuer transaction by or through a broker-dealer registered or 74 exempt from registration under this act effecting an unsolicited order or offer to 75 purchase;
- 76 (7) A nonissuer transaction executed by a bona fide pledgee without the 77 purpose of evading this act;
- 78 (8) A nonissuer transaction by a federal covered investment adviser with 79 investments under management in excess of one hundred million dollars acting 80 in the exercise of discretionary authority in a signed record for the account of 81 others;
 - (9) A transaction in a security, whether or not the security or transaction is otherwise exempt, in exchange for one or more bona fide outstanding securities, claims, or property interests, or partly in such exchange and partly for cash, if the terms and conditions of the issuance and exchange or the delivery and exchange and the fairness of the terms and conditions have been approved by the commissioner after a hearing;
- 88 (10) A transaction between the issuer or other person on whose behalf the 89 offering is made and an underwriter, or among underwriters;
- 90 (11) A transaction in a note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of 91 indebtedness secured by a mortgage or other security agreement if:
- 92 (A) The note, bond, debenture, or other evidence of indebtedness is offered 93 and sold with the mortgage or other security agreement as a unit;
- 94 (B) A general solicitation or general advertisement of the transaction is 95 not made; and
- 96 (C) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or given, directly or

97 indirectly, to a person not registered under this act as a broker-dealer or as an

- 98 agent;
- 99 (12) A transaction by an executor, commissioner of an estate, sheriff,
- 100 marshal, receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, guardian, or conservator;
- 101 (13) A sale or offer to sell to:
- 102 (A) An institutional investor;
- 103 (B) A federal covered investment adviser; or
- 104 (C) Any other person exempted by rule adopted or order issued under this 105 act;
- 106 (14) A sale or an offer to sell securities of an issuer, if **the transaction**107 **is** part of a single issue in which:
- 108 (A) Not more than twenty-five purchasers are present in this state during 109 any twelve consecutive months, other than those designated in paragraph (13);
- 110 (B) A general solicitation or general advertising is not made in connection 111 with the offer to sell or sale of the securities;
- 112 (C) A commission or other remuneration is not paid or given, directly or 113 indirectly, to a person other than a broker-dealer registered under this act or an 114 agent registered under this act for soliciting a prospective purchaser in this state; 115 and
- 116 (D) The issuer reasonably believes that all the purchasers in this state, 117 other than those designated in paragraph (13), are purchasing for investment;
- 118 (15) A transaction under an offer to existing security holders of the issuer, 119 including persons that at the date of the transaction are holders of convertible 120 securities, options, or warrants, if a commission or other remuneration, other 121 than a standby commission, is not paid or given, directly or indirectly, for 122 soliciting a security holder in this state;
- 123 (16) An offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security not exempt from 124 registration under the Securities Act of 1933 if:
- (A) A registration or offering statement or similar record as required under the Securities Act of 1933 has been filed, but is not effective, or the offer is made in compliance with Rule 165 adopted under the Securities Act of 1933 (17
- 128 C.F.R. 230.165); and
- (B) A stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued against the offeror by the commissioner or the Securities and Exchange Commission, and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that is public and that may culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;

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133 (17) An offer to sell, but not a sale, of a security exempt from registration 134 under the Securities Act of 1933 if:

- 135 (A) A registration statement has been filed under this act, but is not 136 effective;
- 137 (B) A solicitation of interest is provided in a record to offerees in 138 compliance with a rule adopted by the commissioner under this act; and
- 139 (C) A stop order of which the offeror is aware has not been issued by the 140 commissioner under this act and an audit, inspection, or proceeding that may 141 culminate in a stop order is not known by the offeror to be pending;
- (18) A transaction involving the distribution of the securities of an issuer to the security holders of another person in connection with a merger, consolidation, exchange of securities, sale of assets, or other reorganization to which the issuer, or its parent or subsidiary and the other person, or its parent or subsidiary, are parties;
 - (19) A rescission offer, sale, or purchase under section 409.5-510;
- 148 (20) An offer or sale of a security to a person not a resident of this state 149 and not present in this state if the offer or sale does not constitute a violation of 150 the laws of the state or foreign jurisdiction in which the offeree or purchaser is 151 present and is not part of an unlawful plan or scheme to evade this act;
 - (21) Employees' stock purchase, savings, option, profit-sharing, pension, or similar employees' benefit plan, including any securities, plan interests, and guarantees issued under a compensatory benefit plan or compensation contract, contained in a record, established by the issuer, its parents, its majority-owned subsidiaries, or the majority-owned subsidiaries of the issuer's parent for the participation of their employees including offers or sales of such securities to:
 - (A) Directors; general partners; trustees, if the issuer is a business trust; officers; consultants; and advisors;
- 160 (B) Family members who acquire such securities from those persons 161 through gifts or domestic relations orders;
- 162 (C) Former employees, directors, general partners, trustees, officers, 163 consultants, and advisors if those individuals were employed by or providing 164 services to the issuer when the securities were offered;
- 165 (D) Insurance agents who are exclusive insurance agents of the issuer, or 166 the issuer's subsidiaries or parents, or who derive more than fifty percent of their 167 annual income from those organizations; and
 - (E) Current employees;

169 (22) A transaction involving:

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- (A) A stock dividend or equivalent equity distribution, whether the corporation or other business organization distributing the dividend or equivalent equity distribution is the issuer or not, if nothing of value is given by stockholders or other equity holders for the dividend or equivalent equity distribution other than the surrender of a right to a cash or property dividend if each stockholder or other equity holder may elect to take the dividend or equivalent equity distribution in cash, property, or stock;
- 177 (B) An act incident to a judicially approved reorganization in which a 178 security is issued in exchange for one or more outstanding securities, claims, or 179 property interests, or partly in such exchange and partly for cash; or
 - (C) The solicitation of tenders of securities by an offeror in a tender offer in compliance with Rule 162 adopted under the Securities Act of 1933 (17 C.F.R. 230.162); or
 - (23) A nonissuer transaction in an outstanding security by or through a broker-dealer registered or exempt from registration under this act, if the issuer is a reporting issuer in a foreign jurisdiction designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act; has been subject to continuous reporting requirements in the foreign jurisdiction for not less than one hundred eighty days before the transaction; and the security is listed on the foreign jurisdiction's securities exchange that has been designated by this paragraph or by rule adopted or order issued under this act, or is a security of the same issuer that is of senior or substantially equal rank to the listed security or is a warrant or right to purchase or subscribe to any of the foregoing. For purposes of this paragraph, Canada, together with its provinces and territories, is a designated foreign jurisdiction and The Toronto Stock Exchange, Inc., is a designated securities exchange. After an administrative hearing in compliance with chapter 536, RSMo, the commissioner, by rule adopted or order issued under this act, may revoke the designation of a securities exchange under this paragraph, if the commissioner finds that revocation is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors.
 - 409.3-304. (a) A security may be registered by qualification under this 2 section.
 - 3 (b) A registration statement under this section must contain the 4 information or records specified in section 409.3-305, a consent to service of 5 process complying with section 409.6-611, and, if required by rule adopted under

6 this act, the following information or records:

- (1) With respect to the issuer and any significant subsidiary, its name, address, and form of organization; the state or foreign jurisdiction and date of its organization; the general character and location of its business; a description of its physical properties and equipment; and a statement of the general competitive conditions in the industry or business in which it is or will be engaged;
- (2) With respect to each director and officer of the issuer, and other person having a similar status or performing similar functions, the person's name, address, and principal occupation for the previous five years; the amount of securities of the issuer held by the person as of the thirtieth day before the filing of the registration statement; the amount of the securities covered by the registration statement to which the person has indicated an intention to subscribe; and a description of any material interest of the person in any material transaction with the issuer or a significant subsidiary effected within the previous three years or proposed to be effected;
- (3) With respect to persons covered by paragraph (2), the aggregate sum of the remuneration paid to those persons during the previous twelve months and estimated to be paid during the next twelve months, directly or indirectly, by the issuer, and all predecessors, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the issuer;
- (4) With respect to a person owning of record or owning beneficially, if known, ten percent or more of the outstanding shares of any class of equity security of the issuer, the information specified in paragraph (2) other than the person's occupation;
- (5) With respect to a promoter, if the issuer was organized within the previous three years, the information or records specified in paragraph (2), any amount paid to the promoter within that period or intended to be paid to the promoter, and the consideration for the payment;
- (6) With respect to a person on whose behalf any part of the offering is to be made in a nonissuer distribution, the person's name and address; the amount of securities of the issuer held by the person as of the date of the filing of the registration statement; a description of any material interest of the person in any material transaction with the issuer or any significant subsidiary effected within the previous three years or proposed to be effected; and a statement of the reasons for making the offering;
- 40 (7) The capitalization and long term debt, on both a current and pro forma 41 basis, of the issuer and any significant subsidiary, including a description of each

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security outstanding or being registered or otherwise offered, and a statement of the amount and kind of consideration, whether in the form of cash, physical assets, services, patents, goodwill, or anything else of value, for which the issuer or any subsidiary has issued its securities within the previous two years or is obligated to issue its securities;

- (8) The kind and amount of securities to be offered; the proposed offering price or the method by which it is to be computed; any variation at which a proportion of the offering is to be made to a person or class of persons other than the underwriters, with a specification of the person or class; the basis on which the offering is to be made if otherwise than for cash; the estimated aggregate underwriting and selling discounts or commissions and finders' fees, including separately cash, securities, contracts, or anything else of value to accrue to the underwriters or finders in connection with the offering or, if the selling discounts or commissions are variable, the basis of determining them and their maximum and minimum amounts; the estimated amounts of other selling expenses, including legal, engineering, and accounting charges; the name and address of each underwriter and each recipient of a finder's fee; a copy of any underwriting or selling group agreement under which the distribution is to be made or the proposed form of any such agreement whose terms have not yet been determined; and a description of the plan of distribution of any securities that are to be offered otherwise than through an underwriter;
- (9) The estimated monetary proceeds to be received by the issuer from the offering; the purposes for which the proceeds are to be used by the issuer; the estimated amount to be used for each purpose; the order or priority in which the proceeds will be used for the purposes stated; the amounts of any funds to be raised from other sources to achieve the purposes stated; the sources of the funds; and, if a part of the proceeds is to be used to acquire property, including goodwill, otherwise than in the ordinary course of business, the names and addresses of the vendors, the purchase price, the names of any persons that have received commissions in connection with the acquisition, and the amounts of the commissions and other expenses in connection with the acquisition, including the cost of borrowing money to finance the acquisition;
- (10) A description of any stock options or other security options outstanding, or to be created in connection with the offering, and the amount of those options held or to be held by each person required to be named in paragraph (2), (4), (5), (6), or (8) and by any person that holds or will hold ten

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78 percent or more in the aggregate of those options;

- 79 (11) The dates of, parties to, and general effect concisely stated of each managerial or other material contract made or to be made otherwise than in the 80 81 ordinary course of business to be performed in whole or in part at or after the 82 filing of the registration statement or that was made within the previous two 83 years, and a copy of the contract;
- 84 (12) A description of any pending litigation, action, or proceeding to which 85 the issuer is a party and that materially affects its business or assets, and any 86 litigation, action, or proceeding known to be contemplated by governmental authorities; 87
- 88 (13) A copy of any prospectus, pamphlet, circular, form letter, advertisement, or other sales literature intended as of the effective date to be used in connection with the offering and any solicitation of interest used in compliance with section 409.2-202(17)(B);
- 92 (14) A specimen or copy of the security being registered, unless the security is uncertificated; a copy of the issuer's articles of incorporation and 93 bylaws or their substantial equivalents, in effect; and a copy of any indenture or other instrument covering the security to be registered;
 - (15) A signed or conformed copy of an opinion of counsel concerning the legality of the security being registered, with an English translation if it is in a language other than English, which states whether the security when sold will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable and, if a debt security, a binding obligation of the issuer;
 - (16) A signed or conformed copy of a consent of any accountant, engineer, appraiser, or other person whose profession gives authority for a statement made by the person, if the person is named as having prepared or certified a report or valuation, other than an official record, that is public, which is used in connection with the registration statement;
 - (17) A balance sheet of the issuer as of a date within four months before the filing of the registration statement; a statement of income and [changes in financial position] a statement of cash flows for each of the three fiscal years preceding the date of the balance sheet and for any period between the close of the immediately previous fiscal year and the date of the balance sheet, or for the period of the issuer's and any predecessor's existence if less than three years; and, if any part of the proceeds of the offering is to be applied to the purchase of a business, the financial statements that would be required if that business were

- 114 the registrant; and
- 115 (18) Any additional information or records required by rule adopted or 116 order issued under this act.
- 117 (c) A registration statement under this section becomes effective thirty
- days, or any shorter period provided by rule adopted or order issued under this
- 119 act, after the date the registration statement or the last amendment other than
- 120 a price amendment is filed, if:
- 121 (1) A stop order is not in effect and a proceeding is not pending under 122 section 409.3-306;
- 123 (2) The commissioner has not issued an order under section 409.3-306 124 delaying effectiveness; and
- 125 (3) The applicant or registrant has not requested that effectiveness be 126 delayed.
- (d) The commissioner may delay effectiveness once for not more than ninety days if the commissioner determines the registration statement is not complete in all material respects and promptly notifies the applicant or registrant of that determination. The commissioner may also delay effectiveness for a further period of not more than thirty days if the commissioner determines that the delay is necessary or appropriate.
 - (e) A rule adopted or order issued under this act may require as a condition of registration under this section that a prospectus containing a specified part of the information or record specified in subsection (b) be sent or given to each person to which an offer is made, before or concurrently, with the earliest of:
 - (1) The first offer made in a record to the person otherwise than by means of a public advertisement, by or for the account of the issuer or another person on whose behalf the offering is being made or by an underwriter or broker-dealer that is offering part of an unsold allotment or subscription taken by the person as a participant in the distribution;
- 143 (2) The confirmation of a sale made by or for the account of the person;
- 144 (3) Payment pursuant to such a sale; or
- 145 (4) Delivery of the security pursuant to such a sale.
 - 409.4-401. (a) It is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state 2 as a broker-dealer unless the person is registered under this act as a
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 - 3 broker-dealer or is exempt from registration as a broker-dealer under subsection
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5 (b) The following persons are exempt from the registration requirement 6 of subsection (a):

- 7 (1) A broker-dealer without a place of business in this state if its only 8 transactions effected in this state are with:
- 9 (A) The issuer of the securities involved in the transactions;
- 10 (B) A broker-dealer registered as a broker-dealer under this act or not 11 required to be registered as a broker-dealer under this act;
- 12 (C) An institutional investor;

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- 13 (D) A nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser with investments 14 under management in excess of one hundred million dollars acting for the account 15 of others pursuant to discretionary authority in a signed record;
 - (E) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of residence is not in this state and the person is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered under the securities act of the state in which the customer maintains a principal place of residence;
- 21 (F) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of residence 22 is in this state but was not present in this state when the customer relationship 23 was established, if:
 - (i) The broker-dealer is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered under the securities laws of the state in which the customer relationship was established and where the customer had maintained a principal place of residence; and
 - (ii) Within forty-five days after the customer's first transaction in this state, the person files an application for registration as a broker-dealer in this state and a further transaction is not effected more than seventy-five days after the date on which the application is filed, or, if earlier, the date on which the commissioner notifies the person that the commissioner has denied the application for registration or has stayed the pendency of the application for good cause;
- 36 (G) Not more than three customers in this state during the previous 37 twelve months, in addition to those customers specified in subparagraphs (A) to 38 (F) and under subparagraph (H), if the broker-dealer is registered under the 39 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the 40 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered under the securities act of the

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41 state in which the broker-dealer has its principal place of business; and

- 42 (H) Any other person exempted by rule adopted or order issued under this act; and
- 44 (2) A person that deals solely in United States government securities and 45 is supervised as a dealer in government securities by the Board of Governors of 46 the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit 47 Insurance Corporation, or the Office of Thrift Supervision.
 - (c) It is unlawful for a broker-dealer, or for an issuer engaged in offering, offering to purchase, purchasing, or selling securities in this state, directly or indirectly, to employ or associate with an individual to engage in an activity related to securities transactions in this state if the registration of the individual is suspended or revoked or the individual is barred from employment or association with a broker-dealer, an issuer, an investment adviser, or a federal covered investment adviser by an order of the commissioner under this act, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or a self-regulatory organization. A broker-dealer or issuer does not violate this subsection if the broker-dealer or issuer did not know and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the suspension, revocation, or bar. Upon request from a broker-dealer or issuer and for good cause, an order under this act may modify or waive, in whole or in part, the application of the prohibitions of this subsection to the broker-dealer.
 - (d) A rule adopted or order issued under this act may permit:
- 62 (1) A broker-dealer that is registered in Canada or other foreign 63 jurisdiction and that does not have a place of business in this state to effect 64 transactions in securities with or for, or attempt to effect the purchase or sale of 65 any securities by:
 - (A) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction who is temporarily present in this state and with whom the broker-dealer had a bona fide customer relationship before the individual entered the United States;
- (B) An individual from Canada or other foreign jurisdiction who is present in this state and whose transactions are in a self-directed tax advantaged retirement plan of which the individual is the holder or contributor in that foreign jurisdiction; or
- 73 (C) An individual who is present in this state, with whom the broker-74 dealer customer relationship arose while the individual was temporarily or 75 permanently resident in Canada or the other foreign jurisdiction; and
- 76 (2) An agent who represents a broker-dealer that is exempt under this

77 subsection to effect transactions in securities or attempt to effect the purchase or

- 78 sale of securities in this state as permitted for a broker-dealer described in
- 79 paragraph (1).
 - 409.4-404. (a) It is unlawful for an individual to transact business in this
 - 2 state as an investment adviser representative unless the individual is registered
 - 3 under this act as an investment adviser representative or is exempt from
 - registration as an investment adviser representative under subsection (b).
- 5 (b) The following individuals are exempt from the registration 6 requirement of subsection (a):
- 7 (1) An individual who is employed by or associated with an investment
- 8 adviser that is exempt from registration under section 409.4-403(b) or a federal
- 9 covered investment adviser that is excluded from the notice filing requirements
- 10 of section 409.4-405; and
- 11 (2) Any other individual exempted by rule adopted or order issued under
- 12 this act.
- 13 (c) The registration of an investment adviser representative is not
- 14 effective while the investment adviser representative is not employed by or
- 15 associated with an investment adviser registered under this act or a federal
- 16 covered investment adviser that has made or is required to make a notice filing
- 17 under section 409.4-405.
- 18 (d) An individual may transact business as an investment adviser
- 19 representative for more than one investment adviser or federal covered
- 20 investment adviser unless a rule adopted or order issued under this act prohibits
- 21 or limits an individual from acting as an investment adviser representative for
- 22 more than one investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser.
- 23 (e) It is unlawful for an individual acting as an investment adviser
- 24 representative, directly or indirectly, to conduct business in this state on behalf
- 25 of an investment adviser or a federal covered investment adviser if the
- 26 registration of the individual as an investment adviser representative is
- 27 suspended or revoked or the individual is barred from employment or association
- 28 with an investment adviser or a federal covered investment adviser by an order
- 29 under this act, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or a self-regulatory
- 30 organization. Upon request from a federal covered investment adviser and for
- 31 good cause, the commissioner, by order issued, may waive, in whole or in part, the
- 32 application of the requirements of this subsection to the federal covered
- 33 investment adviser.

(f) An investment adviser registered under this act, a federal covered investment adviser that has filed a notice under section 409.4-405, or a broker-dealer registered under this act is not required to employ or associate with an individual as an investment adviser representative if the only compensation paid to the individual for a referral of investment advisory clients is paid to an investment adviser registered under this act, a federal covered investment adviser who has filed a notice under section 409.4-405, or a broker-dealer registered under this act with which the individual is employed or associated as an investment adviser representative.

409.4-408. (a) If an agent registered under this act terminates employment by or association with a broker-dealer or issuer, or if an investment adviser representative registered under this act terminates employment by or association with an investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, or if either registrant terminates activities that require registration as an agent or investment adviser representative, the broker-dealer, issuer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment adviser shall promptly file a notice of termination. If the registrant learns that the broker-dealer, issuer, investment adviser, or federal covered investment adviser has not filed the notice, the registrant may do so.

- (b) If an agent registered under this act terminates employment by or association with a broker-dealer registered under this act and begins employment by or association with another broker-dealer registered under this act; or if an investment adviser representative registered under this act terminates employment by or association with an investment adviser registered under this act[;] or[, if] a federal covered investment adviser[, who] that has filed a notice under section 409.4-405 and begins employment by or association with another investment adviser registered under this act[;] or [if] a federal covered investment adviser[, who] that has filed a notice under section 409.4-405[,]; then upon the filing by or on behalf of the registrant, within thirty days after the termination, of an application for registration that complies with the requirement of section 409.4-406(a) and payment of the filing fee required under section 409.4-410, the registration of the agent or investment adviser representative, is:
- (1) Immediately effective as of the date of the completed filing, if the agent's Central Registration Depository record or successor record or the investment adviser representative's Investment Adviser Registration Depository record or successor record does not contain a new or amended disciplinary

28 disclosure within the previous twelve months; or

- 29 (2) Temporarily effective as of the date of the completed filing, if the 30 agent's Central Registration Depository record or successor record or the 31 investment adviser representative's Investment Adviser Registration Depository 32 record or successor record contains a new or amended disciplinary disclosure 33 within the preceding twelve months.
 - (c) The commissioner may by order withdraw a temporary registration if there are or were grounds for discipline as specified in section 409.4-412 and the commissioner does so within thirty days after the filing of the application. If the commissioner does not withdraw the temporary registration within the thirty-day period, registration becomes automatically effective on the thirty-first day after filing.
- (d) The commissioner may by order prevent the effectiveness of a transfer of an agent or investment adviser representative under subsection (b)(1) or (2) based on the public interest and the protection of investors.
 - (e) If the commissioner determines that a registrant or applicant for registration is no longer in existence or has ceased to act as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, or is the subject of an adjudication of incapacity or is subject to the control of a committee, conservator, or guardian, or cannot reasonably be located, a rule adopted or order issued under this act may require the registration be canceled or terminated or the application denied. The commissioner may reinstate a canceled or terminated registration, with or without hearing, and may make the registration retroactive.
- 409.4-412. (a) If the commissioner finds that the order is in the public interest and subsection (d) authorizes the action, an order issued under this act may deny an application, or may condition or limit registration[: (1)] of an applicant to be a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, and, [(2)] if the applicant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, of [any] a partner, officer, director, or person having a similar status or performing similar functions, or a person directly or indirectly [controlling] in control, of the broker-dealer or investment adviser.
 - (b) If the commissioner finds that the order is in the public interest and subsection (d) authorizes the action an order issued under this act may revoke, suspend, condition, or limit the registration of a registrant and, if the registrant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, [any] of a partner, officer, [or] director, [any] or person having a similar status or performing similar functions, or [any]

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a person directly or indirectly [controlling] in control, of the broker-dealer or
 investment adviser. However, the commissioner may not:

- (1) [May not] Institute a revocation or suspension proceeding under this subsection based on an order issued [by] under a law of another state that is reported to the commissioner or a designee [later] of the commissioner more than one year after the date of the order on which it is based; [and] or
- (2) Under subsection (d)(5)(A) [and] or (B), [may not] issue an order on the basis of an order issued under the [state] securities act of another state unless the other order was based on conduct for which subsection (d) would authorize the action had the conduct occurred in this state.
- (c) If the commissioner finds that the order is in the public interest and subsection (d)(1) to (6), (8), (9), (10), [or] (12) [and] or (13) authorizes the action, an order under this act may censure, impose a bar, or impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed a maximum of five thousand dollars for a single violation or fifty thousand dollars for [several violations] more than one violation on a registrant, and, if the registrant is a broker-dealer or investment adviser, [any] a partner, officer, [or] director, [any] or person having a similar status or performing similar functions, or [any] a person directly or indirectly [controlling] in control of the broker-dealer or investment adviser.
 - (d) A person may be disciplined under subsections (a) to (c) if the person:
- (1) Has filed an application for registration in this state under this act or the predecessor act within the previous ten years, which, as of the effective date of registration or as of any date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect or contained a statement that, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, was false or misleading with respect to a material fact;
- (2) Willfully violated or willfully failed to comply with this act or the predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or the predecessor act within the previous ten years;
- 43 (3) Has been convicted of a felony or within the previous ten years has 44 been convicted of a misdemeanor involving a security, a commodity future or 45 option contract, or an aspect of a business involving securities, commodities, 46 investments, franchises, insurance, banking, or finance;
- 47 (4) Is enjoined or restrained by a court of competent jurisdiction in an 48 action instituted by the commissioner under this act or the predecessor act, a 49 state, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the United States from

- 50 engaging in or continuing an act, practice, or course of business involving an
- 51 aspect of a business involving securities, commodities, investments, franchises,
- 52 insurance, banking, or finance;

- 53 (5) Is the subject of an order, issued after notice and opportunity for 54 hearing by:
- (A) The securities, depository institution, insurance, or other financial services regulator of a state or by the Securities and Exchange Commission or other federal agency denying, revoking, barring, or suspending registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative;
- 60 (B) The securities regulator of a state or [by] the Securities and Exchange 61 Commission against a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, investment 62 adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser;
- 63 (C) The Securities and Exchange Commission or [by] a self-regulatory 64 organization suspending or expelling the registrant from membership in the 65 self-regulatory organization;
 - (D) A court adjudicating a United States Postal Service fraud order;
- 67 (E) The insurance regulator of a state denying, suspending, or revoking 68 [the] registration [of] as an insurance agent; or
- 69 (F) A depository institution regulator suspending or barring [a] the 70 person from the depository institution business;
- (6) Is the subject of an adjudication or determination, after notice and opportunity for hearing, by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; the Federal Trade Commission; a federal depository institution regulator, or a depository institution, insurance, or other financial services regulator of a state that the person willfully violated the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment
- 77 Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Commodity
- 78 Exchange Act, the securities or commodities law of a state, or a federal or state
- 79 law under which a business involving investments, franchises, insurance,
- 80 banking, or finance is regulated;
- (7) Is insolvent, either because the person's liabilities exceed the person's assets or because the person cannot meet the person's obligations as they mature, but the commissioner may not enter an order against an applicant or registrant under this paragraph without a finding of insolvency as to the applicant or registrant;

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86 (8) Refuses to allow or otherwise impedes the commissioner from 87 conducting an audit or inspection under section 409.4-411(d) or refuses access to 88 a registrant's office to conduct an audit or inspection under section 409.4-411(d);

- (9) Has failed to reasonably supervise an agent, investment adviser representative, or other individual, if the agent, investment adviser representative, or other individual was subject to the person's supervision and committed a violation of this act or the predecessor act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act or the predecessor act within the previous ten years;
 - (10) Has not paid the proper filing fee within thirty days after having been notified by the commissioner of a deficiency, but the commissioner shall vacate an order under this paragraph when the deficiency is corrected;
- 97 (11) After notice and opportunity for a hearing, has been found within the 98 previous ten years:
- 99 (A) By a court of competent jurisdiction to have willfully violated the laws 100 of a foreign jurisdiction under which the business of securities, commodities, 101 investment, franchises, insurance, banking, or finance is regulated;
- 102 (B) To have been the subject of an order of a securities regulator of a
 103 foreign jurisdiction denying, revoking, or suspending the right to engage in the
 104 business of securities as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser, investment
 105 adviser representative, or similar person; or
- 106 (C) To have been suspended or expelled from membership by or 107 participation in a securities exchange or securities association operating under 108 the securities laws of a foreign jurisdiction;
- 109 (12) Is the subject of a cease and desist order issued by the Securities and
 110 Exchange Commission or issued under the securities, commodities, investment,
 111 franchise, banking, finance, or insurance laws of a state;
- 112 (13) Has engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the securities, 113 commodities, investment, franchise, banking, finance, or insurance business 114 within the previous ten years; or
 - (14) Is not qualified on the basis of factors such as training, experience, and knowledge of the securities business. However, in the case of an application by an agent for a broker-dealer that is a member of a self-regulatory organization or by an individual for registration as an investment adviser representative, a denial order may not be based on this paragraph if the individual has successfully completed all examinations required by subsection (e). The commissioner may require an applicant for registration under section 409.4-402 or 409.4-404 who

has not been registered in a state within the two years preceding the filing of an application in this state to successfully complete an examination.

- (e) A rule adopted or order issued under this act may require that an examination, including an examination developed or approved by an organization of securities regulators, be successfully completed by a class of individuals or all individuals. An order issued under this act may waive, in whole or in part, an examination as to an individual and a rule adopted under this act may waive, in whole or in part, an examination as to a class of individuals if the commissioner determines that the examination is not necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors.
- (f) The commissioner may suspend or deny an application summarily; restrict, condition, limit, or suspend a registration; or censure, bar, or impose a civil penalty on a registrant before final determination of an administrative proceeding. Upon the issuance of an order, the commissioner shall promptly notify each person subject to the order that the order has been issued, the reasons for the action, and that within fifteen days after the receipt of a request in a record from the person the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a hearing is not requested and none is ordered by the commissioner within thirty days after the date of service of the order, the order becomes final by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the commissioner, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend the order until final determination.
- (g) An order issued may not be issued under this section, except under subsection (f), without:
 - (1) Appropriate notice to the applicant or registrant;
 - (2) Opportunity for hearing; and
- (3) Findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record.
- (h) A person that controls, directly or indirectly, a person not in compliance with this section may be disciplined by order of the commissioner under subsections (a) to (c) to the same extent as the noncomplying person, unless the controlling person did not know, and in the exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the existence of conduct that is a ground for discipline under this section.
- (i) The commissioner may not institute a proceeding under subsection (a),(b), or (c) based solely on material facts actually known by the commissioner

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158 commissioner actually acquires knowledge of the material facts.

- (j) Any applicant denied an agent, broker-dealer, investment adviser or investment adviser representative registration by order of the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a) may file a petition with the administrative hearing commission alleging that the commissioner has denied the registration. The administrative hearing commission shall conduct hearings and make findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commissioner shall have the burden of proving a ground for denial pursuant to this act.
 - (k) If a proceeding is instituted to revoke or suspend a registration of any agent, broker-dealer, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative pursuant to subsection (b), the commissioner shall refer the matter to the administrative hearing commission. The administrative hearing commission shall conduct hearings and make findings of fact and conclusions of law in such cases. The commissioner shall have the burden of proving a ground for suspension or revocation pursuant to this act. The administrative hearing commission shall submit its findings of fact and conclusions of law to the commissioner for final disposition.
- (l) Hearing procedures before the commissioner or the administrative hearing commission and judicial review of the decisions and orders of the commissioner and of the administrative hearing commission, and all other procedural matters pursuant to this act shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo. Hearings before the administrative hearing commission shall also be governed by the provisions of chapter 621, RSMo.

409.5-501. It is unlawful for a person, in connection with the offer, sale, or purchase of a security, directly or indirectly:

- (1) To employ a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- 4 (2) To make an untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a
 5 material fact necessary in order to make the [statement] statements made, in
 6 the light of the circumstances under which [it is] they were made, not
 7 misleading; or
 - (3) To engage in an act, practice, or course of business that operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon another person.

409.6-604. (a) If the commissioner determines that a person has engaged, 2 is engaging, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business 3 constituting a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act 4 or that a person has materially aided, is materially aiding, or is about to

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materially aid an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of 6 this act or a rule adopted or order issued under this act, the commissioner may:

- 7 (1) Issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging 8 in the act, practice, or course of business or to take other action necessary or 9 appropriate to comply with this act;
- 10 (2) Issue an order denying, suspending, revoking, or conditioning the exemptions for a broker-dealer under section 409.4-401(b)(1)(D) or (F) or an 11 investment adviser under section 409.4-403(b)(1)(C); or 12
 - (3) Issue an order under section 409.2-204.
- (b) An order under subsection (a) is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the commissioner shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order and a notice that the order 16 has been entered. The order must include a statement whether the commissioner will seek a civil penalty or costs of the investigation, a statement of the reasons 18 for the order, and notice that, within fifteen days after receipt of a request in a 19 record from the person, the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a person 20 subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the 22commissioner within thirty days after the date of service of the order, the order, 23 which may include a civil penalty or costs of the investigation if a civil 24penalty or costs were sought in the statement accompanying the order, becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or 26 ordered, the commissioner, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final 28determination.
 - (c) If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to subsection (b), a hearing before the commissioner must be provided. A final order may not be issued unless the commissioner makes findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record in accordance with the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and procedural rules promulgated by the commissioner. The final order may make final, vacate, or modify the order issued under subsection (a).
- 35 (d) In a final order under subsection (c), the commissioner may impose a civil penalty up to one thousand dollars for a single violation or up to ten 36 37 thousand dollars for more than one violation.
- 38 (e) In a final order, the commissioner may charge the actual cost of an investigation or proceeding for a violation of this act or a rule adopted or order 39 40 issued under this act. These funds may be paid into the investor education and

protection fund. 41

- 42 (f) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not filed in accordance with section 409.6-609, the commissioner may file a certified copy of the final 43 44 order with the clerk of a court of competent jurisdiction. The order so filed has the same effect as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced, or 4546 satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.
- 47 (g) If a person does not comply with an order under this section, the 48 commissioner may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the 49 order. The court may not require the commissioner to post a bond in an action or proceeding under this section. If the court finds, after service and opportunity 50 for hearing, that the person was not in compliance with the order, the court may 51 adjudge the person in civil contempt of the order. The court may impose a 52further civil penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not less than 53five thousand dollars but not greater than one hundred thousand dollars for each 54violation and may grant any other relief the court determines is just and proper 55 in the circumstances. 56
- 57(h) The commissioner is authorized to issue administrative consent orders in the settlement of any proceeding in the public interest under this act. 58
 - 409.6-607. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), records obtained by the commissioner or filed under this act, including a record contained in or filed with a registration statement, application, notice filing, or report, are public records and are available for public examination.
- 5 (b) The following records are not public records and are not available for 6 public examination under subsection (a):
- (1) A record obtained by the commissioner in connection with an audit or inspection under section 409.4-411(d) or an investigation under section 409.6-602; 8
- 9 (2) A part of a record filed in connection with a registration statement under sections 409.3-301 and 409.3-303 to 409.3-305 or a record under section 10 409.4-411(d) that contains trade secrets or confidential information if the person 11 filing the registration statement or report has asserted a claim of confidentiality 12 13 or privilege that is authorized by law;
- 14 (3) A record that is not required to be provided to the commissioner or 15 filed under this act and is provided to the commissioner only on the condition 16 that the record will not be subject to public examination or disclosure;
- 17 (4) A nonpublic record received from a person specified in section 409.6-608(a); 18

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- 19 (5) Any Social Security number, residential address unless used as a 20 business address, and residential telephone number unless used as a business telephone number, contained in a record that is filed; and 21
- (6) A record obtained by the commissioner through a designee of the 22commissioner that a rule or order under this act determines has been: 23
 - (A) Expunged from the commissioner's records by the designee; or
- 25 (B) Determined to be nonpublic or nondisclosable by that designee if the commissioner finds the determination to be in the public interest and for the 26 protection of investors. 27
- (c) If disclosure is for the purpose of a civil, administrative, or criminal investigation, action, or proceeding or to a person specified in section 409.6-608(a), the commissioner may disclose a record obtained in connection with an audit or inspection under section 409.4-411(d) or a record obtained in connection with an investigation under section 409.6-602. 32