

vided directly or in cooperation with other investors, incorporated or unincorporated, through agreements to participate on an immediate basis.

(Pub. L. 85-699, title III, §304, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 693; Pub. L. 86-502, §6, June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 196; Pub. L. 87-341, §5, Oct. 3, 1961, 75 Stat. 752; Pub. L. 90-104, title II, §206, Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 271; Pub. L. 92-595, §2(e), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1316.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-595 extended the function of small business investment companies to provide a source of equity capital to unincorporated business concerns.

1967—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-104 repealed subsec. (c) which authorized purchase of stock of investment companies by small-business concerns in an amount equal to 5 per centum of capital provided.

1961—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 87-341 added subsec. (d).

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-502 struck out “primary” before “function”, and substituted “a source of equity capital for incorporated small-business concerns, in such manner and under such terms as the small business investment company may fix in accordance with the regulations of the Administration” for “a source of needed equity capital for small-business concerns in the manner and subject to the conditions described in this section”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 86-502 redesignated subsec. (c) as (b), and repealed former subsec. (b) which required capital to be secured only through the purchase of debenture bonds.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 86-502 redesignated subsec. (d) as (c), and substituted “such concern shall have the right, exercisable in whole or in such part as such concern may elect, to become a stockholder-proprietor by investing in the capital stock of the company 5 per centum” for “such concern shall be required to become a stockholder-proprietor of the company by investing in the capital stock of the company, in an amount equal to not less than 2 percent nor more than 5 percent”. Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-104 effective 90 days after Oct. 11, 1967, see section 211 of Pub. L. 90-104, set out as a note under section 681 of this title.

### § 685. Long-term loans to small-business concerns

#### (a) Authorization

Each company is authorized to make loans, in the manner and subject to the conditions described in this section, to incorporated and unincorporated small-business concerns in order to provide such concerns with funds needed for sound financing, growth, modernization, and expansion.

#### (b) Direct loans; loans on participation basis

Loans made under this section may be made directly or in cooperation with other lenders, incorporated or unincorporated, through agreements to participate on an immediate or deferred basis.

#### (c) Maximum rate of interest

The maximum rate of interest for the company's share of any loan made under this section shall be determined by the Administration: *Provided*, That the Administration also shall permit those companies which have issued debentures pursuant to this chapter to charge a maximum

rate of interest based upon the coupon rate of interest on the outstanding debentures, determined on an annual basis, plus such other expenses of the company as may be approved by the Administration.

#### (d) Maturity

Any loan made under this section shall have a maturity not exceeding twenty years.

#### (e) Soundness of loan; security

Any loan made under this section shall be of such sound value, or so secured, as reasonably to assure repayment.

#### (f) Extension or renewal

Any company which has made a loan to a small-business concern under this section is authorized to extend the maturity of or renew such loan for additional periods, not exceeding ten years, if the company finds that such extension or renewal will aid in the orderly liquidation of such loan.

(Pub. L. 85-699, title III, §305, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 693; Pub. L. 87-341, §6, Oct. 3, 1961, 75 Stat. 753; Pub. L. 94-305, title I, §105, June 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 666; Pub. L. 102-366, title IV, §411, Sept. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 1018.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in subsec. (c), see References in Text note set out under section 661 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-366 inserted before period at end “: *Provided*, That the Administration also shall permit those companies which have issued debentures pursuant to this chapter to charge a maximum rate of interest based upon the coupon rate of interest on the outstanding debentures, determined on an annual basis, plus such other expenses of the company as may be approved by the Administration”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-305 struck out provision that in agreements to participate in loans on a deferred basis, the participation by the company shall not be in excess of 90 per centum of the balance of the loan outstanding at the time of disbursement.

1961—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-341 substituted “other lenders, incorporated or unincorporated” for “other lending institutions”.

#### EFFECT OF SMALL BUSINESS EQUITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1992 ON SECURITIES LAWS

Nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 102-366 to be construed to affect applicability of securities laws or to otherwise supersede or limit jurisdiction of Securities and Exchange Commission, see section 418 of Pub. L. 102-366, set out as a note under section 661 of this title.

### § 686. Aggregate limitations on amount of assistance to any single enterprise

#### (a) Percentage limitation on private capital

If any small business investment company has obtained financing from the Administrator and such financing remains outstanding, the aggregate amount of securities acquired and for which commitments may be issued by such company under the provisions of this subchapter for any single enterprise shall not, without the approval of the Administrator, exceed 10 percent of the sum of—

- (1) the private capital of such company; and
- (2) the total amount of leverage projected by the company in the company's business plan