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cial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

(Pub. L. 95-128, title VIII, §808, as added Pub. L. 102-233, title IV, §402(b), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1775; amended Pub. L. 102-550, title IX, §909(2), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3874.)

#### References in Text

Section 1204(c)(3) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is section 1204(c)(3) of Pub. L. 101-73, which is set out as a note under section 1811 of this

### AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-550 substituted "may be a factor in determining whether the depository institution is" for "shall be treated as".

# § 2908. Small bank regulatory relief

### (a) In general

Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, any regulated financial institution with aggregate assets of not more than \$250,000,000 shall be subject to routine examination under this chapter—

- (1) not more than once every 60 months for an institution that has achieved a rating of "outstanding record of meeting community credit needs" at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title;
- (2) not more than once every 48 months for an institution that has received a rating of "satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs" at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title; and
- (3) as deemed necessary by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency, for an institution that has received a rating of less than "satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs" at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title.

# (b) No exception from CRA examinations in connection with applications for deposit facili-

A regulated financial institution described in subsection (a) of this section shall remain subject to examination under this chapter in connection with an application for a deposit facil-

# (c) Discretion

A regulated financial institution described in subsection (a) of this section may be subject to more frequent or less frequent examinations for reasonable cause under such circumstances as may be determined by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency.

(Pub. L. 95-128, title VIII, §809, as added Pub. L. 106-102, title VII, §712, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1469.)

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## §3001. Congressional statement of findings and purpose

The economic and financial structure of this country in combination with the Nation's natural resources and the productivity of the American people has produced one of the highest average standards of living in the world. However, the Nation has been experiencing inflation and unemployment together with an increasing gap between producers' prices and consumers' purchasing power. This has resulted in a growing number of our citizens, especially the elderly, the poor, and the inner city resident, being unable to share in the fruits of our Nation's highly efficient economic system. The Congress finds that user-owned cooperatives are a proven method for broadening ownership and control of the economic organizations, increasing the number of market participants, narrowing price spreads, raising the quality of goods and services available to their membership, and building bridges between producers and consumers, and their