

part of any person concerned, and is consistent with the interests of the shareholders or partners of such company; and

(B) the aggregate amount of benefits which would be paid or accrued under such plan shall not exceed 20 per centum of the business development company's net income after taxes in any fiscal year.

(2) This subsection may not be used where the business development company has outstanding any stock option, warrant, or right issued as part of an executive compensation plan, including a plan pursuant to section 80a-60(a)(3)(B) of this title, or has an investment adviser registered or required to be registered under subchapter II of this chapter.

**(o) Required majority for approval of proposed transactions**

The term "required majority", when used with respect to the approval of a proposed transaction, plan, or arrangement, means both a majority of a business development company's directors or general partners who have no financial interest in such transaction, plan, or arrangement and a majority of such directors or general partners who are not interested persons of such company.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title I, § 57, as added Pub. L. 96-477, title I, § 105, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2280; amended Pub. L. 100-181, title VI, § 627, Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1263.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Securities Act of 1933, referred to in subsecs. (c)(2) and (f)(2), is act May 27, 1933, ch. 38, title I, 48 Stat. 74, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 77a et seq.) of chapter 2A of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 77a of this title and Tables.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, referred to in subsecs. (c)(2) and (f)(2), is act June 6, 1934, ch. 404, 48 Stat. 881, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 2B (§ 78a et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 78a of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 100-181 substituted "subsections (a) and (d) of section 80a-17 of this title" for "sections 80a-17(a) and (d) of this title" in two places.

**§ 80a-57. Changes in investment policy**

No business development company shall, unless authorized by the vote of a majority of its outstanding voting securities or partnership interests, change the nature of its business so as to cease to be, or to withdraw its election as, a business development company.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title I, § 58, as added Pub. L. 96-477, title I, § 105, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2285.)

**§ 80a-58. Incorporation of subchapter provisions**

Notwithstanding the exemption set forth in section 80-6(f) of this title, sections 80a-1, 80a-2, 80a-3, 80a-4, 80a-5, 80a-6, 80a-9, 80a-10(f), 80a-15(a), (c), and (f), 80a-16(b), 80a-17(f) through (j), 80a-19(a), 80a-20(b), 80a-31(a) and (c), 80a-32 through 80a-46, and 80a-48 through 80a-52 of this title shall apply to a business development company to the same extent as if it were a registered closed-end investment company.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title I, § 59, as added Pub. L. 96-477, title I, § 105, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2285.)

**§ 80a-59. Functions and activities of business development companies**

Notwithstanding the exemption set forth in section 80a-6(f) of this title, section 80a-12 of this title shall apply to a business development company to the same extent as if it were a registered closed-end investment company, except that the Commission shall not prescribe any rule, regulation, or order pursuant to section 80a-12(a)(1) of this title governing the circumstances in which a business development company may borrow from a bank in order to purchase any security.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title I, § 60, as added Pub. L. 96-477, title I, § 105, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2285.)

**§ 80a-60. Capital structure**

**(a) Exceptions for business development company**

Notwithstanding the exemption set forth in section 80a-6(f) of this title, section 80a-18 of this title shall apply to a business development company to the same extent as if it were a registered closed-end investment company, except as follows:

(1) The asset coverage requirements of section 80a-18(a)(1)(A) and (B) of this title applicable to business development companies shall be 200 per centum.

(2) Notwithstanding section 80a-18(c) of this title, a business development company may issue more than one class of senior security representing indebtedness.

(3) Notwithstanding section 80a-18(d) of this title—

(A) a business development company may issue warrants, options, or rights to subscribe or convert to voting securities of such company, accompanied by securities, if—

(i) such warrants, options, or rights expire by their terms within ten years;

(ii) such warrants, options, or rights are not separately transferable unless no class of such warrants, options, or rights and the securities accompanying them has been publicly distributed;

(iii) the exercise or conversion price is not less than the current market value at the date of issuance, or if no such market value exists, the current net asset value of such voting securities; and

(iv) the proposal to issue such securities is authorized by the shareholders or partners of such business development company, and such issuance is approved by the required majority (as defined in section 80a-56(o) of this title) of the directors of or general partners in such company on the basis that such issuance is in the best interests of such company and its shareholders or partners;

(B) a business development company may issue, to its directors, officers, employees, and general partners, warrants, options, and rights to purchase voting securities of such company pursuant to an executive compensation plan, if—