

in which it maintains its principal office and place of business.

**(c) Limitation on capital and bond requirements**

No State may enforce any law or regulation that would require an investment adviser to maintain a higher minimum net capital or to post any bond in addition to any that is required under the laws of the State in which it maintains its principal office and place of business, if the investment adviser—

(1) is registered or licensed as such in the State in which it maintains its principal office and place of business; and

(2) is in compliance with the applicable net capital or bonding requirements of the State in which it maintains its principal office and place of business.

**(d) National de minimis standard**

No law of any State or political subdivision thereof requiring the registration, licensing, or qualification as an investment adviser shall require an investment adviser to register with the securities commissioner of the State (or any agency or officer performing like functions) or to comply with such law (other than any provision thereof prohibiting fraudulent conduct) if the investment adviser—

(1) does not have a place of business located within the State; and

(2) during the preceding 12-month period, has had fewer than 6 clients who are residents of that State.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title II, § 222, as added Pub. L. 86-750, § 16, Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 888; amended Pub. L. 104-290, title III, § 304, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3438; Pub. L. 105-353, title III, § 301(d)(2), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3237; Pub. L. 111-203, title IX, § 985(e)(4), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1935.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 111-203 substituted “principal office and place of business” for “principal place of business” wherever appearing.

1998—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-353 substituted “principal” for “principle”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-290 substituted “regulation” for “control” in section catchline and amended text generally, designating existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserting heading, and adding subsecs. (b) to (d).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective 1 day after July 21, 2010, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5301 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-290 effective 270 days after Oct. 11, 1996, see section 308(a) of Pub. L. 104-290, as amended, set out as a note under section 80b-2 of this title.

**§ 80b-18b. Custody of client accounts**

An investment adviser registered under this subchapter shall take such steps to safeguard client assets over which such adviser has custody, including, without limitation, verification

of such assets by an independent public accountant, as the Commission may, by rule, prescribe. (Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title II, § 223, as added Pub. L. 111-203, title IV, § 411, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1577.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 1 year after July 21, 2010, except that any investment adviser may, at the discretion of the investment adviser, register with the Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 during that 1-year period, subject to the rules of the Commission, and except as otherwise provided, see section 419 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note under section 80b-2 of this title.

**§ 80b-18c. Rule of construction relating to the Commodities Exchange Act**

Nothing in this subchapter shall relieve any person of any obligation or duty, or affect the availability of any right or remedy available to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or any private party, arising under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) governing commodity pools, commodity pool operators, or commodity trading advisors.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title II, § 224, as added Pub. L. 111-203, title IV, § 414, July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1578.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Commodity Exchange Act, referred to in text, is act Sept. 21, 1922, ch. 369, 42 Stat. 998, which is classified generally to chapter 1 (§ 1 et seq.) of Title 7, Agriculture. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1 of Title 7 and Tables.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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**§ 80b-19. Separability**

If any provision of this subchapter or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of the subchapter and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title II, § 219, 54 Stat. 857.)

**§ 80b-20. Short title**

This subchapter may be cited as the “Investment Advisers Act of 1940”.

(Aug. 22, 1940, ch. 686, title II, § 220, 54 Stat. 857.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

SHORT TITLE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-417, § 1, Jan. 3, 2019, 132 Stat. 5438, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 80b-3 and 80b-3a of