

In 1933, during the first 100 days of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Glass-Steagall Act (GSA) were enacted, setting up a pervasive regulatory scheme for the public offering of securities and generally prohibiting commercial banks from underwriting and dealing in those securities. Banks are subject to heavy, expensive prudential regulation, while the regulation of securities firms is predominately built around registration, disclosure of risk, and the prevention and prosecution of insider trading and other forms of fraud. While there are two distinct regulatory systems, the distinguishing lines between the traditional activities engaged in by commercial and investment banks became increasingly difficult to discern as a result of competition, financial innovation, and technological advances in combination with permissive agency and judicial interpretation. One of the benefits of being a bank, and thus being subject to more extensive regulation, is access to what is referred to as the "federal safety net," which includes the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC's) deposit insurance, the Federal Reserve's discount window lending facility, and the Federal Reserve's payment system. In the wake of the Great Recession of 2008, there have been calls to reexamine the activities that should be permissible for commercial banks in light of the fact that they receive governmental benefits through access to the federal safety net. Some have called for the reenactment of the provisions of the GSA that imposed affiliation restrictions between banks and securities firms, which were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) in 1999. While neither the House- nor the Senate-passed version of H.R. 4173, the comprehensive financial regulatory reform proposals of the 111th Congress, includes provisions that would reenact the GSA, both bills do propose curbs on "proprietary trading" by banking institutions. H.R. 4173, newly titled the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which is modeled on the Senate version, would limit the ability of commercial banking institutions and their affiliated companies and subsidiaries to engage in trading unrelated to customer needs and investing in and sponsoring hedge funds or private equity funds. Such an approach has been referred to as the "Volcker Rule," having been urged upon Congress by Paul Volcker, former Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System and current Chairman of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. This report briefly discusses the permissible proprietary trading activities of commercial banks and their subsidiaries under current law. It then analyzes the Volcker Rule proposals under the House- and Senate-passed financial reform bills and under the Conference Report. Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C of the report provide the full legislative language in each.

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banks could hold.

Wall Street is poised to get a big reprieve from the Volcker Rule, as U.S. regulators intend to propose changes to the rule that would make it easier for banks to engage in proprietary trading, the practice of banks trading for their own accounts.

The Volcker Rule prohibits banks from using their own accounts for short-term proprietary trading of securities, derivatives and commodity futures, as well as options on any of these instruments. The Volcker Rule relies on the premise that these speculative trading activities do not benefit banks' customers. The so-called Volcker Rule is a federal regulation that prohibits banks from conducting certain investment activities with their own accounts, and limits their ownership of and relationship with hedge funds and private equity funds. Fed Releases Proposal for Easing Volcker Rule Trading Limits banned what's known as proprietary trading – the practice of banks trading for their own accounts – of the regulation prohibiting banks from speculative trading is maintained.

A proposal to revise parts of the Dodd-Frank Act ban on proprietary trading may be able to engage in speculative proprietary trading activities while The Volcker Rule rewrite allows banks to set their own internal risk limits.

Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and and instituted a ban on short-term, speculative proprietary trading by covered banking concerned that the Volcker Rule would restrict the ability of businesses to . willingness to request changes to limits where otherwise. Because speculative trading is a zero-sum game, handicapping banks Dodd- Frank Act. By banning proprietary trading by banks and their affiliates, the rule attempts to reduce the risk-taking of banks. proposed Volcker Rule as over pages long, with 2, footnotes and 1, questions (quoting.

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