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To provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. MULVANEY, and Mr. MURPHY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SeniorSafe Act of
5 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMMUNITY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

1 (1) the term “bank” has the meaning given the
2 term in section 202(a) of the Investment Advisers
3 Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–2(a));

4 (2) the term “broker-dealer” means—

5 (A) a broker, as defined in section 3(a) of
6 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15
7 U.S.C. 78c(a)); or

8 (B) a dealer, as defined in section 3(a) of
9 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15
10 U.S.C. 78c(a));

11 (3) the term “covered agency” means—

12 (A) a State financial regulatory agency;

13 (B) each of the Federal financial institu-
14 tions regulatory agencies;

15 (C) a law enforcement agency; and

16 (D) the adult protective services agency of
17 a State;

18 (4) the term “covered financial institution”
19 means—

20 (A) a bank;

21 (B) a credit union;

22 (C) an investment adviser; and

23 (D) a broker-dealer;

24 (5) the term “credit union” has the meaning
25 given the term in section 2 of the Dodd-Frank Wall

1 Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (12
2 U.S.C. 5301);

3 (6) the term “exploitation” has the meaning
4 given the term in section 2011 of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j);

6 (7) the term “Federal financial institutions reg-
7 ulatory agencies” has the meaning given the term in
8 section 1003 of the Federal Financial Institutions
9 Examination Council Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3302);

10 (8) the term “investment adviser” has the
11 meaning given the term in section 202 of the Invest-
12 ment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2); and

13 (9) the term “senior citizen” means an indi-
14 vidual who is not less than 65 years of age.

15 (b) IMMUNITY FROM SUIT.—

16 (1) IMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS.—Notwith-
17 standing section 502 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
18 (15 U.S.C. 6802), including any regulations adopted
19 thereunder, an individual who has received the train-
20 ing described in section 3 shall not be liable, includ-
21 ing in any civil or administrative proceeding, for dis-
22 closing the possible exploitation of a senior citizen to
23 a covered agency if the individual, at the time of the
24 disclosure—

1 (A) served as a supervisor, compliance offi-
2 cer, or legal advisor for a covered financial in-
3 stitution; and

4 (B) made the disclosure—

5 (i) in good faith; and

6 (ii) with reasonable care.

7 (2) IMMUNITY FOR COVERED FINANCIAL INSTI-
8 TUTIONS.—Notwithstanding section 502 of the
9 Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6802), includ-
10 ing any regulations adopted thereunder, a covered fi-
11 nancial institution shall not be liable, including in
12 any civil or administrative proceeding, for a disclo-
13 sure made by an individual described in paragraph
14 (1) if—

15 (A) the individual was employed by the
16 covered financial institution at the time of the
17 disclosure; and

18 (B) before the time of the disclosure, the
19 covered financial institution provided the train-
20 ing described in section 3 to each officer or em-
21 ployee of the covered financial institution de-
22 scribed in section 3(a).

23 **SEC. 3. TRAINING REQUIRED.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—A covered financial institution
25 may provide training regarding the identification and re-

1 porting of the suspected exploitation of a senior citizen
2 to each officer or employee of the covered financial institu-
3 tion who—

4 (1) is described in section 2(b)(1)(A);

5 (2) may come into contact with a senior citizen
6 as a regular part of the duties of the officer or em-
7 ployee; or

8 (3) may review or approve the financial docu-
9 ments, records, or transactions of a senior citizen in
10 connection with providing financial services to a sen-
11 ior citizen.

12 (b) TRAINING.—The training required under sub-
13 section (a) shall be provided as soon as reasonably prac-
14 ticable but not more than 12 months after the date on
15 which an officer or employee begins employment with the
16 covered financial institution.

17 **SEC. 4. PREEMPTION.**

18 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to preempt or
19 limit any provision of State law, to the extent that any
20 provision of State law provides a similar or greater level
21 of protection against liability to an individual described
22 in section 2(b)(1) or a covered financial institution de-
23 scribed in section 2(b)(2) than is provided under those sec-
24 tions.

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