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S. 731

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 2013

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. HELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Basel III Common-
3 sense Approach for Small Entities Act” or the “Basel III
4 CASE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINAL RULES PENDING IMPACT STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors of the
7 Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance
8 Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Cur-
9 rency (in this Act collectively referred to as the “Federal
10 banking agencies”) shall conduct an empirical study in ac-
11 cordance with subsection (b) prior to issuing any final rule
12 in relation to proposals issued by the Federal banking
13 agencies for the International Basel III agreement on gen-
14 eral risk-based capital requirements.

15 (b) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED.—The study required by
16 this section shall include—

17 (1) a quantitative analysis of the impact of such
18 rule on the financial services sector of the United
19 States, specifically community, mid-size, and re-
20 gional financial institutions; and

21 (2) a determination of the long-term impact of
22 the such rule, including changes to the current risk
23 weight framework.

1 **SEC. 3. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**

2 Any financial institution may voluntarily provide in-
3 formation for the study upon the request of the agencies,
4 but may not be required to provide such information.

5 **SEC. 4. FINAL REPORT.**

6 (a) AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC.—A final report
7 on the completed study required by this Act shall be made
8 available to the public for notice and comment for a period
9 of not less than 3 months.

10 (b) REVIEW.—The Federal banking agencies shall re-
11 view any comments submitted under subsection (a), and
12 following such review, shall prescribe new rules, if appro-
13 priate, based on the results of the study and such com-
14 ments. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a new
15 rulemaking following such comment period shall include
16 an additional comment period of not less than 3 months.

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