

**(e) Definitions**

For purposes of this section the following definitions shall apply:

**(1) Domestic branch**

The term “domestic branch” means any branch office or other facility of a regulated financial institution that accepts deposits, located in any State.

**(2) Metropolitan area**

The term “metropolitan area” means any primary metropolitan statistical area, metropolitan statistical area, or consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with a population of 250,000 or more, and any other area designated as such by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency.

**(3) State**

The term “State” has the same meaning as in section 1813 of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-128, title VIII, § 807, as added Pub. L. 101-73, title XII, § 1212(b), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 527; amended Pub. L. 102-242, title II, § 222, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2306; Pub. L. 103-328, title I, § 110, Sept. 29, 1994, 108 Stat. 2364.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b)(1)(A)(i) and (c)(3), was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this title”, meaning title VIII of Pub. L. 95-128, known as the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**AMENDMENTS**

1994—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 103-328, § 110(b), redesignated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and former subpars. (A) to (C) as cls. (i) to (iii), respectively, of subpar. (A), inserted subpar. (A) heading, and added subpar. (B).

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 103-328, § 110(a), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

1991—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-242, § 222(b)(1), substituted “financial supervisory” for “depository institutions regulatory”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 102-242, § 222(b)(2), substituted “financial supervisory” for “depository institutions regulatory” in two places.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 102-242, § 222(a), inserted “and data” after “facts”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-242, § 222(b)(3), substituted “financial supervisory” for “depository institutions regulatory” wherever appearing.

**§ 2907. Operation of branch facilities by minorities and women****(a) In general**

In the case of any depository institution which donates, sells on favorable terms (as determined by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency), or makes available on a rent-free basis any branch of such institution which is located in any predominantly minority neighborhood to any minority depository institution or women’s depository institution, the amount of the contribution or the amount of the loss incurred in connection with such activity may be a factor in determining whether the depository institution

is meeting the credit needs of the institution’s community for purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

**(1) Minority depository institution**

The term “minority institution”<sup>1</sup> means a depository institution (as defined in section 1813(c) of this title)—

(A) more than 50 percent of the ownership or control of which is held by 1 or more minority individuals; and

(B) more than 50 percent of the net profit or loss of which accrues to 1 or more minority individuals.

**(2) Women’s depository institution**

The term “women’s depository institution” means a depository institution (as defined in section 1813(c) of this title)—

(A) more than 50 percent of the ownership or control of which is held by 1 or more women;

(B) more than 50 percent of the net profit or loss of which accrues to 1 or more women; and

(C) a significant percentage of senior management positions of which are held by women.

**(3) Minority**

The term “minority” has the meaning given to such term by section 1204(c)(3) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

(Pub. L. 95-128, title VIII, § 808, as added Pub. L. 102-233, title IV, § 402(b), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1775; amended Pub. L. 102-550, title IX, § 909(2), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3874.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 1204(c)(3) of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, referred to in subsec. (b)(3), is section 1204(c)(3) of Pub. L. 101-73, which is set out as a note under section 1811 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-550 substituted “may be a factor in determining whether the depository institution is” for “shall be treated as”.

**§ 2908. Small bank regulatory relief****(a) In general**

Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any regulated financial institution with aggregate assets of not more than \$250,000,000 shall be subject to routine examination under this chapter—

(1) not more than once every 60 months for an institution that has achieved a rating of “outstanding record of meeting community credit needs” at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title;

(2) not more than once every 48 months for an institution that has received a rating of

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “minority depository institution”.

“satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs” at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title; and

(3) as deemed necessary by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency, for an institution that has received a rating of less than “satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs” at its most recent examination under section 2903 of this title.

**(b) No exception from CRA examinations in connection with applications for deposit facilities**

A regulated financial institution described in subsection (a) shall remain subject to examination under this chapter in connection with an application for a deposit facility.

**(c) Discretion**

A regulated financial institution described in subsection (a) may be subject to more frequent or less frequent examinations for reasonable cause under such circumstances as may be determined by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency.

(Pub. L. 95-128, title VIII, § 809, as added Pub. L. 106-102, title VII, § 712, Nov. 12, 1999, 113 Stat. 1469.)

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**§ 3001. Congressional statement of findings and purpose**

The economic and financial structure of this country in combination with the Nation's natural resources and the productivity of the American people has produced one of the highest average standards of living in the world. However, the Nation has been experiencing inflation and unemployment together with an increasing gap between producers' prices and consumers' purchasing power. This has resulted in a growing number of our citizens, especially the elderly, the poor, and the inner city resident, being unable to share in the fruits of our Nation's highly efficient economic system. The Congress finds that user-owned cooperatives are a proven method for broadening ownership and control of the economic organizations, increasing the number of market participants, narrowing price spreads, raising the quality of goods and services available to their membership, and building bridges between producers and consumers, and their members and patrons. The Congress also finds that consumer and other types of self-help cooperatives have been hampered in their formation and growth by lack of access to adequate cooperative credit facilities and lack of technical assistance. Therefore, the Congress finds a need for the establishment of a National Consumer Cooperative Bank which will make available necessary financial and technical assistance to cooperative self-help endeavors as a means of strengthening the Nation's economy.

(Pub. L. 95-351, § 2, Aug. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 499.)

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-206, § 1, Dec. 7, 1989, 103 Stat. 1832, provided that: “This Act [amending section 3014 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Consumer Cooperative Bank Amendments of 1989’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-35, title III, § 390, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 433, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle C (§§390-396) of title III of Pub. L. 97-35, enacting sections 3017a, 3026, and 3051 of this title; amending sections 3011 to 3015, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3024, 3025, 3042, and 3043 of this title, section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and sections 856, 867, and 868 of former Title 31, Money and Finance; and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 3011 to 3015, 3017, 3017a, 3019, 3025, and 3026 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 1981’.”

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 95-351, § 1, Aug. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 499, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter and amending