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CHAPTER 424

AN ACT to create 319.75 of the statutes, relating to the uniform securities ownership by minors act.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

319.75 of the statutes is created to read:

319.75 UNIFORM SECURITIES OWNERSHIP BY MINORS ACT.

(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Bank" is a bank, trust company, national banking association, savings bank, industrial bank or any banking institution incorporated under the laws of this state.

(b) "Broker" means the same as defined in s. 319.61.

(c) "Issuer" means the same as defined in s. 319.61.

(d) "Person" includes a corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or associa-

tion, 2 or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(e) "Security" means the same as defined in s. 319.61.

(f) "Third-party" is a person other than a bank, broker, transfer agent or issuer who with respect to a security held by a minor effects a transaction otherwise than directly with the minor.

(g) "Transfer agent" means the same as defined in s. 319.62 [319.61].

(2) SECURITY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING MINORS; LIABILITY. A bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent incurs no liability by reason of his treating a minor as having capacity to transfer a security, to receive or to empower others to receive dividends, interest, principal, or other payments or distributions, to vote or give consent in person or by proxy, or to make elections or exercise rights relating to the security, unless prior to acting in the transaction the bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent had received written notice in the office acting in the transaction that the specific security is held by a minor or unless an individual conducting the transaction for the bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent had actual knowledge of the minority of the holder of the security. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such a bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent may assume without inquiry that the holder of a security is not a minor.

(3) ACTS OF MINORS NOT SUBJECT TO DISAFFIRMANCE OR AVOIDANCE. A minor, who has transferred a security, received or empowered others to receive dividends, interest, principal, or other payments or distributions, voted or given consent in person or by proxy, or made an election or exercised rights relating to the security, has no right thereafter, as against a bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent to disaffirm or avoid the transaction, unless prior to acting in the transaction the bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent against whom the transaction is sought to be disaffirmed or avoided had received notice in the office acting in the transaction that the specific security is held by a minor or unless an individual conducting the transaction for the bank, broker, issuer, third-party or transfer agent had actual knowledge of the minority of the holder.

(4) CONSTRUCTION. This section shall be so construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the laws of those states which enact it.

(5) INTERPRETATION. This section shall supersede any provision of law in conflict therewith.

(6) TITLE. This section may be cited as the "Uniform Securities Ownership by Minors Act".

Approved August 21, 1961.
