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To repeal the exemption from disclosure requirements for municipal securities, and to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to publish model disclosure forms to facilitate compliance with the disclosure requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEACH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Municipal Securities
5 Reform and Simplified Disclosure Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. GENERAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR MU-**
2 **NICIPAL SECURITIES.**

3 Subsection 15B(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of
4 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o4(d)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(d) IN GENERAL.—(1) Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of this Act and in addition to any other disclo-
7 sure requirements, the Commission shall, by rule or regu-
8 lation, publish model disclosure forms and clauses for com-
9 mon transactions to facilitate compliance with the disclo-
10 sure requirements set forth in this Act to aid issuers and
11 investors in municipal securities by utilizing readily under-
12 standable language to simplify the technical nature of the
13 disclosures. Such model disclosure forms and clauses shall
14 also be published for any application, report or document
15 in connection with the issuance, sale, or distribution of
16 such securities. No provision of this Act may be construed
17 to require municipal securities issuers to use any such
18 model form or clause prescribed by the Commission under
19 this section. A municipal securities issuer shall be deemed
20 to be in compliance with the disclosure provisions of this
21 Act with respect to other than numerical disclosures if the
22 municipal securities issuer (A) uses any appropriate model
23 form or clause as published by the Commission, or (B)
24 uses any such model form or clause and changes it by (i)
25 deleting any information which is not required by this sec-
26 tion, or (ii) rearranging the format, if in making such dele-

1 tion or rearranging the format, the municipal securities
2 issuer does not affect the substance, clarity, or meaningful
3 sequence of the disclosure.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by this Act and any rules or
6 regulations required under such amendments, shall be-
7 come effective not later than 180 days after the date of
8 enactment.

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