

TITLE 230 – DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 20 – INSURANCE

SUBCHAPTER 45 - FINANCIAL STANDARDS AND CORPORATE OPERATIONS

PART 5 – Insider Trading of Domestic Stock Insurance Company Equity Securities

5.1 Definitions of Certain Terms.

- A. “Act” means R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29 to 27-1-36, inclusive, of the general laws.
- B. “Equity security” means any stock or similar security; or any voting trust certificate or certificate of deposit for such a security; or any security convertible, with or without consideration into such a security, or carrying any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase such a security; or any such warrant or right.
- C. “Immediate family” of a trustee means:
 - 1. a son or daughter of the trustee, or a descendant of either;
 - 2. a stepson or stepdaughter of the trustee;
 - 3. the father or mother of the trustee, or an ancestor of either;
 - 4. a stepfather or stepmother of the trustee;
 - 5. a spouse of the trustee.
 - 6. For the purpose of determining whether any of the foregoing relations exists, a legally adopted child of a person shall be considered a child of such person by blood.
- D. “Issuer” means any domestic stock insurance company any class of whose equity securities are subject to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29 to 27-1-35, inclusive, of the general laws and are not exempt by reason of the application of R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-32 and 27-1-33.
- E. “Officer” means a president, vice president, treasurer, actuary secretary, controller and any other person who performs functions corresponding to those performed by the foregoing officers.

- F. "Qualified stock option" and "employee stock purchase plan" shall be defined as those terms are defined in Sections 422 and 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (26 U.S.C. §§ 422 and 423).
- G. "Restricted stock option" shall be defined as that term is defined in Section 424 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (26 U.S.C. § 424(b)); provided for the purposes of this Section an option which meets all of the conditions of that Section other than the date of issuance shall be deemed to be a "restricted stock option".

5.2 Definition of Securities "Held of Record."

- A. For the purpose of determining whether the equity securities of an issuer are held of record by one hundred or more persons, securities shall be deemed to be "held of record" by each person who is identified as the owner of such securities on records of security holders maintained by or on behalf of such issuer, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. In any case where the records of security holders have not been maintained in accordance with accepted practice, any additional person who would be identified as such an owner on such records if they had been maintained in accordance with accepted practice shall be included as a holder of record.
 - 2. Securities identified as held of record by a corporation, a partnership, a trust whether or not the trustees are named, or other organization shall be included as so held by one person.
 - 3. Securities identified as held of record by one or more persons as trustees, executors, guardians, custodians or in other fiduciary capacities with respect to a single trust, estate or account shall be included as held of record by one person.
 - 4. Securities held by two (2) or more persons as co-owners shall be included as held of record by one person.
 - 5. Each outstanding unregistered or bearer certificate shall be included as held of record by a separate person, except to the extent that the issuer can establish that, if such securities were registered, they would be held of record, under the provisions of this rule, by a lesser number of persons.
 - 6. Securities registered in substantially similar names where the issuer has reason to believe because of the address or other indications that such names represent the same person, may be included as held of record by one person.

B. Notwithstanding § 5.2(A) of this Part above:

1. Securities held, to the knowledge of the issuer, subject to a voting trust, deposit agreement or similar arrangement shall be included as held of record by the record holders of the voting trust certificates, certificates of deposit, receipts or similar evidence of interest in such securities; provided however, that the issuer may rely in good faith on such information as is received in response to its request from a non-affiliated issuer of the certificates or evidence of interest.
2. If the issuer knows or has reason to know that the form of holding securities of record is used primarily to circumvent the provisions of the act, the beneficial owners of such securities shall be deemed to be the record owners thereof.

5.3 Transactions Exempted from the Operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30

Any acquisition or disposition of any equity security by a director or officer of an issuer within six (6) months prior to the date on which this act shall first become applicable with respect to the equity securities of such issuer shall not be subject to the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30.

5.4 Reports of Directors, Officers and Principal Stockholders – Filing of Statements.

Initial statements of beneficial ownership of equity securities required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 shall be filed on or before June 30, 1966 on Form 3, a sample of which is attached hereto. Statements of changes in such beneficial ownership required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 shall be filed on Form 4, a sample of which is attached hereto. All such statements shall be prepared and filed in accordance with the requirements of the applicable form.

5.5 Ownership of More than Ten Percent of an Equity Security.

In determining, for the purpose of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 whether a person is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than ten percent (10%) of any class of any equity security of an issuer such class shall be deemed to consist of the total amount of such class outstanding, exclusive of any securities of such class held by or for the account of the issuer or a subsidiary of the issuer: except that for the purpose of determining percentage ownership of voting trust certificates or certificates of deposit for equity securities, the class voting trust certificates or certificates of deposit shall be deemed to consist of the amount of voting trust certificates or certificates of deposit issuable with respect to the total

amount of outstanding equity securities of the class which may be deposited under the voting trust agreement or deposit agreement is question, whether or not all of such outstanding securities have been so deposited For the purpose of this rule a person acting in good faith may rely on the information contained in the latest Convention Form Statement filed with the Commissioner, with respect to the amount of securities of a class outstanding or in the case of voting trust certificates or certificates of deposit the amount thereof issuable.

5.6 Disclaimer of Beneficial Ownership.

Any person filing a statement may expressly declare therein that the filing of such statement shall not be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purpose of the act, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by the statement.

5.7 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29 and 27-1-30.

- A. During the period of twelve (12) months following their appointment and qualification, securities held by the following their appointment and qualification, securities held by the following persons shall be exempt from R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29 and 27-1-30.
 - 1. Executors or administrators of the estate of a decedent;
 - 2. Guardians or committees for an incompetent; and
 - 3. Receivers, trustees in bankruptcy, assignees for the benefit of creditors, conservators, liquidating agents, and other similar persons duly authorized by law to administer the estate or assets of other persons.
- B. After the twelve (12) month period following their appointment or qualification the foregoing persons shall be required to file reports with respect to the securities held by the estates which they administer under R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 and shall be liable for profits realized from trading in such securities pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 only when the estate being administered is a beneficial owner of more than ten percent (10%) of any class of equity security which is an issuer subject to the act.
- C. Securities reacquired by or for the account of an issuer and held by it for its account shall be exempt from R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29 and 27-1-30 during the time they are held by the issuer.

5.8 Exemptions from the Act of Securities Purchased or Sold by Odd Lot Dealers.

Securities purchased or sold by an odd-lot dealer in odd lots so far as reasonably necessary to carry on odd-lot transactions or in round lots to offset odd-lot transactions previously or simultaneously executed or reasonably anticipated in the usual course of business, shall be exempt from the provisions of the act with respect to participation by such odd-lot dealer in such transaction.

5.9 Certain Transactions Subject to R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29.

The acquisition or disposition of any transferable option, put, call, spread or straddle shall be deemed such a change in the beneficial ownership of the security to which such privilege relates as to require the filing of a statement reflecting the acquisition or disposition of such privilege. Nothing in this paragraph, however, shall exempt any person from filing the statements required upon the exercise of such option, put, call, spread or straddle.

5.10 Ownership of Securities Held in Trust.

- A. Beneficial Ownership of a security for the purpose of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 shall include:
 - 1. The ownership of securities as a trustee where either the trustee or members of his immediate family have a vested interest in the income or corpus of the trust,
 - 2. The ownership of a vested beneficial interest in a trust, and
 - 3. The ownership of securities as a settlor of a trust in which the settlor has the power to revoke the trust without obtaining the consent of all the beneficiaries.
- B. Except as provided in § 5.10(C) of this Part hereof, beneficial ownership of securities solely as a settlor or beneficiary of a trust shall be exempt from the provision of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 where less than twenty percent (20%) in market value of the securities having a readily ascertainable market value held by such trust, determined as of the end of the preceding fiscal year of the trust, consists of equity securities with respect to which reports would otherwise be required. Exemption is likewise accorded from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 with respect to any obligation which would otherwise be imposed solely by reason of ownership as settlor or beneficiary of securities held in trust, where the ownership, acquisition, or disposition of such securities by the trust is made without prior approval by the settlor or beneficiary. No exemption pursuant to §

5.10 of this Part shall, however, be acquired or lost solely as a result of changes in the value of the trust assets during any fiscal year or during any time when there is no transaction by the trust in the securities otherwise subject to the reporting requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29.

- C. In the event that ten percent (10%) of any class of any equity security of an issuer is held in a trust, that trust and the trustees thereof as such shall be deemed a person required to file the reports specified in R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29.
- D. Not more than one (1) report need be filed to report any holdings or with respect to any transaction in securities held by a trust, regardless of the number of officers, directors or ten percent (10%) stockholders who are either trustees, settlors, or beneficiaries of a trust, provided that the report filed shall disclose the names of all trustees, settlors and beneficiaries who are officers, directors or ten percent (10%) stockholders. A person having an interest only as a beneficiary of a trust shall not be required to file any such report so long as he relies in good faith upon an understanding that the trustee of such trust will file whatever reports might otherwise be required of such beneficiary.
- E. In determining, for the purposes of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29, whether a person is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than ten percent (10%) of any class of any equity security, the interest of such person in the remainder of a trust shall be excluded for the computation.
- F. No report shall be required by any person, whether or not otherwise subject to the requirement of filing reports under R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29, with respect to his indirect interest in portfolio securities held by:
 - 1. a pension or retirement plan holding securities of an issuer whose employees generally are the beneficiaries of the plan,
 - 2. a business trust with over twenty five (25) beneficiaries.
- G. Nothing in § 5.10 of this Part shall be deemed to impose any duties or liabilities with respect to reporting any transaction or holding prior to its effective date.

5.11 Exemption for Small Transactions.

- A. Any acquisition of securities shall be exempt from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 where
 - 1. The person effecting the acquisition does not within six (6) months thereafter effect any disposition, otherwise than by way of gift, of securities of the same class, and

2. The person effecting such acquisition does not participate in acquisitions or in dispositions of securities of the same class having a total market value in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for any six (6) month period during which the acquisition occurs.
- B. Any acquisition or disposition of securities by way of gift, where the total amount of such gifts does not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in market value for any six (6) month period, shall be exempt from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 and may be excluded from the computation prescribed in § 5.11(A)(2) of this Part.
- C. Any person exempted by §§ 5.11(A) or (B) of this Part shall include in the first report filed by him after a transaction within the exemption a statement showing his acquisitions and dispositions for each six (6) month period or portion thereof which has elapsed since his last filing.

5.12 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of the Act of Transactions Which Need Not Be Reported under R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29.

Any transaction which has been or shall be exempted from the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 shall, insofar as it is otherwise subject to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 be likewise exempted from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30.

5.13 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Certain Transactions Effected in connection with a Distribution.

- A. Any transaction of purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of a security which is affected in connection with the distribution of a substantial block of securities shall be exempt from the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30, to the extent specified, as not comprehended within the purpose of said Section, upon the following conditions:
1. The person affecting the transaction is engaged in the business of distributing securities and is participating in good faith, in the ordinary course of such business, in the distribution of such block of securities;
 2. The security involved in the transaction is
 - a. a part of such block of securities and is acquired by the person effecting the transaction, with a view to the distribution thereof, from the issuer of other person on whose behalf such securities are being distributed or from a person who is participating in good faith in the distribution of such block of securities, or

- b. a security purchased in good faith by or for the account for the person effecting the transaction for the purpose of stabilizing the market price of securities of the class being distributed or to cover an over-allotment or other short position created in connection with such distribution; and
 - 3. Other persons not within the purview of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 are participating in the distribution of such block of securities on terms at least as favorable as those on which such person is participating and to an extent at least equal to the aggregate participation of all persons exempted from the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 by § 5.13 of this Part. However, the performance of the functions of a manager of a distributing group and the receipt of a bona fide payment for performing such functions shall not preclude an exemption which would otherwise be available under § 5.13 of this Part.
- B. The exemption of a transaction pursuant to § 5.13 of this Part with respect to the participation therein of one party thereto shall not render such transaction exempt with respect to participation of any other party therein unless such other party also meets the conditions of § 5.13 of this Part.

5.14 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Acquisitions of Shares of Stock and Stock Options under Certain Stock Bonus, Stock Option or Similar Plans.

- A. Any acquisition of shares of stock (other than stock acquired upon the exercise of an option, warrant or right) pursuant to a stock bonus, profit sharing, retirement, incentive, thrift, savings or similar plan, or any acquisition of a qualified or a restricted stock option pursuant to a qualified or a restricted stock option plan, or a stock option pursuant to an employee stock purchase plan, by a director or officer of the issuer of such stock or stock option shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 if the plan meets the following conditions:
- 1. The plan has been approved, directly or indirectly, by the affirmative votes of the holders of a majority of the securities of such issuer present or represented, and entitled to vote at a meeting duly held in accordance with the applicable laws of this state, or by the written consent of the holders of a majority of the securities of such issuer entitled to vote: provided, however, that if such vote or written consent was not solicited substantially in accordance with the proxy rules and regulations, if any, in effect at the time of such vote or written consent, the issuer shall furnish in writing to the holders of record of the securities entitled to vote for the plan substantially the same information concerning the plan which would be

required by the rules and regulations in effect at the time such information is furnished, if proxies to be voted with respect to the approval or disapproval of the plan were then being solicited, on or prior to the date of the first annual meeting of security holders held subsequent to the later of the date the act first applies to such issuer, or the acquisition of an equity security for which exemption is claimed. Such written information may be furnished by mail to the last known address of the security holders of record within thirty (30) days prior to the date of mailing. Four copies of such written information shall be filed with, or mailed for filing to the Commissioner not later than the date on which it is first sent or given to security holders of the issuer. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "issuer" includes a predecessor corporation if the plan or obligations to participate thereunder were assumed by the issuer in connection with the succession.

2. If the selection of any director or officer of the issuer to whom stock may be allocated or to whom qualified, restricted or employee stock purchase plan stock options may be granted pursuant to the plan, or the determination of the number or maximum number of shares of stock which may be allocated to any such director or officer or which may be covered by qualified, restricted or employee stock purchase plan stock options granted to any such director or officer, is subject to the discretion of any person, then such discretion shall be exercised only as follows:
 - a. With respect to the participation of directors:
 - (1) By the board of directors of the issuer, a majority of which board and a majority of the directors acting in the matter are disinterested persons;
 - (2) by, or only in accordance with the recommendations of, a committee of three (3) or more persons having full authority to act in the matter, all of the members of which committee are disinterested persons; or
 - (3) otherwise in accordance with the plan, if the plan specifies the number or maximum number of shares of stock which directors may acquire or which may be subject to qualified, restricted or employee stock purchases plan stock options granted to directors and the terms upon which, and the times at which or the periods within which, such stock may be acquired or such options may be acquired and exercised; or sets forth, by formula or otherwise, effective and determinable limitations with respect to the foregoing based

upon earnings of the company, dividends paid, compensation received by participants, option prices, market value of shares, outstanding shares or percentages thereof outstanding from time to time, or similar factors.

b. With respect to the participation of officers who are not directors:

- (1) by the board of directors of the issuer, a committee of three (3) or more directors; or
- (2) by, or only in accordance with the recommendations of, a committee of three (3) or more persons having full authority to act in the matter, all of the members of which committee are disinterested persons. For the purpose of this subdivision, a director or committee member shall be deemed to be a disinterested person only if such person is not at the time such discretion is exercised eligible and has not at any time within one year prior thereto been eligible for selection as a person to whom stock may be allocated or to whom qualified, restricted or employee stock purchase plan stock options may be granted pursuant to the plan or any other plan of the issuer or any of its affiliates entitling the participants therein to acquire stock or qualified, restricted or employee stock purchase plan stock options of the company or any of its affiliates.

c. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply with respect to any option granted, or other equity security acquired, prior to the date that R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-1-29, 27-1-30 and 27-1-31 first become applicable with respect to any class of equity securities of any issuer.

3. As to each participant or as to all participants the plan effectively limits the aggregate dollar amount or the aggregate number of shares of stock which may be allocated, or which may be subject to qualified, restricted, or employee stock purchase plan stock options granted, pursuant to the plan. The limitations may be established on an annual basis, or for the duration of the plan, whether or not the plan has a fixed termination date; and may be determined either by fixed or maximum dollar amounts or fixed or maximum numbers of shares or by formulas based upon earnings of the issuer, dividends paid, compensation received by participants, option prices, market value of shares, outstanding shares or percentages thereof outstanding from time to time, or similar factors which will result in an effective and determinable limitation. Such limitations may be subject to

any provisions for adjustment of the plan or of stock allocable or options outstanding thereunder to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights.

4. All terms used in § 5.15 of this Part shall have the same meaning as in the act. In addition, for the purpose of § 5.15 of this Part, the following definition applies:
 - a. “Plan” includes any plan, whether or not set forth in any formal written document or documents and whether or not approved in its entirety at one time.

5.15 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Certain Transactions in Which Securities are Received by Redeeming Other Securities.

- A. Any acquisition of an equity security, other than a convertible security or right to purchase a security, by a director or officer of the issuer of such security shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 if:
 1. The equity security is acquired by way of redemption of another security of an issuer substantially all of whose assets other than cash, or Government bonds, consist of securities of the issuer of the equity security so acquired, and which
 - a. Represented substantially and in practical effect a stated or readily ascertainable amount of such equity security,
 - b. Had a value which was substantially determined by the value of such equity security, and
 - c. Conferred upon the holder the right to receive such equity security without the payment of any consideration other than the security redeemed;
 2. No security of the same class as the security redeemed was acquired by the director or officer within six (6) months prior to such redemption or is acquired within six (6) months after such redemption:
 3. The issuer of the equity security acquired has recognized the applicability of § 5.15(A) of this Part by appropriate corporate action.

5.16 Exemption of Long Term Profits Incident to Sales Within Six Months of the Exercise of an Option.

- A. To the extent specified in § 5.16(B) of this Part, the Commissioner hereby exempts as not comprehended within the purposes of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 any transaction or transactions involving the purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of any equity security where such purchase is pursuant to the exercise of an option or similar right either:
 - 1. acquired more than six (6) months before its exercise, or
 - 2. acquired pursuant to the terms of an employment contract entered into more than six (6) months before its exercise.
- B. In respect of transactions specified above in § 5.16(A) of this Part, the profits inuring to the issuer shall not exceed the difference between the proceeds of sale and the lowest market price of any security of the same class within six (6) months before or after the date of sale. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to enlarge the amount of profit which would inure to such company in the absence of this rule.
- C. The Commissioner also hereby exempts as not comprehended within the purposes of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30, the disposition of a security, purchased in a transaction specified in § 5.16(A) of this Part above, pursuant to a plan or agreement for merger or consolidation, or reclassification of the issuer's securities, or for the exchange of its securities for the securities of another person which has acquired its assets, where the terms of such plan or agreement are binding upon all stockholders of the issuer except to the extent that dissenting stockholders may be entitled, under statutory provisions or provisions contained in the certificate of incorporation, to receive the appraised or fair value of the holdings.
- D. The exemptions provided by this rule shall not apply to any transaction made unlawful by R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 or by any rules and regulation thereunder.
- E. The burden of establishing market price of a security for the purpose of § 5.16 of this Part shall rest upon the person claiming the exemption.

5.17 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Certain Acquisitions and Dispositions of Securities Pursuant to Merger or Consolidations.

- A. The following transactions shall be exempt from the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 as not comprehended within the purpose of said Section;

1. The acquisition of a security of an issuer, pursuant to a merger or consolidation, in exchange for a security of an issuer which, prior to said merger or consolidation, owned eighty-five percent (85%) or more of the equity securities of all other issuers involved in the merger or consolidation except, in the case of consolidation, the resulting issuer;
 2. The disposition of a security, pursuant to a merger or consolidation of an issuer which, prior to said merger or consolidation, owned eighty-five percent (85%) or more of the equity securities of all other issuers involved in the merger or consolidation except, in the case of consolidation, the resulting issuer;
 3. The acquisition of a security of an issuer, pursuant to a merger or consolidation, in exchange for a security of an issuer which, prior to said merger or consolidation, held over eighty-five percent of the combined assets of all the issuers undergoing merger or consolidation, computed according to their book values prior to the merger or consolidation as determined by reference to their most recent available financial statements for a twelve (12) month period prior to the merger or consolidation.
 4. The disposition of a security, pursuant to a merger or consolidation, of an issuer which, prior to said merger or consolidation, held over eighty-five percent (85%) of the combined assets of all the issuers undergoing merger or consolidation, computed according to their book values prior to the merger or consolidation, as determined by reference to their most recent available financial statements for a twelve (12) month period prior to the merger or consolidation.
- B. A merger within the meaning of this rule shall include the sale or purchase of substantially all the assets of one issuer by another in exchange for stock which is then distributed to the security holders of the issuer which sold its assets.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an officer, director or stockholder shall make any purchase, other than a purchase exempted by § 5.17 of this Part of a security in any issuer involved in the merger or consolidation and any sale other than a sale exempted by § 5.17 of this Part of a security in any other issuer involved in the merger or consolidation within any period of less than six (6) months during which the merger or consolidation took place, the exemption provided by this rule shall be unavailable to such officer, director, or stockholder.

5.18 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Certain Securities Received Upon Surrender of Similar Equity Securities.

- A. Any receipt by a person from an issuer of its shares of stock of a class having general voting power upon the surrender by such person of an equal number of shares of stock of such issuer of a class which does not have general voting power, pursuant to provisions of the issuer's certificate of incorporation, for the purpose of and accompanied simultaneously or followed immediately by the sale of the shares so received, shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 as a transaction not comprehended within the purpose of said Section, if the following conditions exist:
1. The person so receiving such shares is not an officer or director, or the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly immediately prior to such receipt, of more than ten percent (10%) of an equity security of such issuer;
 2. The shares surrendered and the shares issued upon such surrender shall be of classes which are freely transferable and entitle the holders thereof to participate equally per share in all distributions of earnings and assets;
 3. The surrender and issuance are made pursuant to provisions of a certificate of incorporation which require that the shares issued upon such surrender shall be registered upon issuance in the name of a person or persons other than the holder of the shares surrendered and may be required to be issued as of right only in connection with the public offering, sale and distribution of such shares and the immediate sale by such holder of such shares for that purpose, or in connection with a gift of such shares;
 4. Neither the shares so surrendered nor any shares of the same class, nor other shares of the same class as those issued upon such surrender, have been or are purchased otherwise than in a transaction exempted by this rule, by the person surrendering such shares, within six (6) months before or after such surrender or issuance.

5.19 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 of Certain Transactions Involving an Exchange of Similar Securities.

- A. Any acquisition or disposition of securities made in an exchange of shares of a class, or series thereof, of stock of an issuer for an equivalent number of shares of another class, or series thereof, of stock of the same issuer, pursuant to a right of conversion under the terms of the issuer's charter or other governing instruments shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 if:

1. The shares surrendered and those acquired in exchange therefor evidence substantially the same rights and privileges except that, pursuant to the provisions of the issuer's charter or other governing instruments, the board of directors may declare and pay a lesser dividend per share on shares of the class surrendered than on shares of the class acquired in exchange therefor or may declare and pay no dividend on shares of the class surrendered;
2. The transaction was effected in contemplation of a public sale of the shares acquired in the exchange; provided, this rule shall not be construed to exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30 any purchase or sale of shares of the class surrendered and any sale or purchase of shares of the class acquired in the exchange, otherwise than in the transaction of exchange exempted by this rule, within a period of less than six (6) months.

5.20 Exemption of Certain Securities from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31.

Any security shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 to the extent necessary to render lawful under such Section the execution by a broker of an order for an account in which he has no direct or indirect interest.

5.21 Exemption from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 of Certain Transactions Effected in connection with a Distribution.

- A. Any security shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 to the extent necessary to render lawful under such Section any sale made by or on behalf of a dealer in connection with a distribution of a substantial block of securities, upon the following conditions:
 1. The sale is represented by an over-allotment in which the dealer is participating as a member of an underwriting group, or the dealer or a person acting on his behalf intends in good faith to offset such sale with a security to be acquired by or on behalf of the dealer as a participant in an underwriting, selling or soliciting-dealer group of which the dealer is a member at the time of the sale, whether or not the security to be so acquired is subject to a prior offering to existing security holders or some other class of persons; and
 2. Other persons not within the purview of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 are participating in the distribution of such block of securities on terms at least as favorable as those on which such dealer is participating and to an extent at least equal to the aggregate participation of all persons exempted from the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 by this rule.

However, the performance of the functions of manager of a distributing group and the receipt of a bona fide payment for performing such functions shall not preclude an exemption which would otherwise be available under this rule.

5.22 Exemption of Sales of Securities To Be Acquired from R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31.

- A. Whenever any person is entitled, as an incident to his ownership of an issued security and without the payment of consideration, to receive another security “when issued” or “when distributed,” the security to be acquired shall be exempt from the operation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 provided:
1. The sale is made subject to the same conditions as those attaching to the right of acquisition, and
 2. Such person exercises reasonable diligence to deliver such security to the purchaser promptly after his right of acquisition matures, and
 3. Such person reports the sale on the appropriate form for reporting transactions by persons subject to R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29.
- B. This rule shall not be construed as exempting transactions involving both a sale of a security “when issued” or “when distributed” and a sale of the security by virtue of which the seller expects to receive the “when-issued” or “when-distributed” security, if the two (2) transactions combined result in a sale of more units than the aggregate of those owned by the seller plus those to be received by him pursuant to his right of acquisition.

5.23 Arbitrage Transactions under R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-33.

It shall be unlawful for any director or officer of the issuer of an equity security to effect any foreign or domestic arbitrage transaction in any equity security or such issuer, unless he includes such transaction in the statements required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-29 and accounts to such issuer for the profits arising from such transaction, as provided in R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-30. The provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 27-1-31 shall not apply to such arbitrage transactions. The provisions of the act shall not apply to any bona fide foreign or domestic arbitrage transaction insofar as it is effected by any person other than such director or officer of the issuer of such security.

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