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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to trust companies; to amend sections 8-224.01 and 30-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide exceptions from certain prohibited investments; to authorize investments in certain securities, shares, and interests; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 8-224.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-224.01 (1) No charge shall be allowed against an estate or trust for legal services performed by an attorney who is a salaried employee of the trust company or when a portion of the charge for legal service is retained by the trust company. Any officer or employee of the trust company causing or consenting to such division of fee for legal service shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. No investments of an estate or trust shall be made in the capital stock or securities of the trust company, in the stock or securities of its affiliated companies, or in obligations, either direct or indirect, of any director, officer, or employee of the trust company. The trust company shall not substitute any of the assets of an estate or trust under its control for securities of the trust company. A trust company may administer, in a fiduciary capacity, an estate or trust which contains such capital stock, securities, or obligations as part of its assets if such assets are received in kind from the grantor of the estate or trust and retention of such capital stock, securities, or obligations is properly authorized by the terms of the governing document. Any officer or employee of the trust company making such an investment or consenting to such an investment or causing such substitution or consenting to such substitution shall be guilty of a Class III felony.

(2) No loan of the assets of the trust company shall be made to any officer or director of such corporation. No trust company shall cause or allow funds of any account entrusted to the trust company to be loaned, directly or indirectly, to any director, officer, or employee of the trust company except when the director, officer, or employee has a specific beneficial interest in the account and such loans are allowed in governing account documents and are not prohibited by other state or federal law. Any director, officer, or employee of the trust company causing, consenting to, or receiving funds from a loan made in violation
of this section shall be guilty of a Class III felony.

(3) This section shall not apply to investments authorized in section 30-3205.

Sec. 2. Section 30-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

30-3205 (1) Notwithstanding the prohibition on investments in section 8-224.01, a fiduciary holding funds for investment may invest such funds in securities of, or other interests in, individual portfolios of investment holdings; shares or interests in a private investment fund, including a private investment fund organized as a limited partnership, a limited liability company, a trust, a statutory or common-law business trust, a real estate investment trust, a joint venture, any general or limited partnership, or any other form of legal entity; or securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management-type investment company or investment trust registered, unregistered, or exempt from registration under pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, if a court order, will, agreement, or other instrument creating or defining the investment powers of the fiduciary directs, requires, authorizes, or permits the investment of such funds in any of the following:

(a) Such investments as the fiduciary may, in his or her discretion, select;

(b) Investments generally, other than those in which fiduciaries are by law authorized to invest trust funds; and

(c) United States Government obligations if the portfolio of such investment company or investment trust is limited to United States Government obligations and to repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations and if such investment company or investment trust takes delivery of the collateral, either directly or through an authorized custodian.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding the prohibition on investments in section
A bank or trust company acting as a fiduciary, agent, or otherwise may, in the exercise of its investment discretion or at the direction of another person authorized to direct investment of funds held by the bank or trust company as a fiduciary, invest and reinvest in securities of, or other interests in, individual portfolios of investment holdings; shares or interests in a private investment fund, including a private investment fund organized as a limited partnership, a limited liability company, a trust, a statutory or common-law business trust, a real estate investment trust, a joint venture, any general or limited partnership, or any other form of legal entity; or securities of, or other interests in, an open-end or closed-end management-type investment company or investment trust registered, unregistered, or exempt from registration under pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or may retain, sell, or exchange such interests so long as the portfolio of the investment company or investment trust as an entity consists substantially of investments not prohibited by the instrument governing the fiduciary relationship.

The fact that the bank or trust company or an affiliate of the bank or trust company provides services to the investment company, investment trust, or private investment fund, such as that of an investment advisor, custodian, transfer agent, registrar, sponsor, distributor, manager, or otherwise, and is receiving reasonable compensation for the services shall not preclude the bank or trust company from investing, reinvesting, retaining, or exchanging any interest held by the trust estate in the securities of, or other interests in, individual portfolios of investment holdings; shares or interests in a private investment fund, including a private investment fund organized as a limited partnership, a limited liability company, a trust, a statutory or common-law business trust, a real estate investment trust, a joint venture, any general or limited partnership, or any other
form of legal entity; or securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management-type investment company or investment trust registered, unregistered, or exempt from registration under pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Sec. 3. Original sections 8-224.01 and 30-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.