Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 (H.R. 7010)

- Minimum loan maturity of 5-years
 - > Effective date of enactment for any loan made on or after such date;
 - Previously 2-years
- > [Application] Covered period for loans ends 12/31/2020;
 - > Previously 06/30/2020
 - > This effectively extends the Safe Harbor for both FTE and Salary/Wages through 12/31/2020
 - > This effectively allows borrowers, that have not already done so, to apply for a PPP Loan through 12/31/2020
- > [Payroll/Business expenses] Covered period is 24-weeks from funding date OR 12/31/2020, whichever is sooner;
 - > Previously 8-weeks for both the Covered Period and the Alternative Payroll Covered Period
 - There is no clarification if a borrower can use a covered period somewhere between the 8-week and 24-week period
- > Exemption based on employee availability
 - > 02/15/2020 12/31/2020 shall not impact forgivable amounts if;
 - > In good faith, inability to rehire employees previously employed on 02/15/2020; and
 - Inability to hire similarly qualified employees for unfilled positions on or before 12/31/2020; or
 - Can document inability to return to the same level of business activity compared to activity before 02/15/2020 due to compliance with requirements established or guidance issued by HHS, CDC or OSHA from 03/10/2020 – 12/31/2020 regarding sanitation, social distancing or any other worker or customer safety requirement related to COVID-19
- > PPP Loan utilization is at least 60% for payroll costs and no more than 40% for eligible business expenses;
 - Previously it was 75%/25%
- New subsection "(1) Application to certain eligible recipients An eligible recipient that received a covered loan before the date of enactment of this subsection may elect for the covered period applicable to such covered loan to end on the date that is 8-weels after the date of the origination of such covered loan."
 - > This allows the borrower to still choose the prior 8-week Covered Period rather than the new 24-week Covered Period.
- > Deferral of principal, interest and fees until forgiveness is remitted to the lender;
 - > Previously the deferral was 6 month
- If a borrow does not apply for forgiveness, the deferral is 10-months after 12/31/2020
- Deferral of employer's portion of Social Security Taxes is allowed EVEN IF forgiveness is given under PPP;
 - > Previously employers were only allowed to defer until PPP loan forgiveness was approved by the lender

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