

## **FDIC COVERAGE**

### **How does the change in FDIC coverage passed as part of the \$700 billion bailout package affect me, the consumer depositor?**

**T**he new bill temporarily increases the amount of coverage on deposit accounts (checking, savings, money market accounts & CD's) in FDIC insured banks and savings associations from \$100,000 (per depositor, per bank) to \$250,000. Investments such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds were not, and are not, covered even if you purchase them from an insured institution. This new legislation provides for this increased coverage until December 31, 2009.

A husband and wife who have a joint account are now insured up to \$500,000 (\$250,000 each). Additionally, each spouse could have a single account (that the other has no control over or access to) insured for up to \$250,000. Testamentary (sometimes called "payable on death") accounts from which a beneficiary could withdraw money after the death of the depositor are also insured up to \$250,000 per beneficiary.

Retirement accounts at FDIC insured institutions, which were previously covered up to \$250,000, are not affected by the new legislation.

If you'd like to find out if your money is insured, you can call 1-877-ASK-FDIC or get more information at [www.FDIC.gov](http://www.FDIC.gov).