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## Starting Next Week You Can See Brokers' Profits From Bond Sales.

***New rule effective Monday is meant to curb abusive practices, but critics say getting the details by snail mail means they might be ignored***

WASHINGTON — Starting next week, mom-and-pop investors will learn how much their broker made selling them bonds.

The change in practice is due to a new rule meant to curb abusive sales practices. Beginning Monday, brokers will have to say how much they pocket when they buy corporate and municipal bonds and [sell them to retail investors](#) later that day.

The disclosures are aimed at addressing long-standing concerns that individual investors who buy bonds don't know how much they are paying in fees, known as markups, that can [eat into returns](#). Retail investors pay a variety of different prices for the same securities.

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