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Attn: FINRA

The current PDT rule that prohibits more than three day trades within a 5-day period is an anachronism in today's environment.

Today, everything is settled by next day and all brokers closely track buying power.

I have never understood why it is possible to buy/sell option puts and calls and not be subject to the PDT rule, while buying or selling a defined-risk spread is subject to the rule. In many cases, setting up a spread is much less risky than trading simple calls or puts.

Why is it less risky to wait a day until I can close a position? When trading 0DTE options, the PDT restrictions might even be even more risky.

Broker platforms normally handle this kind of risk automatically and will prevent you from doing a trade if it exceeds your buying power.

It might make sense to put limits on unlimited risk positions, but applying the PDT rule to defined-risk trades serves no purpose.

Best regards,

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