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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

205 ILCS 305/9

from Ch. 17, par. 4410

Amends the Illinois Credit Union Act. Provides that the Director of the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may accept an examination of a credit union made by the credit union's share insurer as an alternative to the biennial examination of a credit union conducted by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation or a public accountant registered by the Department.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Credit Union Act is amended by 5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (205 ILCS 305/9) (from Ch. 17, par. 4410)

7 Sec. 9. Reports and examinations.

(1) Credit unions shall report to the Department on forms 8 9 supplied by the Department, in accordance with a schedule published by the Department. A recapitulation of the annual 10 reports shall be compiled and published annually by the 11 Department, for the use of the General Assembly, credit unions, 12 various educational institutions and other interested parties. 13 14 A credit union which fails to file any report when due shall pay to the Department a late filing fee for each day the report 15 16 is overdue as prescribed by rule. The Secretary may extend the 17 time for filing a report.

(2) The Secretary may require special examinations of and 18 19 special financial reports from a credit union or a credit union organization in which a credit union loans, 20 invests, or 21 substantially all delegates managerial duties and 22 responsibilities when he determines that such examinations and reports are necessary to enable the Department to determine the 23

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1 safety of a credit union's operation or its solvency. The cost 2 to the Department of the aforesaid special examinations shall 3 be borne by the credit union being examined as prescribed by 4 rule.

5 (3) All credit unions incorporated under this Act shall be examined at least biennially by the Department or, at the 6 discretion of the Secretary, by a public accountant registered 7 8 by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; 9 however, as an alternative to that examination, the Director 10 may accept an examination made by the credit union's share 11 insurer. The costs of an examination shall be paid by the 12 credit union. The scope of all examinations by a public accountant shall be at least equal to the examinations made by 13 14 the Department. The examiners shall have full access to, and 15 may compel the production of, all the books, papers, securities 16 and accounts of any credit union. A special examination shall 17 be made by the Department or by a public accountant approved by the Department upon written request of 5 or more members, who 18 19 guarantee the expense of the same. Any credit union refusing to 20 submit to an examination when ordered by the Department shall be reported to the Attorney General, who shall institute 21 22 proceedings to have its charter revoked. If the Secretary 23 determines that the examination of a credit union is to be conducted by a public accountant registered by the Department 24 25 of Financial and Professional Regulation and the examination is 26 done in conjunction with the credit union's external

independent audit of financial statements, the requirements of this Section and subsection (3) of Section 34 shall be deemed met.

(3.5) Pursuant to Section 8, the Secretary shall adopt 4 5 rules that ensure consistency and due process in the 6 examination process. The Secretary may also establish 7 guidelines that (i) define the scope of the examination process 8 and (ii) clarify examination items to be resolved. The rules, 9 formal guidance, <u>interpretive</u> interpretative letters, or 10 opinions furnished to credit unions by the Secretary may be 11 relied upon by the credit unions.

12 (4) A copy of the completed report of examination and a 13 review comment letter, if any, citing exceptions revealed 14 during the examination, shall be submitted to the credit union 15 by the Department. A detailed report stating the corrective 16 actions taken by the board of directors on each exception set 17 forth in the review comment letter shall be filed with the Department within 40 days after the date of the review comment 18 19 letter, or as otherwise directed by the Department. Any credit 20 union through its officers, directors, committee members or employees, which willfully provides fraudulent or misleading 21 22 information regarding the corrective actions taken on 23 exceptions appearing in a review comment letter may have its operations restricted to the collection of principal and 24 25 interest on loans outstanding and the payment of normal 26 expenses and salaries until all exceptions are corrected and

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- 1 accepted by the Department.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-133, eff. 1-1-12; 98-784, eff. 7-24-14;
- 3 revised 8-23-19.)