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State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

See Index

Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987. States the purpose of the State's participation in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Requires that a mortgage loan originator must register with the Director of Financial Institutions of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Contains provisions concerning a mortgage loan originator license, its application, and issuance procedures. Contains provisions concerning pre-licensing education and testing of mortgage loan originators. Contains provisions concerning (1) license renewal standards and (2) continuing education of mortgage loan originators. Contains provisions concerning enforcement of the Act by the Director. Contains provisions concerning the suspension and revocation of licenses. Provides that each mortgage loan originator shall be covered by a surety bond. Contains provisions concerning the confidentiality of information associated with the Registry. Provides that the Director shall have additional investigation and examination authority. Contains provisions concerning the duties, processes, discipline, bond requirements, and prohibited acts with respect to the Registry and mortgage loan originators. Contains provisions concerning privately insured credit unions. Makes other changes. Contains a severability clause. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning financial regulation.

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

Section 5. The Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 is
amended by changing Section 1-4, and the heading of Article VII
and by adding Sections 7-1A, 7-1B, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6,
7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-12A, 7-12B, 7-13, 7-14,
8 7-15, 7-16, and 7-17 as follows:

- 9 (205 ILCS 635/1-4) (from Ch. 17, par. 2321-4)
- 10 Sec. 1-4. Definitions.

"Residential real property" or "residential real 11 (a) estate" shall mean real property located in this State improved 12 by a one-to-four family dwelling used or occupied, wholly or 13 14 partly, as the home or residence of one or more persons and may refer, subject to regulations of the Commissioner, 15 to 16 unimproved real property upon which those kinds dwellings are 17 to be constructed.

(b) "Making a residential mortgage loan" or "funding a residential mortgage loan" shall mean for compensation or gain, either directly or indirectly, advancing funds or making a commitment to advance funds to a loan applicant for a residential mortgage loan.

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(c) "Soliciting, processing, placing, or negotiating a

residential mortgage loan" shall mean for compensation or gain, 1 either directly or indirectly, accepting or offering to accept 2 3 an application for a residential mortgage loan, assisting or offering to assist in the processing of an application for a 4 5 residential mortgage loan on behalf of a borrower, or negotiating or offering to negotiate the terms or conditions of 6 7 a residential mortgage loan with a lender on behalf of a 8 borrower including, but not limited to, the submission of 9 credit packages for the approval of lenders, the preparation of 10 residential mortgage loan closing documents, including a 11 closing in the name of a broker.

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(d) "Exempt person or entity" shall mean the following:

13 (1) (i) Any banking organization or foreign banking corporation licensed by the Illinois Commissioner of Banks 14 15 and Real Estate or the United States Comptroller of the 16 Currency to transact business in this State; (ii) any 17 national bank, federally chartered savings and loan association, federal savings bank, federal credit union; 18 (iii) any pension trust, bank trust, or bank trust company; 19 20 (iv) any bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union organized under the laws of this or any 21 22 other state; (v) any Illinois Consumer Installment Loan Act 23 licensee; (vi) any insurance company authorized to transact business in this State; (vii) any entity engaged 24 25 solely in commercial mortgage lending; (viii) any service 26 corporation of a savings and loan association or savings

bank organized under the laws of this State or the service 1 2 corporation of a federally chartered savings and loan 3 association or savings bank having its principal place of business in this State, other than a service corporation 4 5 licensed or entitled to reciprocity under the Real Estate 6 License Act of 2000; or (ix) any first tier subsidiary of a bank, the charter of which is issued under the Illinois 7 8 Banking Act by the Division of Banking of the Illinois 9 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation 10 Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate, or the first tier 11 subsidiary of a bank chartered by the United States 12 Comptroller of the Currency and that has its principal 13 place of business in this State, provided that the first 14 tier subsidiary is regularly examined by the Illinois 15 Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate or the Comptroller of

16 the Currency, or a consumer compliance examination is 17 regularly conducted by the Federal Reserve Board.

18 (1.5) Any employee of a person or entity mentioned in19 item (1) of this subsection.

20 (2) Any person or entity that does not originate 21 mortgage loans in the ordinary course of business making or 22 acquiring residential mortgage loans with his or her or its 23 own funds for his or her or its own investment without 24 intent to make, acquire, or resell more than 10 residential 25 mortgage loans in any one calendar year.

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(3) Any person employed by a licensee to assist in the

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performance of the activities regulated by this Act who is compensated in any manner by only one licensee.

(4) Any person licensed pursuant to the Real Estate
License Act of 2000, who engages only in the taking of
applications and credit and appraisal information to
forward to a licensee or an exempt entity under this Act
and who is compensated by either a licensee or an exempt
entity under this Act, but is not compensated by either the
buyer (applicant) or the seller.

10 (5) Any individual, corporation, partnership, or other 11 entity that originates, services, or brokers residential 12 mortgage loans, as these activities are defined in this 13 Act, and who or which receives no compensation for those 14 activities, subject to the Commissioner's regulations with 15 regard to the nature and amount of compensation.

16 (6) A person who prepares supporting documentation for 17 a residential mortgage loan application taken by a licensee and performs ministerial functions pursuant to specific 18 instructions of the licensee who neither requires nor 19 20 permits the preparer to exercise his or her discretion or 21 judgment; provided that this activity is engaged in 22 pursuant to a binding, written agreement between the 23 licensee and the preparer that:

24 (A) holds the licensee fully accountable for the25 preparer's action; and

(B) otherwise meets the requirements of this

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Section and this Act, does not undermine the purposes of this Act, and is approved by the Commissioner.

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(e) "Licensee" or "residential mortgage licensee" shall mean a person, partnership, association, corporation, or any 5 other entity who or which is licensed pursuant to this Act to 6 engage in the activities regulated by this Act.

7 (f) "Mortgage loan" "residential mortgage loan" or "home mortgage loan" shall mean a loan to or for the benefit of any 8 9 natural person made primarily for personal, family, or 10 household use, primarily secured by either a mortgage on 11 residential real property or certificates of stock or other 12 evidence of ownership interests in and proprietary leases from, 13 corporations, partnerships, or limited liability companies formed for the purpose of cooperative ownership of residential 14 15 real property, all located in Illinois.

16 (q) "Lender" shall mean any person, partnership, 17 association, corporation, or any other entity who either lends or invests money in residential mortgage loans. 18

19 (h) "Ultimate equitable owner" shall mean a person who, 20 directly or indirectly, owns or controls an ownership interest 21 in a corporation, foreign corporation, alien business 22 organization, trust, or any other form of business organization 23 regardless of whether the person owns or controls the ownership interest through one or more persons or one or more proxies, 24 25 powers of attorney, nominees, corporations, associations, partnerships, trusts, joint stock companies, or other entities 26

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1 or devices, or any combination thereof.

2 (i) "Residential mortgage financing transaction" shall 3 mean the negotiation, acquisition, sale, or arrangement for or 4 the offer to negotiate, acquire, sell, or arrange for, a 5 residential mortgage loan or residential mortgage loan 6 commitment.

7 (j) "Personal residence address" shall mean a street8 address and shall not include a post office box number.

9 (k) "Residential mortgage loan commitment" shall mean a10 contract for residential mortgage loan financing.

(1) (1) "Party to a residential mortgage financing transaction" shall mean a borrower, lender, or loan broker in a residential mortgage financing transaction.

(m) "Payments" shall mean payment of all or any of the following: principal, interest and escrow reserves for taxes, insurance and other related reserves, and reimbursement for lender advances.

(n) "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate or a person authorized by the Commissioner, the Office of Banks and Real Estate Act, or this Act to act in the Commissioner's stead.

(o) "Loan brokering", "brokering", or "brokerage service" shall mean the act of helping to obtain from another entity, for a borrower, a loan secured by residential real estate situated in Illinois or assisting a borrower in obtaining a loan secured by residential real estate situated in Illinois in return for consideration to be paid by either the borrower or the lender including, but not limited to, contracting for the delivery of residential mortgage loans to a third party lender and soliciting, processing, placing, or negotiating residential mortgage loans.

6 (p) "Loan broker" or "broker" shall mean a person, 7 partnership, association, corporation, or limited liability 8 company, other than those persons, partnerships, associations, 9 corporations, or limited liability companies exempted from 10 licensing pursuant to Section 1-4, subsection (d), of this Act, 11 who performs the activities described in subsections (c) and 12 (o) of this Section.

13 (q) "Servicing" shall mean the collection or remittance for 14 or the right or obligation to collect or remit for any lender, noteowner, noteholder, or for a licensee's own account, of 15 16 payments, interests, principal, and trust items such as hazard 17 insurance and taxes on a residential mortgage loan in accordance with the terms of the residential mortgage loan; and 18 includes loan payment follow-up, delinquency loan follow-up, 19 loan analysis and any notifications to the borrower that are 20 21 necessary to enable the borrower to keep the loan current and 22 in good standing.

(r) "Full service office" shall mean office and staff in Illinois reasonably adequate to handle efficiently communications, questions, and other matters relating to any application for, or an existing home mortgage secured by

residential real estate situated in Illinois with respect to 1 2 which the licensee is brokering, funding originating, 3 purchasing, or servicing. The management and operation of each full service office must include observance of good business 4 5 practices such as adequate, organized, and accurate books and 6 records; ample phone lines, hours of business, staff training 7 and supervision, and provision for a mechanism to resolve 8 consumer inquiries, complaints, and problems. The Commissioner 9 shall issue regulations with regard to these requirements and 10 shall include an evaluation of compliance with this Section in 11 his or her periodic examination of each licensee.

12 (s) "Purchasing" shall mean the purchase of conventional or 13 government-insured mortgage loans secured by residential real 14 estate situated in Illinois from either the lender or from the 15 secondary market.

16 (t) "Borrower" shall mean the person or persons who seek17 the services of a loan broker, originator, or lender.

18 (u) "Originating" shall mean the issuing of commitments for19 and funding of residential mortgage loans.

20 (v) "Loan brokerage agreement" shall mean a written 21 agreement in which a broker or loan broker agrees to do either 22 of the following:

(1) obtain a residential mortgage loan for the borrower
or assist the borrower in obtaining a residential mortgage
loan; or

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(2) consider making a residential mortgage loan to the

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1 borrower.

(w) "Advertisement" shall mean the attempt by publication, dissemination, or circulation to induce, directly or indirectly, any person to enter into a residential mortgage loan agreement or residential mortgage loan brokerage agreement relative to a mortgage secured by residential real estate situated in Illinois.

8 (x) "Residential Mortgage Board" shall mean the 9 Residential Mortgage Board created in Section 1-5 of this Act.

10 (y) "Government-insured mortgage loan" shall mean any 11 mortgage loan made on the security of residential real estate 12 insured by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or 13 Farmers Home Loan Administration, or guaranteed by the Veterans 14 Administration.

(z) "Annual audit" shall mean a certified audit of the licensee's books and records and systems of internal control performed by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards.

20 (aa) "Financial institution" shall mean a savings and loan 21 association, savings bank, credit union, or a bank organized 22 under the laws of Illinois or a savings and loan association, 23 savings bank, credit union or a bank organized under the laws 24 of the United States and headquartered in Illinois.

(bb) "Escrow agent" shall mean a third party, individual or
entity charged with the fiduciary obligation for holding escrow

1 funds on a residential mortgage loan pending final payout of 2 those funds in accordance with the terms of the residential 3 mortgage loan.

4 (cc) "Net worth" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in
5 Section 3-5 of this Act.

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(dd) "Affiliate" shall mean:

7 (1) any entity that directly controls or is controlled
8 by the licensee and any other company that is directly
9 affecting activities regulated by this Act that is
10 controlled by the company that controls the licensee;

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(2) any entity:

(A) that is controlled, directly or indirectly, by
a trust or otherwise, by or for the benefit of
shareholders who beneficially or otherwise control,
directly or indirectly, by trust or otherwise, the
licensee or any company that controls the licensee; or

(B) a majority of the directors or trustees of which constitute a majority of the persons holding any such office with the licensee or any company that controls the licensee;

(3) any company, including a real estate investment
trust, that is sponsored and advised on a contractual basis
by the licensee or any subsidiary or affiliate of the
licensee.

The Commissioner may define by rule and regulation any terms used in this Act for the efficient and clear

1 administration of this Act.

(ee) "First tier subsidiary" shall be defined by regulation
incorporating the comparable definitions used by the Office of
the Comptroller of the Currency and the Illinois Commissioner
of Banks and Real Estate.

6 delinguency rate" (ff)"Gross means the quotient determined by dividing (1) the sum of (i) the number of 7 8 government-insured residential mortgage loans funded or 9 purchased by a licensee in the preceding calendar year that are delinguent and (ii) the number of conventional residential 10 11 mortgage loans funded or purchased by the licensee in the 12 preceding calendar year that are delinquent by (2) the sum of 13 (i) the number of government-insured residential mortgage 14 loans funded or purchased by the licensee in the preceding 15 calendar year and (ii) the number of conventional residential 16 mortgage loans funded or purchased by the licensee in the 17 preceding calendar year.

(gg) "Delinquency rate factor" means the factor set by rule 18 19 of the Commissioner that is multiplied by the average gross 20 delinquency rate of licensees, determined annually for the immediately preceding calendar year, for the purpose of 21 22 determining which licensees shall be examined by the 23 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 4-8 of this 24 Act.

(hh) "Loan originator" means any natural person who, for compensation or in the expectation of compensation, either

directly or indirectly makes, offers to make, solicits, places,
 or negotiates a residential mortgage loan.

(ii) "Confidential supervisory information" means 3 any report of examination, visitation, or investigation prepared 4 5 by the Commissioner under this Act, any report of examination 6 visitation, or investigation prepared by the state regulatory 7 authority of another state that examines a licensee, any 8 document or record prepared or obtained in connection with or 9 relating to any examination, visitation, or investigation, and 10 any record prepared or obtained by the Commissioner to the 11 extent that the record summarizes or contains information 12 derived from any report, document, or record described in this 13 subsection. "Confidential supervisory information" does not 14 include any information or record routinely prepared by a 15 licensee and maintained in the ordinary course of business or 16 any information or record that is required to be made publicly 17 available pursuant to State or federal law or rule.

18 <u>(jj) "Mortgage loan originator" means an individual who for</u> 19 <u>compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or</u> 20 <u>gain:</u>

21 (i) takes a residential mortgage loan application; or 22 (ii) offers or negotiates terms of a residential 23 mortgage loan. 24 "Mortgage loan originator" does not include an individual

25 <u>engaged solely as a loan processor or underwriter except as</u> 26 <u>otherwise provided in subsection (d) of Section 7-1A of this</u>

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2	"Mortgage loan originator" does not include a person or
3	entity that only performs real estate brokerage activities and
4	is licensed in accordance with the Real Estate License Act of
5	2000, unless the person or entity is compensated by a lender, a
6	mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan originator, or by any
7	agent of that lender, mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan
8	<u>originator.</u>
9	"Mortgage loan originator" does not include a person or
10	entity solely involved in extensions of credit relating to
11	timeshare plans, as that term is defined in Section 101(53D) of
12	Title 11, United States Code.
13	(kk) "Depository institution" has the same meaning as in
14	Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, and includes
15	any credit union.
16	(ll) "Dwelling" means a residential structure that
17	contains one to 4 units, whether or not that structure is
18	attached to real property. "Dwelling" includes an individual
19	condominium unit, cooperative unit, mobile home, or trailer, if
20	it is used as a residence.
21	(mm) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child,
22	sibling, parent, grandparent, or grandchild, and includes
23	step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, or adoptive
24	relationships.
25	(nn) "Individual" means a natural person.
26	(oo) "Loan processor or underwriter" means an individual

1	who performs clerical or support duties as an employee at the
2	direction of and subject to the supervision and instruction of
3	a person licensed, or exempt from licensing, under this Act.
4	"Clerical or support duties" includes subsequent to the receipt
5	of an application:
6	(i) the receipt, collection, distribution, and
7	analysis of information common for the processing or
8	underwriting of a residential mortgage loan; and
9	(ii) communicating with a consumer to obtain the
10	information necessary for the processing or underwriting
11	of a loan, to the extent that the communication does not
12	include offering or negotiating loan rates or terms, or
13	counseling consumers about residential mortgage loan rates
14	or terms. An individual engaging solely in loan processor
15	or underwriter activities shall not represent to the
16	public, through advertising or other means of
17	communicating or providing information, including the use
18	of business cards, stationery, brochures, signs, rate
19	lists, or other promotional items, that the individual can
20	or will perform any of the activities of a mortgage loan
21	originator.
22	(pp) "Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry"
23	means a mortgage licensing system developed and maintained by
24	the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American
25	Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for the
26	licensing and registration of licensed mortgage loan

1	originators.
2	(qq) "Nontraditional mortgage product" means any mortgage
3	product other than a 30-year fixed rate mortgage.
4	(rr) "Person" means a natural person, corporation,
5	company, limited liability company, partnership, or
6	association.
7	(ss) "Real estate brokerage activity" means any activity
8	that involves offering or providing real estate brokerage
9	services to the public, including:
10	(1) acting as a real estate agent or real estate broker
11	for a buyer, seller, lessor, or lessee of real property;
12	(2) bringing together parties interested in the sale,
13	purchase, lease, rental, or exchange of real property;
14	(3) negotiating, on behalf of any party, any portion of
15	a contract relating to the sale, purchase, lease, rental,
16	or exchange of real property, other than in connection with
17	providing financing with respect to any such transaction;
18	(4) engaging in any activity for which a person engaged
19	in the activity is required to be registered or licensed as
20	<u>a real estate agent or real estate broker under any</u>
21	applicable law; or
22	(5) offering to engage in any activity, or act in any
23	capacity, described in this subsection (ss).
24	(tt) "Registered mortgage loan originator" means any
25	individual that:
26	(1) meets the definition of mortgage loan originator

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1	and is an employee of:
2	(A) a depository institution;
3	(B) a subsidiary that is:
4	(i) owned and controlled by a depository
5	institution; or
6	(ii) regulated by a federal banking agency; or
7	(C) an institution regulated by the Farm Credit
8	Administration; or
9	(2) is registered with, and maintains a unique
10	identifier through, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
11	System and Registry.
12	(uu) "Unique identifier" means a number or other identifier
13	assigned by protocols established by the Nationwide Mortgage
14	Licensing System and Registry.
15	(vv) "Federal banking agencies" means the Board of
16	Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the
17	Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the
18	National Credit Union Administration, and the Federal Deposit
19	Insurance Corporation.
20	(Source: P.A. 93-561, eff. 1-1-04; 93-1018, eff. 1-1-05.)
21	(205 ILCS 635/Art. VII heading)
22	ARTICLE VII.
23	MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE REQUIRED
24	REGISTRATION OF LOAN ORIGINATORS

1	(205 ILCS 635/7-1A new)
2	Sec. 7-1A. Purpose. The activities of mortgage loan
3	originators and the origination or offering of financing for
4	residential real property have a direct, valuable and immediate
5	impact upon Illinois's consumers, Illinois's economy, the
6	neighborhoods and communities of Illinois, and the housing and
7	real estate industry. The General Assembly finds that
8	accessibility to mortgage credit is vital to the State's
9	citizens. The General Assembly also finds that it is essential
10	for the protection of the citizens of Illinois and the
11	stability of Illinois's economy that reasonable standards for
12	licensing and regulation of the business practices of mortgage
13	loan originators be imposed. The General Assembly further finds
14	that the obligations of mortgage loan originators to consumers
15	in connection with originating or making residential mortgage
16	loans are such as to warrant the regulation of the mortgage
17	lending process. The purpose of this Article is to protect
18	consumers seeking mortgage loans and to ensure that the
19	mortgage lending industry is operating without unfair,
20	deceptive, and fraudulent practices on the part of mortgage
21	loan originators. Therefore, the General Assembly establishes
22	within this Article an effective system of supervision and
23	enforcement of the mortgage lending industry, including:
24	(1) The authority to issue licenses to conduct business
25	under this Article, including the authority to write rules
26	or regulations or adopt procedures necessary to the

1	licensing of persons covered under this Article.
2	(2) The authority to deny, suspend, condition or revoke
3	licenses issued under this Article.
4	(3) The authority to examine, investigate, and conduct
5	enforcement actions as necessary to carry out the intended
6	purposes of this Article, including the authority to
7	subpoena witnesses and documents, enter orders, including
8	cease and desist orders, order restitution and monetary
9	penalties, and order the removal and ban of individuals
10	from office or employment.
11	The Director shall have the broad administrative authority
12	to administer, interpret, and enforce this Article, and
13	promulgate rules or regulations implementing this Article, in
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licensing and minimize disruption in the mortgage marketplace, the operability date for subsection (a) of this Section shall be July 31, 2010, or any later date approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, pursuant to the authority granted under federal Public Law 110-289, Section 1508(a).

- 7 (c) The following are exempt from this Act:
- 8 <u>(1) Registered mortgage loan originators, when acting</u> 9 <u>for an entity described in subsection (jj) of Section 1-4.</u> 10 <u>(2) Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a</u>

11 residential mortgage loan with or on behalf of an immediate 12 family member of the individual.

13 (3) Any individual who offers or negotiates terms of a
 14 residential mortgage loan secured by a dwelling that served
 15 as the individual's residence.

16 <u>(4) A licensed attorney who negotiates the terms of a</u> 17 <u>residential mortgage loan on behalf of a client as an</u> 18 <u>ancillary matter to the attorney's representation of the</u> 19 <u>client, unless the attorney is compensated by a lender, a</u> 20 <u>mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan originator or by</u> 21 <u>any agent of a lender, mortgage broker, or other mortgage</u> 22 <u>loan originator.</u>

(d) A loan processor or underwriter who is an independent
 contractor may not engage in the activities of a loan processor
 or underwriter unless he or she obtains and maintains a license
 under subsection (a) of this Section. Each independent

1 <u>contractor loan processor or underwriter licensed as a mortgage</u>
2 <u>loan originator must have and maintain a valid unique</u>
3 <u>identifier issued by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System</u>
4 and Registry.

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5 <u>(e) For the purposes of implementing an orderly and</u> 6 <u>efficient licensing process, the Director may establish</u> 7 <u>licensing rules or regulations and interim procedures for</u> 8 <u>licensing and acceptance of applications. For previously</u> 9 <u>registered or licensed individuals, the Director may establish</u> 10 <u>expedited review and licensing procedures.</u>

11	(205 ILCS 635/7-2 new)
12	Sec. 7-2. State license application and issuance.
13	(a) Applicants for a license shall apply in a form
14	prescribed by the Director. Each form shall contain content as
15	set forth by rule, regulation, instruction, or procedure of the
16	Director and may be changed or updated as necessary by the
17	Director in order to carry out the purposes of this Act.
18	(b) In order to fulfill the purposes of this Act, the
19	Director is authorized to establish relationships or contracts
20	with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or
21	other entities designated by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
22	System and Registry to collect and maintain records and process
23	transaction fees or other fees related to licensees or other
24	persons subject to this Act.
25	(b-5) For the purpose of participating in the Nationwide

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Mortgage Licensing System & Registry, the Director is 1 2 authorized to waive or modify, in whole or in part, by rule, 3 regulation or order, any or all of the requirements of this Article and to establish new requirements as reasonably 4 5 necessary to participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing 6 System & Registry. (c) In connection with an application for licensing as a 7 8 mortgage loan originator, the applicant shall, at a minimum, 9 furnish to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and 10 Registry information concerning the applicant's identity, 11 including the following: 12 (1) Fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any governmental agency or entity 13 14 authorized to receive such information for a state, national and international criminal history background 15 16 check. (2) Personal history and experience in a form 17 prescribed by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and 18 19 Registry, including the submission of authorization for 20 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and

21 <u>the Director to obtain:</u>
22 <u>(A) an independent credit report obtained from a</u>
23 <u>consumer reporting agency described in Section 603(p)</u>
24 <u>of the Fair Credit Reporting Act; and</u>
25 <u>(B) information related to any administrative,</u>
26 civil, <u>or criminal findings by any governmental</u>

1 jurisdiction.

2	(d) For the purpose of this Section, and in order to reduce
3	the points of contact which the Federal Bureau of Investigation
4	may have to maintain for purposes of subsection (c) of this
5	Section, the Director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
6	System and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting
7	information from and distributing information to the
8	Department of Justice or any governmental agency.

9 <u>(e) For the purposes of this Section and in order to reduce</u> 10 <u>the points of contact which the Director may have to maintain</u> 11 <u>for purposes of item (2) of subsection (c) of this Section, the</u> 12 <u>Director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and</u> 13 <u>Registry as a channeling agent for requesting and distributing</u> 14 information to and from any source so directed by the Director.

15	(205 ILCS 635/7-3 new)
16	Sec. 7-3. Issuance of license. The Director shall not issue
17	<u>a mortgage loan originator license unless the Director makes at</u>
18	a minimum the following findings:
19	(1) The applicant has never had a mortgage loan originator
20	license revoked in any governmental jurisdiction, except that a
21	subsequent formal vacation of such revocation shall not be
22	deemed a revocation.
23	(2) The applicant has not been convicted of, or pled guilty
24	or nolo contendere to, a felony in a domestic, foreign, or
25	military court:

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1	(A) during the 7-year period preceding the date of the
2	application for licensing and registration; or
3	(B) at any time preceding such date of application, if
4	such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty, or a
5	breach of trust, or money laundering;
6	provided that any pardon of a conviction shall not be a
7	conviction for purposes of this item (2).
8	(3) The applicant has demonstrated financial
9	responsibility, character, and general fitness so as to command
10	the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination
11	that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly,
12	fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of this Act. For
13	purposes of this item (3) a person has shown that he or she is
14	not financially responsible when he or she has shown a
15	disregard for the management of his or her own financial
16	condition. A determination that an individual has not shown
17	financial responsibility may include, but is not limited to,
18	consideration of:
19	(A) current outstanding judgments, except judgments
20	solely as a result of medical expenses;
21	(B) current outstanding tax liens or other government
22	liens and filings, educational loan defaults, and
23	non-payment of child support;
24	(C) foreclosures within the past 3 years; and
25	(D) a pattern of seriously delinquent accounts within
26	the past 3 years.

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1	(4) The applicant has completed the pre-licensing
2	education requirement described in Section 7-4 of this Act.
3	(5) The applicant has passed a written test that meets the
4	test requirement described in Section 7-5 of this Act.
5	(6) The applicant has met the surety bond requirement as
6	required pursuant to Section 7-11 of this Act.
7	(205 ILCS 635/7-4 new)
8	Sec. 7-4. Pre-licensing and education of mortgage loan
9	originators.
10	(a) In order to meet the pre-licensing education
11	requirement referred to in item (4) of Section 7-3 of this Act
12	an individual shall complete at least 20 hours of education
13	approved in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section,
14	which shall include at least:
15	(1) 3 hours of Federal law and regulations;
16	(2) 3 hours of ethics, which shall include instruction
17	on fraud, consumer protection, and fair lending issues; and
18	(3) 2 hours of training related to lending standards
19	for the nontraditional mortgage product marketplace.
20	(b) For purposes of subsection (a) of this Section,
21	pre-licensing education courses shall be reviewed and approved
22	by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry based
23	upon reasonable standards. Review and approval of a
24	pre-licensing education course shall include review and
25	approval of the course provider.

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1 <u>(c) Nothing in this Section shall preclude any</u> 2 pre-licensing education course, as approved by the Nationwide 3 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, that is provided by the 4 employer of the applicant or an entity which is affiliated with 5 the applicant by an agency contract, or any subsidiary or 6 affiliate of such an employer or entity.

7 (d) Pre-licensing education may be offered in a classroom,
8 online, or by any other means approved by the Nationwide
9 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

10 <u>(e) The pre-licensing education requirements approved by</u> 11 <u>the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry for the</u> 12 <u>subjects listed in items (1) through (3) of subsection (a) for</u> 13 <u>any state shall be accepted as credit towards completion of</u> 14 <u>pre-licensing education requirements in Illinois.</u>

15 <u>(f) An individual previously registered under this Act who</u> 16 <u>is applying to be licensed after the effective date of this</u> 17 <u>amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly must prove that he</u> 18 <u>or she has completed all of the continuing education</u> 19 <u>requirements for the year in which the registration or license</u> 20 was last held.

21	(205 ILCS 635/7-5 new)
22	Sec. 7-5. Testing of mortgage loan originators.
23	(a) In order to meet the written test requirement referred
24	to in item (5) of Section 7-3, an individual shall pass, in
25	accordance with the standards established under this

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1	subsection (a), a qualified written test developed by the
2	Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and
3	administered by a test provider approved by the Nationwide
4	Mortgage Licensing System and Registry based upon reasonable
5	standards.
6	(b) A written test shall not be treated as a qualified
7	written test for purposes of subsection (a) of this Section
8	unless the test adequately measures the applicant's knowledge
9	and comprehension in appropriate subject areas, including:
10	(1) ethics;
11	(2) federal law and regulation pertaining to mortgage
12	origination;
13	(3) State law and regulation pertaining to mortgage
14	origination; and
15	(4) federal and State law and regulation, including
16	instruction on fraud, consumer protection, the
17	nontraditional mortgage marketplace, and fair lending
18	issues.
19	(c) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a test provider
20	approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
21	Registry from providing a test at the location of the employer
22	of the applicant or the location of any subsidiary or affiliate
23	of the employer of the applicant, or the location of any entity
24	with which the applicant holds an exclusive arrangement to
25	conduct the business of a mortgage loan originator.
26	(d) An individual shall not be considered to have passed a

1	qualified written test unless the individual achieves a test
2	score of not less than 75% correct answers to questions.
3	An individual may retake a test 3 consecutive times with
4	each consecutive taking occurring at least 30 days after the
5	preceding test.
6	After failing 3 consecutive tests, an individual shall wait
7	at least 6 months before taking the test again.
8	A licensed mortgage loan originator who fails to maintain a
9	valid license for a period of 5 years or longer shall retake
10	the test, not taking into account any time during which such
11	individual is a registered mortgage loan originator.
12	(205 ILCS 635/7-6 new)
13	Sec. 7-6. Standards for license renewal.
14	(a) The minimum standards for license renewal for mortgage
15	loan originators shall include the following:
16	(1) The mortgage loan originator continues to meet the
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17 18 19	<u>minimum standards for license issuance under Section 7-3.</u> (2) The mortgage loan originator has satisfied the annual continuing education requirements described in
17 18 19 20	<u>minimum standards for license issuance under Section 7-3.</u> (2) The mortgage loan originator has satisfied the <u>annual continuing education requirements described in</u> <u>Section 7-7.</u>
17 18 19 20 21	<pre>minimum standards for license issuance under Section 7-3. (2) The mortgage loan originator has satisfied the annual continuing education requirements described in Section 7-7. (3) The mortgage loan originator has paid all required</pre>

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24 <u>satisfy the minimum standards for license renewal shall expire.</u>

25 <u>The Director may adopt procedures for the reinstatement of</u>

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1	expired licenses consistent with the standards established by
2	the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
3	(205 ILCS 635/7-7 new)
4	Sec. 7-7. Continuing education for mortgage loan
5	originators.
6	(a) In order to meet the annual continuing education
7	requirements referred to in Section 7-6, a licensed mortgage
8	loan originator shall complete at least 8 hours of education
9	approved in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section,
10	which shall include at least:
11	(1) 3 hours of Federal law and regulations;
12	(2) 2 hours of ethics, which shall include instruction
13	on fraud, consumer protection, and fair lending issues; and
14	(3) 2 hours of training related to lending standards
15	for the nontraditional mortgage product marketplace.
16	(b) For purposes of this subsection (a), continuing
17	education courses shall be reviewed and approved by the
18	Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry based upon
19	reasonable standards. Review and approval of a continuing
20	education course shall include review and approval of the
21	course provider.
22	(c) Nothing in this Section shall preclude any education
23	course, as approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
24	and Registry, that is provided by the employer of the mortgage
25	loan originator or an entity which is affiliated with the

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1	mortgage loan originator by an agency contract, or any
2	subsidiary or affiliate of the employer or entity.
3	(d) Continuing education may be offered either in a
4	classroom, online, or by any other means approved by the
5	Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
6	(e) A licensed mortgage loan originator:
7	(1) Except as provided in Section 7-6 and subsection
8	(i) of this Section, may only receive credit for a
9	continuing education course in the year in which the course
10	is taken; and
11	(2) May not take the same approved course in the same
12	or successive years to meet the annual requirements for
13	continuing education.
14	(f) A licensed mortgage loan originator who is an
15	approved instructor of an approved continuing education course
16	may receive credit for the licensed mortgage loan originator's
17	own annual continuing education requirement at the rate of 2
18	hours credit for every one hour taught.
19	(q) A person having successfully completed the education
20	requirements approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
21	System and Registry for the subjects listed in subsection (a)
22	of this Section for any state shall be accepted as credit
23	towards completion of continuing education requirements in
24	this State.
25	(h) A licensed mortgage loan originator who subsequently
26	becomes unlicensed must complete the continuing education

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1	requirements for the last year in which the license was held
2	prior to issuance of a new or renewed license.
3	(i) A person meeting the requirements of Section 7-6 may
4	make up any deficiency in continuing education as established
5	by rule or regulation of the Director.
6	(205 ILCS 635/7-8 new)
7	Sec. 7-8. Authority to require license. In addition to any
8	other duties imposed upon the Director by law, the Director
9	shall require mortgage loan originators to be licensed and
10	registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
11	and Registry. In order to carry out this requirement the
12	Director is authorized to participate in the Nationwide
13	Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For this purpose, the
14	Director may establish by agreement, order or rule requirements
15	as necessary, including, but not limited to, the following:
16	(1) Background checks for:
17	(A) criminal history through fingerprint or other
18	databases;
19	(B) civil or administrative records;
20	(C) credit history; or
21	(D) any other information as deemed necessary by
22	the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
23	(2) The payment of fees to apply for or renew licenses
24	through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
25	<u>Registry;</u>

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1	(3) The setting or resetting as necessary of renewal or
2	reporting dates; and
3	(4) Requirements for amending or surrendering a
4	license or any other such activities as the Director deems
5	necessary for participation in the Nationwide Mortgage
6	Licensing System and Registry.
7	(205 ILCS 635/7-9 new)
8	Sec. 7-9. Report to Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
9	and Registry. Subject to State privacy laws, the Director is
10	required to report regularly violations of this Act, as well as
11	enforcement actions and other relevant information, to the
12	Nationwide Montrage Ligensing Custom and Degistry, subject to
	Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry subject to
13	the provisions contained in Section 7-12A of this Act.
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1	enforcement of this Act the Director may do any of the
2	following:
3	(1) Deny, suspend, revoke, condition or decline to
4	renew a license for a violation of this Act, rules or
5	regulations issued under this Act or order or directive
6	entered under this Act.
7	(2) Deny, suspend, revoke, condition or decline to
8	renew a license if an applicant or licensee fails at any
9	time to meet the requirements of Sections 7-1B or 7-3, or
10	withholds information or makes a material misstatement in
11	an application for a license or renewal of a license.
12	(3) Order restitution against persons subject to this
13	Act for violations of this Act.
14	(4) Impose fines on persons subject to this Act
15	pursuant to subsections (b), (c), and (d4) of this Section.
16	(5) Issue orders or directives under this Act as
17	follows:
18	(A) order or direct persons subject to this Act to
19	cease and desist from conducting business, including
20	immediate temporary orders to cease and desist;
21	(B) order or direct persons subject to this Act to
22	cease any harmful activities or violations of this Act,
23	including immediate temporary orders to cease and
24	desist;
25	(C) enter immediate temporary orders to cease
26	business under a license or interim license issued

1	pursuant to the authority granted under Section 7-1B if
2	the Director determines that such license was
3	erroneously granted or the licensee is currently in
4	violation of this Act; or
5	(D) order or direct such other affirmative action
6	as the Director deems necessary.
7	(b) The Director may impose a civil penalty on a mortgage
8	loan originator or person subject to this Act, if the Director
9	finds, on the record after notice and opportunity for hearing,
10	that such mortgage loan originator or person subject to this
11	Act has violated or failed to comply with any requirement of
12	this Act or any regulation prescribed by the Director under
13	this Act or order issued under authority of this Act.
14	(c) The maximum amount of penalty for each act or omission
15	described in subsection (b) of this Section shall be \$25,000.
16	(d) Each violation or failure to comply with any directive
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17 <u>or order of the Director is a separate and distinct violation</u> 18 <u>or failure.</u>

19 (205 ILCS 635/7-12 new)

20 Sec. 7-12. Surety bond required.

21 (a) Each mortgage loan originator shall be covered by a 22 surety bond in accordance with this Section. In the event that 23 the mortgage loan originator is an employee or exclusive agent 24 of a person subject to this Act, the surety bond of such person 25 subject to this Act can be used in lieu of the mortgage loan

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originator's surety bond requirement. The surety bond shall provide coverage for each mortgage loan originator in an amount prescribed under subsection (b) of this Section. The surety bond shall be in a form prescribed by the Director. The Director may promulgate rules or regulations with respect to the requirements for such surety bonds as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

8 (b) The penal sum of the surety bond shall be maintained in 9 an amount that reflects the dollar amount of loans originated 10 as determined by the Director.

11 (c) When an action is commenced on a licensee's bond the 12 Director may require the filing of a new bond.

13 (d) Immediately upon recovery upon any action on the bond 14 the licensee shall file a new bond.

15 (205 ILCS 635/7-12A new)

16 <u>Sec. 7-12A. Confidentiality.</u>

(a) In order to promote more effective regulation and 17 18 reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information sharing, except as otherwise provided in federal Public Law 19 20 110-289, Section 1512, the requirements under any federal law 21 or state law regarding the privacy or confidentiality of any 22 information or material provided to the Nationwide Mortgage 23 Licensing System and Registry, and any privilege arising under 24 federal or state law, including the rules of any federal or state court, with respect to such information or material, 25

1 shall continue to apply to information or material after the 2 information or material has been disclosed to the Nationwide 3 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. The information and 4 material may be shared with all state and federal regulatory 5 officials with mortgage industry oversight authority without 6 the loss of privilege or the loss of confidentiality 7 protections provided by federal law or state law.

8 (b) In order to promote more effective regulation and 9 reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information 10 sharing, the Director is authorized to enter agreements or 11 sharing arrangements with other governmental agencies, the 12 Conference of State Bank Supervisors, the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators or other associations 13 14 representing governmental agencies as established by rule, regulation or order of the Director. The sharing of 15 confidential supervisory information or any information or 16 17 material described in subsection (a) of this Section pursuant to an agreement or sharing arrangement shall not result in the 18 19 loss of privilege or the loss of confidentiality protections 20 provided by federal law or state law.

21 (c) In order to promote more effective regulation and 22 reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information 23 sharing, information or material that is subject to a privilege 24 or confidentiality under subsection (a) of this Section shall 25 not be subject to the following: 26 (1) disclosure under any State law governing the

1	disclosure to the public of information held by an officer
2	or an agency of the State; or
3	(2) subpoena or discovery, or admission into evidence,
4	in any private civil action or administrative process,
5	unless with respect to any privilege held by the Nationwide
6	Mortgage Licensing System and Registry with respect to the
7	information or material, the person to whom such
8	information or material pertains waives, in whole or in
9	part, in the discretion of that person, that privilege.
10	(d) In order to promote more effective regulation and
11	reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information
12	sharing, other law relating to the disclosure of confidential
13	supervisory information or any information or material
14	described in subsection (a) of this Section that is
15	inconsistent with subsection (a) of this Section shall be
16	superseded by the requirements of this Section to the extent
17	the other law provides less confidentiality or a weaker
18	privilege.
19	(e) In order to promote more effective regulation and
20	reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information
21	sharing, this Section shall not apply to the employment history
22	of a mortgage loan originator, and the record of publicly
23	adjudicated disciplinary and enforcement actions against a
24	mortgage loan originator.

25 (205 ILCS 635/7-12B new)

1	Sec. 7-12B. Additional investigation and examination
2	authority. In addition to any authority allowed under this Act,
3	the Director shall have the authority to conduct investigations
4	and examinations as follows:
5	(a) For purposes of initial licensing, license renewal,
6	license suspension, license conditioning, license revocation
7	or termination, or general or specific inquiry or investigation
8	to determine compliance with this Act, the Commissioner shall
9	have the authority to access, receive, and use any books,
10	accounts, records, files, documents, information, or evidence
11	including, but not limited to, the following:
12	(1) criminal, civil, and administrative history
13	information, including nonconviction data as specified in
14	the Criminal Code of 1961;
15	(2) personal history and experience information,
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16	including independent credit reports obtained from a
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examine any licensee, individual, or person subject to this 1 2 Act, as often as necessary in order to carry out the purposes 3 of this Act. The Commissioner may direct, subpoena, or order the attendance of and examine under oath all persons whose 4 5 testimony may be required about the loans or the business or subject matter of any such examination or investigation, and 6 may direct, subpoena, or order the person to produce books, 7 accounts, records, files, and any other documents the 8 9 Commissioner deems relevant to the inquiry.

10 (c) Each licensee, individual, or person subject to this 11 Act shall make available to the Commissioner upon request the 12 books and records relating to the operations of such licensee, individual, or person subject to this Act. The Commissioner 13 14 shall have access to such books and records and interview the officers, principals, mortgage loan originators, employees, 15 16 independent contractors, agents, and customers of the licensee, individual, or person subject to this Act concerning 17 18 their business.

(d) Each licensee, individual, or person subject to this 19 20 Act shall make or compile reports or prepare other information 21 as directed by the Commissioner in order to carry out the 22 purposes of this Section including, but not limited to:

(1) accounting compilations; 24 (2) information lists and data concerning loan 25 transactions in a format prescribed by the Commissioner; or 26 (3) other information deemed necessary to carry out the

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1	purposes of this Section.
2	(e) In making any examination or investigation authorized
3	by this Act, the Commissioner may control access to any
4	documents and records of the licensee or person under
5	examination or investigation. The Commissioner may take
6	possession of the documents and records or place a person in
7	exclusive charge of the documents and records in the place
8	where they are usually kept. During the period of control, no
9	individual or person shall remove or attempt to remove any of
10	the documents and records except pursuant to a court order or
11	with the consent of the Commissioner. Unless the Commissioner
12	has reasonable grounds to believe the documents or records of
13	the licensee have been, or are at risk of being altered or
14	destroyed for purposes of concealing a violation of this Act,
15	the licensee or owner of the documents and records shall have
16	access to the documents or records as necessary to conduct its
17	ordinary business affairs.
18	(f) In order to carry out the purposes of this Section, the
19	<u>Commissioner may:</u>
20	(1) retain attorneys, accountants, or other
21	professionals and specialists as examiners, auditors, or
22	investigators to conduct or assist in the conduct of
23	examinations or investigations;
24	(2) enter into agreements or relationships with other
25	government officials or regulatory associations in order
26	to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by

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1	sharing resources, standardized or uniform methods or
2	procedures, and documents, records, information or
3	evidence obtained under this Section;
4	(3) use, hire, contract, or employ public or privately
5	available analytical systems, methods, or software to
6	examine or investigate the licensee, individual, or person
7	subject to this Act;
8	(4) accept and rely on examination or investigation
9	reports made by other government officials, within or
10	without this State; or
11	(5) accept audit reports made by an independent
12	certified public accountant for the licensee, individual,
13	or person subject to this Act in the course of that part of
14	the examination covering the same general subject matter as
15	the audit and may incorporate the audit report in the
16	report of the examination, report of investigation, or
17	other writing of the Commissioner.
18	(g) The authority of this Section shall remain in effect,
19	whether such a licensee, individual, or person subject to this
20	Act acts or claims to act under any licensing or registration
21	law of this State, or claims to act without the authority.
22	(h) No licensee, individual, or person subject to
23	investigation or examination under this Section may knowingly
24	withhold, abstract, remove, mutilate, destroy, or secrete any
25	books, records, computer records, or other information.

(205 ILCS 635/7-13 new) 1 2 Sec. 7-13. Prohibited acts and practices for mortgage loan 3 originators. It is a violation of this Act for an individual subject to this Act to: 4 5 (1) Directly or indirectly employ any scheme, device, 6 or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or lenders or 7 to defraud any person. 8 (2) Engage in any unfair or deceptive practice toward 9 any person. 10 (3) Obtain property by fraud or misrepresentation. 11 (4) Solicit or enter into a contract with a borrower 12 that provides in substance that the person or individual 13 subject to this Act may earn a fee or commission through 14 "best efforts" to obtain a loan even though no loan is 15 actually obtained for the borrower. 16 (5) Solicit, advertise, or enter into a contract for specific interest rates, points, or other financing terms 17

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18 <u>unless the terms are actually available at the time of</u> 19 <u>soliciting, advertising, or contracting.</u>

20 (6) Conduct any business covered by this Act without
21 holding a valid license as required under this Act, or
22 assist or aid and abet any person in the conduct of
23 business under this Act without a valid license as required
24 under this Act.

25(7) Fail to make disclosures as required by this Act26and any other applicable State or federal law, including

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regulations thereunder.

2 <u>(8) Fail to comply with this Act or rules or</u> 3 regulations promulgated under this Act, or fail to comply 4 with any other state or federal law, including the rules 5 and regulations thereunder, applicable to any business 6 authorized or conducted under this Act.

7 (9) Make, in any manner, any false or deceptive
 8 statement or representation of a material fact, or any
 9 omission of a material fact, required on any document or
 10 application subject to this Act.

11 <u>(10) Negligently make any false statement or knowingly</u> 12 <u>and willfully make any omission of material fact in</u> 13 <u>connection with any information or report filed with a</u> 14 <u>governmental agency or the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing</u> 15 <u>System and Registry or in connection with any investigation</u> 16 <u>conducted by the Director or another governmental agency.</u>

(11) Make any payment, threat or promise, directly or 17 indirectly, to any person for the purpose of influencing 18 19 the independent judgment of the person in connection with a 20 residential mortgage loan, or make any payment threat or 21 promise, directly or indirectly, to any appraiser of a 22 property, for the purpose of influencing the independent 23 judgment of the appraiser with respect to the value of the 24 property.

25(12) Collect, charge, attempt to collect or charge, or26use or propose any agreement purporting to collect or

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1	charge any fee prohibited by this Act.					
2	(13) Cause or require a borrower to obtain property					
3	insurance coverage in an amount that exceeds the					
4	replacement cost of the improvements as established by the					
5	property insurer.					
6	(14) Fail to truthfully account for monies belonging to					
7	a party to a residential mortgage loan transaction.					
8	(205 ILCS 635/7-14 new)					
9	Sec. 7-14. Unique identifier shown. The unique identifier					
10	of any person originating a residential mortgage loan shall be					
11	clearly shown on all residential mortgage loan application					
12	forms, solicitations, and advertisements, including business					
13	cards and websites, and any other documents as established by					
14	rule, regulation, or order of the Director.					
15	(205 ILCS 635/7-15 new)					
16	Sec. 7-15. Mortgage call reports. Each residential					
17	mortgage licensee shall submit to the Nationwide Mortgage					
18	Licensing System and Registry reports of condition, which shall					
19	be in the form and shall contain the information that the					
20	Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry may require.					

(205 ILCS 635/7-16 new)
 Sec. 7-16. Report to Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
 and Registry. The Director is required to report regularly

violations of this Act, as well as enforcement actions and 1 other relevant information, to the Nationwide Mortgage 2 3 Licensing System and Registry subject to the provisions 4 contained in Section 7-12B.

5	(205 I	LCS 635,	/7-17 new)				
6	Sec. 7	-17. Pr	ivately in	sured c	credit	unions. No	on-federally
7	insured cr	<u>edit un</u>	ions that e	employ 1	loan oi	riginators	as defined
8	<u>in Public</u>	Law 110-	-289, Title	V, the	feder	al S.A.F.E	. Act, shall
9	<u>register</u>	those	employees	with	the	Nationwid	e Mortgage

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Licensing System and Registry by furnishing the information 11 concerning the employees' identities set forth in Section 12 1507(a)(2) of Public Law 110-289, Title V.

Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are 13 14 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 31, 16 2009.

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