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## AN ACT

Amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, further providing for definitions, for license requirements, for exceptions to license requirements, for general requirements, for powers conferred 5 on certain licensees engaged in the mortgage loan business, for mortgage loan business prohibitions, for application for license, for prelicensing and continuing education, for 8 license fees, for licensee requirements, for suspension, 9 revocation or refusal and for mortgage servicers. 10 11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 12 hereby enacts as follows: 13 Section 1. The definitions of "branch," "installment sales contract, " "mortgage loan correspondent, " "mortgage originator, " 14 "qualifying individual" and "wholesale table funder" in section 15 16 6102 of Title 7 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to 17 18 read: 19 \$ 6102. Definitions. 20 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter

- 1 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 2 context clearly indicates otherwise:
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- 4 "Branch." An office or other [place of business] <u>location</u>,
- 5 other than the principal place of business, where a person
- 6 engages in the mortgage loan business subject to this chapter.
- 7 The term does not include a [location where the licensee-
- 8 sponsored mortgage originator contacts consumers or processes
- 9 mortgage loans, provided that the location is not:
- 10 (1) owned or controlled by a licensee. For purposes of
- this definition, a location is not considered to be owned or
- controlled by a licensee if the location is under the control
- of a subsidiary or affiliate of the licensee, is primarily
- used by the subsidiary or affiliate and is only used by the
- licensee on an incidental basis for the convenience of a
- 16 consumer;
- 17 (2) advertised or represented to consumers as an
- operating location of the mortgage originator or the mortgage
- originator's sponsor; or
- 20 (3) a place where records regarding the licensee's
- 21 mortgage loan business are stored.] remote location.
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- "Installment sales contract." [As defined in section 3(10)
- 24 of the act of June 28, 1947 (P.L.1110, No.476), known as the
- 25 Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act.] The term shall have the same
- 26 meaning as "installment sale contract" as defined in 12 Pa.C.S.
- 27 § 6202 (relating to definitions).
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- ["Mortgage loan correspondent." A person who engages in the
- 30 mortgage loan business by directly or indirectly originating and

- 1 closing mortgage loans in his or her own name utilizing funds
- 2 provided by a wholesale table funder or other funding sources
- 3 under the circumstances described under section 6123(a)(6)
- 4 (relating to mortgage loan business prohibitions) and
- 5 simultaneously assigning the mortgage loans to the wholesale
- 6 table funder.]
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- 8 "Mortgage originator."
- 9 (1) An individual who, in a commercial context and 10 habitually and repeatedly, does any of the following:
  - (i) Takes a mortgage loan application.
- 12 (ii) Offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan
  13 for compensation or gain.
- (iii) Represents to the public, through advertising or other means of communicating or providing information, including the use of business cards, stationery, brochures, signs, rate lists or other promotional items, that the individual can or will perform the activities described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).
  - (2) The term does not include any of the following:
- 21 (i) An individual who is involved only in extensions 22 of credit relating to timeshare plans, as that term is 23 defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53D) (relating to 24 definitions).
- 25 (ii) An individual who performs only clerical or 26 support duties and meets any of the following 27 requirements:
- 28 (A) Who does so at the direction of and subject
  29 to the supervision and instruction of an individual
  30 who:

1 Is licensed and registered in accordance (I) 2 with this chapter. 3 Is not required to be licensed in accordance with section 6112(9) (relating to 4 5 exceptions to license requirements). Who performs such duties solely with respect 6 7 to transactions for which the individual who acts as 8 a mortgage originator is not required to be licensed, 9 in accordance with subparagraph (i), (v) or (vi). 10 An individual who performs only purely 11 administrative or clerical tasks on behalf of a mortgage 12 originator. (iv) An individual who is a registered mortgage loan 13 14 originator. 15 An individual employed by an agency or 16 instrumentality of the Federal Government or a 17 corporation otherwise created by an act of the Congress 18 of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of a 19 state or local government, the District of Columbia or 20 any territory of the United States, including the 21 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and other government 22 housing finance agencies, who acts as a mortgage 23 originator within the scope of employment. 24 (vi) An individual who is employed by a bona fide 25 nonprofit organization who acts as a mortgage originator 26 within the scope of employment. 27 An individual employed by a licensee or person 28 exempt or excepted from licensure under this chapter who 29 solely engages in mortgage loan modifications for

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existing mortgage loans held or serviced by that licensee

1 or person and who does not otherwise act as a mortgage 2 originator. 3 (viii) A loan processor or underwriter employed by a licensee or person exempt or excepted from licensure 4 under this chapter, provided that the loan processor or 5 underwriter: 6 7 Is under the direct supervision and control (A) 8 of a licensed mortgage originator or registered mortgage loan originator. 9 10 (B) Acts as a loan processor or underwriter 11 solely for the individual's employer. 12 (C) Does not represent to the public, through 13 advertising or other means of communicating or 14 providing information, including the use of business 15 cards, stationery, brochures, signs, rate lists or 16 other promotional items, that the person can or will perform any of the activities of a mortgage 17 18 originator. 19 (ix) An individual who is all of the following: 20 (A) An employee of a broker-dealer registered under section 301 of the act of December 5, 1972 21 22 (P.L.1280, No.284), known as the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 1972. 23 24 Registered as a securities agent under 25 section 301 of the Pennsylvania Securities Act of 26 1972. Engaged in recommending, referring or 27 28 steering a borrower or prospective borrower in the 29 manner provided under paragraph (1)(iii) of the

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definition of "offer or negotiate terms of a mortgage

loan for compensation or gain" to a banking
institution, licensed mortgage lender, [licensed
mortgage loan correspondent,] licensed mortgage
broker or person exempt from licensing in a manner
incidental to and in the normal course of his or her
securities brokerage activities.

- (D) Not otherwise acting as a mortgage originator as defined in paragraph (1)(i), (ii) or (iii).
- (E) Not in receipt of any compensation or gain for such activities from the person making or brokering the loan, or a borrower or prospective borrower.
- (x) An individual who is all of the following:
- (A) An employee of an insurance agency licensed under the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.789, No.285), known as The Insurance Department Act of 1921.
- (B) Registered as an insurance agent or broker under The Insurance Department Act of 1921.
- steering a borrower or prospective borrower in the manner provided under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "offer or negotiate terms of a mortgage loan for compensation or gain" to a banking institution, licensed mortgage lender, [licensed mortgage loan correspondent,] licensed mortgage broker or person exempt from licensing in a manner incidental to and in the normal course of his or her insurance activities.
  - (D) Not otherwise acting as a mortgage

- originator as defined in paragraph (1)(i), (ii) or (iii).
- 3 (E) Not in receipt of any compensation or gain
- 4 for such activities from the person making or
- 5 brokering the loan, or a borrower or prospective
- 6 borrower.
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- 8 "Qualifying individual." An individual identified by a
- 9 mortgage broker, mortgage lender[,] or mortgage servicer [or
- 10 mortgage loan correspondent] in the Nationwide Mortgage
- 11 Licensing System and Registry who:
- 12 (1) Is a mortgage originator or meets the licensing
- requirements of a mortgage originator.
- 14 (2) Is a management-level officer assigned to the
- principal place of business of a mortgage broker, mortgage
- lender[,] or mortgage servicer [or mortgage loan
- correspondent].
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- "Remote location." A location, other than a licensee's
- 20 principal place of business or branch, where a mortgage
- 21 originator sponsored by the licensee, a person excepted from
- 22 this chapter or excepted from licensure under section 6112
- 23 (relating to exceptions to license requirements) or any other
- 24 employee of the licensee, may engage in licensed activities on
- 25 behalf of the licensee under all of the following conditions:
- 26 (1) The licensed activities are conducted under the
- 27 supervision of the licensee.
- 28 (2) The licensee has written policies and procedures for
- 29 the supervision of personnel working from the location.
- 30 (3) Access to the licensee's platforms and customer

- 1 <u>information is conducted in accordance with the licensee's</u>
- 2 <u>comprehensive written information security plan.</u>
- 3 (4) In-person consumer interaction does not occur at the
- 4 <u>remote location.</u>
- 5 (5) Physical records regarding the licensee's mortgage
- 6 loan business are maintained at the location.
- 7 (6) The location is not advertised or represented to
- 8 <u>consumers as an operating location of the licensee or the</u>
- 9 <u>licensee's employees who work at the location.</u>
- 10 (7) The location is not owned or controlled by the
- licensee. For the purposes of this definition, a location
- 12 shall not be considered owned or controlled by a licensee if
- the location is under the control of a subsidiary or
- 14 <u>affiliate of the licensee</u>, is primarily used by the
- 15 <u>subsidiary or affiliate and is only used by the licensee on</u>
- 16 an incidental basis for the convenience of consumers.
- 17 \* \* \*
- 18 ["Wholesale table funder." A licensed mortgage lender or
- 19 person exempt under section 6112(1) or (7) (relating to
- 20 exceptions to license requirements) who, in the regular course
- 21 of business, provides the funding for the closing of mortgage
- 22 loans through mortgage loan correspondents and who by assignment
- 23 obtains title to the mortgage loans.]
- 24 Section 2. Sections 6111(a) and (b)(1)(i) and (2), 6112(2)
- 25 (iii), (6), (8), (11)(i) and (13), 6121(10), (11) and (13)
- 26 introductory paragraph, 6122(b) heading and introductory
- 27 paragraph, 6123(a)(6) and (9), 6131(a)(1), (d) and (f)(1), (2)
- 28 and  $(5)_{7}$  AND 6131.1(b)(1) introductory paragraph, (c)(1) and (d) <--
- 29 (1) introductory paragraph and (8),  $\frac{6132(a)(1)}{(b)(1)}$ ,  $\frac{(b)(1)}{(a)(b)}$ , <--
- 30  $\frac{6135(a)(3)}{6139(a)(11)}$  and  $\frac{(14)}{6141(a)(1)}$  of Title 7 are

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 § 6111. License requirements.
- 3 (a) General rule. -- Except as provided under subsections (b)
- 4 and (c) and section 6112 (relating to exceptions to license
- 5 requirements), on and after the effective date of this section,
- 6 no person shall engage in the mortgage loan business in this
- 7 Commonwealth without being licensed as a mortgage broker,
- 8 mortgage lender, mortgage servicer [, mortgage loan
- 9 correspondent] or mortgage originator as provided under this
- 10 chapter. A mortgage originator may not engage in the mortgage
- 11 loan business unless the mortgage originator is sponsored in the
- 12 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry by a licensed
- 13 mortgage broker, mortgage lender, mortgage servicer or mortgage
- 14 loan correspondent, person excepted from this chapter or person
- 15 excepted from licensure under section 6112 and is under the
- 16 direct supervision and control of the sponsoring licensee or
- 17 excepted person.
- 18 (b) Licensed activity exceptions.--
- 19 (1) A mortgage lender may:
- 20 (i) Act as a mortgage broker [or mortgage loan
- 21 correspondent] without a separate mortgage broker [or
- 22 mortgage loan correspondent] license.
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- [(2) A mortgage loan correspondent may act as a mortgage
- broker without a separate mortgage broker license.]
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- 27 § 6112. Exceptions to license requirements.
- 28 The following persons shall not be required to be licensed
- 29 under this chapter in order to conduct the mortgage loan
- 30 business:

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(2) An attorney at law not otherwise engaged in or holding himself or herself out to the public as being engaged in the mortgage loan business who acts as a mortgage broker or a mortgage originator in negotiating or placing a mortgage loan in the normal course of legal practice. The exception under this paragraph shall not apply if the attorney is compensated by any of the following:

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## [(iii) A mortgage loan correspondent.]

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(6) Consumer discount companies, except that a consumer discount company that acts as a mortgage broker, mortgage lender[,] or mortgage servicer [or mortgage loan correspondent], shall be subject to the provisions of Subchapter C (relating to mortgage loan business restrictions and requirements) and sections 6131(c)(2), (3) and (5), 6135, 6138 (relating to authority of department) and 6140(b) (relating to penalties). Employees or individuals under the direct supervision and control of licensees under the act of April 8, 1937 (P.L.262, No.66), known as the Consumer Discount Company Act, that act as mortgage originators shall be subject to the licensing requirements of this chapter. Consumer discount companies that employ or directly supervise and control mortgage originators shall be subject to the same requirements as mortgage lenders in regard to the employment and supervision of mortgage originators.

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29 (8) Employees or individuals under the direct 30 supervision and control of a mortgage broker, mortgage

1	lender[,] <u>or</u> mortgage servicer [or mortgage loan
2	correspondent], or a person excepted from licensure under
3	this section, who are not otherwise required to be licensed
4	as mortgage originators.
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6	(11) A bona fide nonprofit organization and employees of
7	the organization acting within the scope of their employment,
8	unless otherwise deemed to be engaged in the mortgage loan
9	business by the department, provided that:
10	(i) The organization shall be subject to the
11	provisions of Subchapter C and sections 6135(a)(2)[, (3)]
12	and (4) and (c), 6138 and 6140(b).
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14	(13) An installment seller of, or holder of installment
15	sales contracts secured by, manufactured homes who is
16	licensed under 12 Pa.C.S. Ch. 62 (relating to motor vehicle
17	sales finance) or an employee of the licensed entity,
18	provided the installment seller or holder only engages in the
19	mortgage loan business regarding installment sales contracts
20	secured by manufactured homes that are purchase-money
21	mortgage loans. [To qualify for the exception under this
22	paragraph, the installment seller or holder must:
23	(i) Obtain a license as a mortgage originator, if
24	licensed as an individual under 12 Pa.C.S. Ch. 62.
25	(ii) Be registered with the department.
26	(iii) Do either of the following:
27	(A) In the same manner as a mortgage lender or
28	mortgage broker, as applicable depending upon whether
29	the installment seller or holder makes or brokers
30	installment sales contracts secured by manufactured

homes that are purchase-money mortgage loans, obtain and maintain bond coverage for mortgage originators consistent with section 6131(c)(5) or (e)(3) and file a periodic report consistent with section 6135(a)(3); or

(B) Annually demonstrate to the department that the mortgage originators employed by or under the direct supervision and control of the installment seller or holder have obtained and maintained the bond coverage required by section 6131(f)(4) in a form acceptable to the department.

(iv) Ensure employees or individuals under the direct supervision and control of the installment seller or holder required to be licensed as mortgage originators have completed the requirements under section 6131.1 and have obtained the required mortgage originator license.]

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18 § 6121. General requirements.

19 A licensee shall do all of the following:

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21 (10) Refund all fees, other than those fees paid by the licensee to a third party, paid by a consumer when a mortgage 22 23 loan is not produced within the time specified by the 24 mortgage broker[,] or mortgage lender [or mortgage loan 25 correspondent] at the rate, term and overall cost agreed to 26 by the consumer. This paragraph shall not apply if the 27 failure to produce a mortgage loan is due solely to the 28 consumer's negligence, his or her refusal to accept and close 29 on a loan commitment or his or her refusal or inability to 30 provide information necessary for processing, including

- 1 employment verifications and verifications of deposits. The
- 2 licensee shall disclose to the consumer, in writing, at the
- 3 time of a loan application which fees paid or to be paid are
- 4 nonrefundable.
  - (11) As follows:
- 6 <u>(i)</u> Ensure that all lock-in agreements shall be in
- 7 writing and shall contain at least the following
- 8 provisions:
- 9 [(i)] (A) The expiration date of the lock-in, if
- 10 any.

- 11 [(ii] (B) The interest rate locked in, if any.
- 12 [(iii)] (C) The discount points locked in, if any.
- [(iv)]  $\underline{(D)}$  The fee locked in, if any.
- 14 [(v)] The lock-in fee, if any.
- 15 (ii) A licensee who is in compliance with 12 CFR
- 16 1026.37 (relating to content of disclosures for certain
- 17 <u>mortgage transactions (Loan Estimate)) shall satisfy the</u>
- requirements under this subparagraph.
- 19 \* \* \*
- 20 (13) In the case of a mortgage broker[,] or mortgage
- lender [or mortgage loan correspondent], do all of the
- 22 following:
- 23 \* \* \*
- 24 § 6122. Powers conferred on certain licensees engaged in the
- 25 mortgage loan business.
- 26 \* \* \*
- 27 (b) Mortgage brokers [and loan correspondents].--Provided
- 28 they are in compliance with the provisions of this chapter,
- 29 mortgage brokers [and mortgage loan correspondents] shall have
- 30 the power and authority:

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- 2 § 6123. Mortgage loan business prohibitions.
- 3 (a) Mortgage loan business prohibitions. -- A licensee
- 4 engaging in the mortgage loan business shall not:
- 5 \* \* \*
- [ (6) In the case of a mortgage loan correspondent,
- 7 service mortgage loans or close mortgage loans utilizing
- funding other than a wholesale table funder, except in an
- 9 emergency circumstance where wholesale table funding is not
- available.]
- 11 \* \* \*
- 12 (9) In the case of a mortgage originator, engage in the
- mortgage loan business other than on behalf of the single
- mortgage broker[,] or mortgage lender [or mortgage loan
- correspondent] or a person excepted from this chapter or a
- person excepted from licensure under section 6112 (relating
- 17 to exceptions to license requirements) that sponsors the
- 18 mortgage originator.
- 19 \* \* \*
- 20 § 6131. Application for license.
- 21 (a) Contents. -- An application for a license under this
- 22 chapter shall be on a form prescribed and provided by the
- 23 department. Consistent with sections 202 E and 405 F(1) of the
- 24 act of May 15, 1933 (P.L.565, No.111), known as the Department
- 25 of Banking and Securities Code, all applicants and licensees
- 26 shall use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry
- 27 to obtain and maintain licenses under this chapter.
- 28 (1) In the case of a mortgage broker, mortgage lender[,]
- or mortgage servicer [or mortgage loan correspondent], the
- 30 application shall include the following:

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[(d) Mortgage loan correspondent license. -- The department 2 shall issue a loan correspondent's license applied for under 3 this chapter if the applicant:

- (1) Obtains and will maintain a bond in the amount of \$100,000, in a form acceptable to the department, prior to the issuance of the license, from a surety company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth. The bond shall run to the Commonwealth and shall be for the use of the Commonwealth and any person or persons who obtain a judgment against the mortgage loan correspondent for failure to carry out the terms of any provision for which advance fees are paid. No bond shall comply with the requirements of this section unless it contains a provision that it shall not be canceled for any cause unless notice of intention to cancel is given to the department at least 30 days before the day upon which cancellation shall take effect. A mortgage loan correspondent who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department that the correspondent does not and will not accept advance fees shall be exempt from the bond requirement of this paragraph.
  - (2) Establishes a minimum net worth of \$100,000 at the time of application and will, at all times thereafter, maintain the minimum net worth.
- Obtains and will maintain a surety bond in an amount that will provide coverage for the mortgage originators sponsored by the applicant or licensee, in a form acceptable to the department, prior to the issuance of the license, from a surety company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth. The following shall apply:

(i) The amount of the bond shall be \$100,000 for an applicant or licensee whose mortgage originators will originate or originated less than \$30,000,000 in mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate in a calendar year; \$200,000 for an applicant or licensee whose mortgage originators will originate or originated \$30,000,000 to \$99,999,999.99 in mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate in a calendar year; \$300,000 for an applicant or licensee whose mortgage originators will originate or originated \$100,000,000 to \$249,999,999.99 in mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate in a calendar year; and \$500,000 for an applicant or licensee whose mortgage originators will originate or originated \$250,000,000 or more in mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate in a calendar year.

(ii) For an initial license applicant, the amount of the bond shall be determined by the applicant's anticipated amount of mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate originated by its mortgage originators in the first calendar year of licensing. For a licensee, the amount of the bond shall be determined annually by the department based upon the amount of mortgage loans secured by Pennsylvania dwellings or residential real estate originated by the licensee's mortgage originators as indicated on the licensee's periodic report.

(iii) The bond shall run to the Commonwealth and shall be for the use of the Commonwealth and for the use

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of any consumer who is injured by the acts or omissions

of the licensee's mortgage originators that are related

3 to the mortgage loan business regulated by this chapter.

4 No bond shall comply with the requirements of this

5 section unless it contains a provision that it shall not

be canceled for any cause unless notice of intention to

cancel is given to the department at least 30 days before

the day upon which cancellation shall take effect.

Cancellation of the bond shall not invalidate the bond

regarding the period of time it was in effect.

- 11 (4) Designates an individual as the qualifying
- 12 individual for the principal place of business and separate
- individuals as branch managers for each branch, as
- applicable.]
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- 16 (f) Mortgage originator license. -- A mortgage originator
- 17 shall do all of the following:
- 18 (1) Be an employee of or under the direct supervision
- and control of a licensed mortgage broker[,] or mortgage
- lender [or mortgage loan correspondent], a person excepted
- 21 from this chapter or a person excepted from licensure under
- section 6112 (relating to exceptions to license
- requirements). The licensee or person shall sponsor the
- 24 mortgage originator in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
- 25 System and Registry and directly supervise, control and
- 26 maintain responsibility for the acts and omissions of the
- 27 mortgage originator.
- 28 (2) Be assigned to and work out of a licensed location
- of the sponsoring licensee [or], a location of a sponsoring
- 30 person excepted from this chapter or excepted from licensure

- 1 under section 6112[, which, in the case of a sponsoring
- licensee, may be either the mortgage originator's residence
- or a location of the licensee that is within 100 miles of the
- 4 mortgage originator's residence.] or a remote location.
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- 6 (5) Only engage in the mortgage loan business on behalf
- of the single mortgage broker[,] or mortgage lender [or
- 8 mortgage loan correspondent] or a person excepted from this
- 9 chapter or a person excepted from licensure under section
- 10 6112 that sponsors the mortgage originator.
- 11 \* \* \*
- 12 § 6131.1. Prelicensing and continuing education.
- 13 \* \* \*
- 14 (b) Prelicensing education. --
- 15 (1) A mortgage originator applicant, and at least one
- qualifying individual of a mortgage broker[,] or mortgage
- 17 lender [or mortgage loan correspondent] applicant, shall
- 18 complete at least 20 hours of education programs approved in
- accordance with paragraph (2), which shall include all of the
- 20 following:
- 21 \* \* \*
- 22 (c) Prelicensing written test.--
- 23 (1) A mortgage originator applicant, and at least one
- qualifying individual of a mortgage broker[,] or mortgage
- lender [or mortgage loan correspondent] applicant, shall
- 26 pass, in accordance with the standards established under this
- subsection, a qualified written test developed by the
- Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and
- 29 administered by a test provider approved by the Nationwide
- 30 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry based upon reasonable

- 1 standards. The department may also require applicants to pass
- 2 a test regarding Pennsylvania-specific law, which shall be
- administered by a test provider approved by the department or
- 4 as otherwise determined by the department under subsection
- 5 (e).
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- 7 (d) Continuing education.--
- 8 (1) A licensee who is a mortgage originator and all
- 9 branch managers and qualifying individuals of a mortgage
- 10 broker[,] or mortgage lender [or mortgage loan correspondent]
- shall annually complete at least eight hours of education
- programs in accordance with paragraph (2), which shall
- include all of the following:
- 14 \* \* \*
- 15 (8) An individual who is a mortgage originator, branch
- manager or qualifying individual of a mortgage broker[,] or
- mortgage lender [or mortgage loan correspondent] is not
- 18 required to complete the requirements of this subsection in
- any licensing year in which the individual has completed the
- 20 requirements of subsection (b).
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- 22 SECTION 3. SECTION 6132(A)(1), (B)(1) AND (D) OF TITLE 7 ARE <--
- 23 AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO
- 24 READ:
- 25 § 6132. License fees.
- 26 (a) Initial application fees.--Except as set forth in
- 27 [subsection] <u>SUBSECTIONS (A.1) AND</u> (d) (1), an applicant shall

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- 28 pay to the department at the time an application is filed an
- 29 initial nonrefundable application fee as set forth under this
- 30 subsection.

- 1 (1) For mortgage lenders [and mortgage loan
- correspondents], \$1,500 for the principal place of business
- and an additional fee of \$1,500 for each branch office.
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- 5 (A.1) ENHANCED INITIAL APPLICATION FEES.--EXCEPT AS SET
- 6 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (D) (1), IF IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR THERE IS AT
- 7 LEAST A 20% REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BRANCH LICENSES
- 8 THAT EXISTED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021, AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY TO
- 9 THE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME AN APPLICATION IS FILED AN INITIAL
- 10 NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE AS SET FORTH UNDER THIS
- 11 SUBSECTION:
- 12 (1) FOR MORTGAGE LENDERS, \$1,725 FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
- OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$1,725 FOR EACH BRANCH
- 14 <u>OFFICE.</u>
- 15 (2) FOR MORTGAGE BROKERS, \$1,150 FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
- OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$300 FOR EACH BRANCH
- 17 OFFICE.
- 18 (3) FOR MORTGAGE ORIGINATORS, \$225.
- 19 (4) FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS, \$2,875 FOR THE PRINCIPAL
- 20 PLACE OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$1,450 FOR EACH
- 21 BRANCH LOCATION.
- 22 (b) Renewal fees.--Prior to each annual renewal of a
- 23 license, except as set forth in [subsection] <u>SUBSECTIONS (B.1)</u> <--
- 24 AND (d)(2), a licensee shall pay to the department a
- 25 nonrefundable license renewal fee as set forth under this
- 26 subsection.
- 27 (1) For mortgage lenders [and mortgage loan
- correspondents], \$750 for the principal place of business and
- an additional fee of \$750 for each branch office.
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- 1 (B.1) ENHANCED RENEWAL FEES.--PRIOR TO EACH ANNUAL RENEWAL <--
- 2 OF A LICENSE, EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (D) (2), IF IN
- 3 ANY CALENDAR YEAR THERE IS AT LEAST A 20% REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL
- 4 NUMBER OF BRANCH LICENSES RENEWED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021, A
- 5 LICENSEE SHALL PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT A NONREFUNDABLE LICENSE
- 6 RENEWAL FEE AS SET FORTH UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:
- 7 (1) FOR MORTGAGE LENDERS, \$875 FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
- 8 OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$875 FOR EACH BRANCH
- 9 OFFICE.
- 10 (2) FOR MORTGAGE BROKERS, \$575 FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACE
- OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$300 FOR EACH BRANCH
- 12 <u>OFFICE.</u>
- 13 <u>(3) FOR MORTGAGE ORIGINATORS, \$125.</u>
- 14 (4) FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS, \$1,150 FOR THE PRINCIPAL
- 15 PLACE OF BUSINESS AND AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$575 FOR EACH
- 16 BRANCH LOCATION.
- 17 \* \* \*
- 18 (d) Exception to mortgage originator license fees.--
- 19 (1) An applicant shall not be required to pay the fee
- for a mortgage originator license as provided in subsection
- 21 (a) OR (A.1) if the applicant is also individually a mortgage <--
- lender applicant, [mortgage loan correspondent applicant,]
- 23 mortgage servicer applicant or mortgage broker applicant.
- 24 (2) A licensee shall not be required to pay the fee for
- a mortgage originator license as provided in subsection (b)
- 26 OR (B.1) if the licensee is also individually a mortgage
- lender licensee[, mortgage loan correspondent licensee] or
- 28 mortgage broker licensee.
- 29 SECTION 4. SECTIONS 6135(A)(3), 6139(A)(11) AND (14) AND <--

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30 6141(A)(1) OF TITLE 7 ARE AMENDED TO READ:

- 1 § 6135. Licensee requirements.
- 2 (a) Requirements of licensee. --
- 3 \* \* \*
- 4 (3) A mortgage broker, mortgage lender, mortgage
- 5 servicer[, mortgage loan correspondent,] or a mortgage
- 6 originator that is required to obtain and maintain its own
- 7 bond coverage under section 6131(f)(4) (relating to
- 8 application for license), shall file periodically, as
- 9 determined by the department, a report with the department or
- 10 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, as
- determined by the department, setting forth such information
- 12 as the department shall require concerning the first or
- 13 secondary mortgage loan business conducted by the licensee.
- 14 Licensees who fail to file the required report at the date
- required by the department may be subject to a penalty of
- \$100 for each day after the due date until the report is
- 17 filed.
- 18 \* \* \*
- 19 § 6139. Suspension, revocation or refusal.
- 20 (a) Departmental action. -- The department may suspend, revoke
- 21 or refuse to renew a license issued under this chapter if any
- 22 fact or condition exists or is discovered which, if it had
- 23 existed or had been discovered at the time of filing of the
- 24 application for the license, would have warranted the department
- 25 in refusing to issue the license or if a licensee or director,
- 26 officer, partner, employee, mortgage originator or owner of a
- 27 licensee has:
- 28 \* \* \*
- 29 (11) Accepted an advance fee without having obtained the
- 30 bond required by section [6131(d)(1) or (e)(1)] 6131(e)(1)

1 (relating to application for license).

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3 In the case of a mortgage broker[,] or mortgage lender [or mortgage loan correspondent], conducted the 4 5

mortgage loan business through an unlicensed mortgage

6 originator.

\* \* \* 7

- 8 § 6141. Mortgage servicers.
- 9 Regulatory coordination. -- In order to implement this
- 10 chapter as applicable to mortgage servicers, the following
- 11 apply:
- 12 Subject to paragraph (2), the department shall
- 13 promulgate regulations which effectively incorporate the
- 14 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's mortgage servicer
- 15 regulations at 12 CFR Pt. 1024, Subpt. C (relating to
- 16 mortgage servicing), other than 12 CFR 1024.30 (relating to
- 17 scope). The regulations promulgated under this paragraph
- 18 shall not apply to a reverse mortgage or timeshare or a
- 19 person excepted from licensure under section 6112 (relating
- 20 to exceptions to license requirements).
- \* \* \* 21
- 22 Section  $\frac{3}{2}$  5. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 23 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:
- 24 (i) This section.
- 25 The amendment or addition of the definitions of

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- 26 "branch," "remote location" and "wholesale table funder"
- 27 in 7 Pa.C.S. § 6102.
- The amendment of 7 Pa.C.S.  $\S$  6131(f)(2). 28 (iii)
- 29 The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
- 30 days.