

SENATE BILL No. 1200

November 7, 1996, Introduced by Senator HOFFMAN and referred to the Committee on Financial Services.

A bill to amend sections 102, 104, 105, 106, 211, 217, 301, 303, 305, 311, 315, 317, 401, 403, 405, 407, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 601, 603, 709, 711, 713, 801, 807, and 813 of Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1986, entitled "Michigan BIDCO act," being sections 487.1102, 487.1104, 487.1105, 487.1106, 487.1211, 487.1217, 487.1301, 487.1303, 487.1305, 487.1311, 487.1315, 487.1317, 487.1401, 487.1403, 487.1405, 487.1407, 487.1503, 487.1505, 487.1507, 487.1509, 487.1511, 487.1601, 487.1603, 487.1709, 487.1711, 487.1713, 487.1801, 487.1807, and 487.1813 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 102, 104, 105, 106, 211, 217, 301, 303,
- **2** 305, 311, 315, 317, 401, 403, 405, 407, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511,
- 3 601, 603, 709, 711, 713, 801, 807, and 813 of Act No. 89 of the

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- 1 Public Acts of 1986, being sections 487.1102, 487.1104, 487.1105,
- 2 487.1106, 487.1211, 487.1217, 487.1301, 487.1303, 487.1305,
- 3 487.1311, 487.1315, 487.1317, 487.1401, 487.1403, 487.1405,
- 4 487.1407, 487.1503, 487.1505, 487.1507, 487.1509, 487.1511,
- 5 487.1601, 487.1603, 487.1709, 487.1711, 487.1713, 487.1801,
- 6 487.1807, and 487.1813 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 102. The purposes of this act are to do all of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (a) Promote economic development by encouraging the forma-
- 11 tion of business and industrial development -corporations-
- 12 COMPANIES, a new type of private institution, AND to help meet
- 13 the financing -assistance and management assistance needs of
- 14 business firms in this state.
- (b) Provide for a system of licensing, regulation, and
- 16 enforcement that will enable business and industrial development
- 17 -corporations COMPANIES to satisfy eligibility requirements to
- 18 participate, if they so choose, in the program of the small busi-
- 19 ness administration -pursuant to UNDER section 7(a) of the small
- 20 business act, Public Law 85-536, 15 U.S.C. 636(a) 636, and
- 21 other programs for which they may be eligible.
- (c) Provide for a system of licensing, regulation, and
- 23 enforcement designed to prevent fraud, conflict of interest, and
- 24 mismanagement and to promote competent management, accurate
- 25 record keeping, and appropriate communication with shareholders
- 26 OWNERS; in order to provide BOTH OF the following:

- (i) Comfort to prospective -shareholders OWNERS so as to
 2 facilitate equity investments in business and industrial
 3 development -corporations COMPANIES.
- 4 (ii) Comfort to prospective debt sources so as to facilitate
 5 the borrowing of money by business and industrial development
 6 -corporations COMPANIES.
- 7 (d) Safeguard the general reputation of business and indus8 trial development -corporations COMPANIES as a type of institu9 tion in order to increase the confidence of prospective equity
 10 investors in and prospective debt sources for those
 11 institutions.
- (e) Eliminate unnecessary restrictions which—THAT have

 13 discouraged the formation of business development corporations

 14 under FORMER Act No. 117 of the Public Acts of 1963, by repealing

 15 that act and substituting a more flexible regulatory framework.

 16 Sec. 104. (I) "Affiliate" means, if used with respect to a
- 17 specified person other than a natural person, a person control18 ling or controlled by that specified person, or a person con19 trolled by a person who also controls the specified person.
- (2) "BIDCO" means a business and industrial development21 -corporation COMPANY licensed under this act.
- (3) "Business firm" means a person that transacts business
 23 on a regular and continual basis, or a person that proposes to
 24 transact business on a regular and continual basis.
- 25 (4) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the financial
 26 institutions bureau of the department of commerce CONSUMER AND
 27 INDUSTRY SERVICES.

- person, the power to direct or cause the direction of, directly or indirectly through I or more intermediaries, the management and policies of that specified person, whether through the ownership of voting securities; by contract, other than a commercial contract for goods or nonmanagement services, or otherwise. A natural person shall not be considered to control a person solely on account of being a director, officer, MANAGER, or employee of that person. A person who, directly or indirection, owns of record or beneficially holds with power to vote, or holds proxies with discretionary authority to vote; HAS THE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTING OF 20% or more of the then outstanding voting securities issued by a corporation. TOTAL OWNERSHIP VOTE, shall be rebuttably presumed to control that corporation.
- (6) "Controlling person" means, if used with respect to a 17 specified person, a person who controls that specified person, 18 directly or indirectly through 1 or more intermediaries.
- 19 (7) "Corporate name" means the name of a corporation as set
 20 forth in the articles of incorporation of that corporation.
- Sec. 105. (1) "Incorporating statute" means the act under which a licensee is incorporated, either the business corporation act, Act No. 284 of the Public Acts of 1972, being sections 450.1101 to 450.2099 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or the non-profit corporation act, Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 450.2101 to 450.3192 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, OR THE MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, ACT NO. 23

- 1 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1993, BEING SECTIONS 450.4101 TO 450.5200 2 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.
- 3 (2) "Insolvent" means a licensee that ceases to pay its
- 4 debts in the ordinary course of business, that cannot pay its
- 5 debts as they become due, or whose liabilities exceed its
- 6 assets.
- 7 (3) "Interests of the licensee" includes the interests of
- 8 shareholders of the A licensee ORGANIZED AS A MICHIGAN CORPORA-
- 9 TION AND MEMBERS OF A LICENSEE ORGANIZED AS A MICHIGAN LIMITED
- 10 LIABILITY COMPANY.
- (4) "License" means a license issued under this act autho-
- 12 rizing a Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY
- 13 COMPANY to transact business as a BIDCO.
- 14 (5) "Licensee" means a Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN
- 15 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY which is licensed under this act.
- 16 (6) "MANAGER" MEANS A PERSON WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A
- 17 BIDCO ORGANIZED AS A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 18 (7) "MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WITH OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A
- 19 BIDCO ORGANIZED AS A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 20 (8) (6) "Michigan corporation" means a corporation incor-
- 21 porated under the business corporation act, Act No. 284 of the
- 22 Public Acts of 1972 or the nonprofit corporation act, Act
- 23 No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982.
- 24 (9) "MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY" MEANS A LIMITED
- 25 LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED UNDER ACT NO. 23 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS
- 26 OF 1993.

- (10) (7) "Michigan nonprofit corporation" means a
- 2 corporation incorporated under the nonprofit corporation act,
- 3 Act No. 162 of the Public Acts of 1982.
- 4 Sec. 106. (1) "Officer" means BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 5 (a) If used with respect to a corporation, a person
- 6 appointed or designated as an officer of that corporation by or
- 7 -pursuant to UNDER applicable law or the articles of incorpora-
- 8 tion, or bylaws of that corporation, or a person who performs
- 9 with respect to that corporation functions usually performed by
- 10 an officer of a corporation.
- (b) If used with respect to a specified person other than a
- 12 natural person or a corporation, a person who performs with
- 13 respect to that specified person functions usually performed by
- 14 an officer of a corporation with respect to that corporation.
- (2) "Order" means an approval, consent, authorization,
- 16 exemption, denial, prohibition, or requirement applicable to a
- 17 specific case issued by the commissioner. Order includes a con-
- 18 dition of a license and an agreement made by a person with the
- 19 commissioner under this act.
- 20 (3) "OWNER" MEANS A SHAREHOLDER OF A BIDCO ORGANIZED AS A
- 21 MICHIGAN CORPORATION OR A MEMBER OF A BIDCO ORGANIZED AS A
- 22 MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 23 (4) -(3) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship,
- 24 joint venture, partnership, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, trust,
- 25 business trust, syndicate, association, joint stock company, cor-
- 26 poration, cooperative, government, agency of a government, or any
- 27 other organization. If used with respect to acquiring control of

- 1 or controlling a specified person, person includes a combination
 2 of 2 or more persons acting in concert.
- 3 (5) (4) "Principal shureholder OWNER" means a person
- 4 that owns, directly or indirectly, of record or beneficially,
- 5 securities STOCK OR MEMBERSHIP INTEREST representing 10% or
- 6 more of the outstanding -voting securities STOCK OR MEMBERSHIP
- 7 INTEREST of a corporation OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 8 (6) (5) "Subject person" means a controlling person, sub-
- 9 sidiary or affiliate of a licensee, a director, officer,
- 10 MANAGER, or employee of a licensee or of a controlling person,
- 11 subsidiary or affiliate of a licensee, or any other
- 12 person who participates in the conduct of the business of a
- 13 licensee.
- (7) (6) "Subsidiary" means, if used with respect to a
- 15 licensee, a company or business firm -which THAT the licensee
- 16 holds control of as permitted by section 507(1)(b), (c), or (d).
- (8) -(7) "This act" includes an order issued or rule
- 18 promulgated under this act.
- 19 Sec. 211. (1) A licensee shall make and keep books,
- 20 accounts, and other records in -such a form and manner as the
- 21 commissioner may require. These records shall be kept at -such-
- 22 a place and -shall be preserved for -such- a length of time as
- 23 the commissioner may specify REQUIRE.
- 24 (2) The commissioner may require by order that a licensee
- 25 write down any asset on its books and records to a valuation
- 26 -which THAT represents its then value.

- (3) Not more than 90 days after the close of each calendar
- 2 year or a longer period if specified by the commissioner, a
- 3 licensee shall file with the commissioner an audit report con-
- 4 taining all of the following:
- 5 (a) Financial statements, including balance sheet, statement
- 6 of income or loss, statement of changes in capital accounts, and
- 7 statement of changes in financial position or, for a licensee
- 8 that is a Michigan nonprofit corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED
- 9 LIABILITY COMPANY, comparable financial statements for, or as of
- 10 the end of, the calendar year, prepared with an audit by an inde-
- 11 pendent certified public accountant or an independent public
- 12 accountant in accordance with generally accepted accounting
- 13 principles.
- (b) A report, certificate, or opinion of the independent
- 15 certified public accountant or independent public accountant who
- 16 performs the audit, stating that the financial statements were
- 17 prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting
- 18 principles.
- (c) Other information that the commissioner may require.
- Sec. 217. (1) The commissioner shall examine each licensee
- 21 not less than once each calendar year.
- 22 (2) The commissioner may at any time examine a licensee or
- 23 subsidiary of a licensee.
- 24 (3) A director, officer, MANAGER, or employee of a licensee
- 25 or of a subsidiary of a licensee being examined by the commis-
- 26 sioner, or a person having custody of any of the books, accounts,
- 27 or records of the licensee or of the subsidiary, shall -exhibit

- 1 to- PROVIDE the commissioner, on request, any of the books,
- 2 accounts, and other records of the licensee or of the subsidiary
- 3 and shall otherwise facilitate the examination so far as it is in
- 4 their power to do so.
- 5 (4) If in the commissioner's opinion it is necessary in the
- 6 examination of a licensee or of a subsidiary of a licensee, the
- 7 commissioner may retain a certified public accountant, attorney,
- 8 appraiser, or other person to assist the commissioner. Within 10
- 9 days after receipt of a statement from the commissioner, the
- 10 licensee being examined shall pay the fees of a person retained
- 11 by the commissioner under this subsection.
- 12 Sec. 301. A Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED
- 13 LIABILITY COMPANY may apply to the commissioner for licensure as
- 14 a BIDCO. A person other than a Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN
- 15 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY shall not apply for a license.
- 16 Sec. 303. (1) After a review of information regarding the
- 17 directors, officers, MANAGERS, and controlling persons of the
- 18 applicant, a review of the applicant's business plan, including
- 19 at least 3 years of detailed financial projections and other rel-
- 20 evant information, and a review of additional information consid-
- 21 ered relevant by the commissioner, the commissioner shall approve
- 22 an application for a license if, and only if, the commissioner
- 23 determines all of the following:
- 24 (a) The applicant has a net worth, or firm financing commit-
- 25 ments which demonstrate that the applicant will have a net worth
- 26 when the applicant begins transacting business as a BIDCO, in
- 27 liquid form available to provide financing assistance, that is

- I adequate for the applicant to transact business as a BIDCO as
- 2 determined under subsection (2).
- 3 (b) Each director, officer, MANAGER, and controlling person
- 4 of the applicant is of good character and sound financial
- 5 standing, -; each director and officer of the applicant is com-
- 6 petent to perform his or her functions with respect to the
- 7 applicant, -- and THAT the directors, -and officers, AND
- 8 MANAGERS of the applicant are collectively adequate to manage the
- 9 business of the applicant as a BIDCO.
- (c) It is reasonable to believe that the applicant, if
- 11 licensed, will comply with this act.
- (d) The applicant has reasonable promise of being a viable,
- 13 ongoing BIDCO and of satisfying the basic objectives of its busi-
- 14 ness plan.
- 15 (E) IF THE APPLICANT IS OR WILL BE A MICHIGAN LIMITED
- 16 LIABILITY COMPANY, THE APPLICANT'S OPERATING AGREEMENT AND BUSI-
- 17 NESS PLAN ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING THE
- 18 STABILITY AND VIABILITY OF THE APPLICANT AND WILL NOT IMPEDE THE
- 19 ABILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO RETAIN ANY EARNINGS OR INCREASES TO
- 20 FUND BALANCES AND BORROW FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE APPLICANT'S CONTIN-
- 21 UED OPERATIONS. THE APPLICANT'S OPERATING AGREEMENT OR ARTICLES
- 22 OF ORGANIZATION SHALL CONTAIN PROVISIONS AS THE COMMISSIONER CON-
- 23 SIDERS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THIS SUBSECTION.
- 24 (2) In determining if the applicant has a net worth or firm
- 25 financing commitments adequate to transact business as a BIDCO,
- 26 the commissioner shall consider the types and variety of
- 27 financing assistance that the applicant plans to provide, -; the

- 1 experience that the directors, officers, MANAGERS, and
- 2 controlling persons of the applicant have in providing financing
- 3 and managerial assistance to business firms, the financial
- 4 projections and other relevant information from the applicant's
- 5 business plan, -; and whether the applicant intends to operate
- 6 as a profit or nonprofit corporation OR AS A LIMITED LIABILITY
- 7 COMPANY. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the commis-
- 8 sioner shall require a minimum net worth of not less than
- 9 \$1,000,000.00 and not more than \$10,000,000.00. The commissioner
- 10 may require a minimum net worth of less than \$1,000,000.00, but
- 11 not less than \$500,000.00, if, in the context of the applicant's
- 12 business plan, the initial capitalization amount is adequate for
- 13 the applicant to transact business as a BIDCO because of special
- 14 circumstances including, but not limited to, funded overhead, low
- 15 overhead, or specialized opportunities.
- 16 (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), the commissioner may
- 17 find any of the following:
- 18 (a) That a director, officer, MANAGER, or controlling person
- 19 of an applicant is not of good character if the director, offi-
- 20 cer, MANAGER, or controlling person, or a director, or officer,
- 21 OR MANAGER of a controlling person, has been convicted of or has
- 22 pleaded nolo contendere to a crime involving fraud or
- 23 dishonesty.
- (b) That it is not reasonable to believe that an applicant,
- 25 if licensed, will comply with this act, if the applicant has been
- 26 convicted of or has pleaded nolo contendere to a crime involving
- 27 fraud or dishonesty.

- (4) For purposes of subsection (1), subsection (3) shall not 2 be considered to be the only grounds upon which the commissioner 3 may find that a director, officer, MANAGER, or controlling person 4 of an applicant is not of good character or that it is not reasonable to believe that an applicant, if licensed, will comply 6 with this act.
- Sec. 305. (1) A person may apply to the commissioner for 8 preliminary approval of an application for a license.
- 9 Notwithstanding that commitments to invest in the equity of the 10 applicant have not been obtained and that all directors, and 11 officers, AND MANAGERS of the applicant have not been identified, 12 the commissioner may grant preliminary approval. In issuing an 13 order granting preliminary approval, the commissioner shall indicate that, for the commissioner to determine that the require-15 ments of section 303 are satisfied, final approval is conditioned 16 on review by the commissioner of the applicant's completion of 17 fund-raising, including the controlling persons, and review by 18 the commissioner of the completion of the roster of directors and
- 20 granted, before granting final approval of the application for a

If an application for preliminary approval has been

- 21 license, the commissioner may request an updated balance sheet
- ${f 22}$ and ${f -such}$ other information considered relevant by the
- 23 commissioner.

19 officers.

- (2) If a person files an application under this section, the
 25 fee required by section 209(1)(a) is payable at the time the
- 26 application is filed with the commissioner.

- Sec. 311. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection
- 2 (2), a person transacting business in this state, other than a
- 3 licensee, shall not use a name or title which indicates that the
- 4 person is a business and industrial development -corporation-
- 5 COMPANY including, but not limited to, use of the term "BIDCO",
- 6 and shall not otherwise represent that the person is a business
- 7 and industrial development -corporation- COMPANY or a licensee.
- 8 (2) Before being issued a license under this act, a Michigan
- 9 corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY that proposes
- 10 to apply for a license or that applies for a license may,
- 11 perform, under a name that indicates that the corporation IT
- 12 is a business and industrial development -corporation, COMPANY,
- 13 PERFORM the acts necessary to apply for and obtain a license
- 14 and to otherwise prepare to commence transacting TRANSACT busi-
- 15 ness as a licensee. Such a A corporation OR LIMITED LIABILITY
- 16 COMPANY shall not represent that it is a licensee until after the
- 17 license has been obtained.
- 18 Sec. 315. (1) A Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED
- 19 LIABILITY COMPANY that is licensed under another law of this
- 20 state or -under any law of the United States may -apply for and
- 21 be issued a license under this act unless the transaction of
- 22 business by that corporation as a licensee under another THE
- 23 OTHER law of this state or -a law of the United States
- 24 violates WOULD VIOLATE this act or is WOULD BE contrary to
- 25 the purposes of this act.
- 26 (2) A Michigan corporation OR MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY
- 27 COMPANY that is licensed under this act may apply for and be

- I issued a license under another law of this state or a law of
- 2 the United States unless the transaction of business by that
- 3 corporation as a licensee under another THE OTHER law of this
- 4 state or -a law of the United States would violate this act or
- 5 would be contrary to the purposes of this act.
- 6 Sec. 317. (1) Upon approval of a 2/3 vote of its board of
- 7 directors and after complying with subsection (2), a MICHIGAN
- 8 CORPORATION licensee may apply to the commissioner to have the
- 9 commissioner accept the surrender of the licensee's license. IF
- 10 A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LICENSEE DISSOLVES AND AFTER
- 11 IT HAS PROVIDED THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2), IT
- 12 SHALL APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER TO SURRENDER ITS LICENSE. If the
- 13 commissioner determines that the requirements of this section
- 14 have been satisfied, the commissioner shall approve the applica-
- 15 tion unless in the opinion of the commissioner the purpose of the
- 16 application is to evade a current or prospective action by the
- 17 commissioner under article 7. A MICHIGAN CORPORATION LICENSEE
- 18 SHALL NOT DISSOLVE AND A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL
- 19 NOT COMPLETE WINDING UP OF ITS AFFAIRS UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER HAS
- 20 ACCEPTED THE SURRENDER OF THE LICENSEE'S LICENSE.
- 21 (2) Not less than 60 days before filing an application with
- 22 the commissioner under subsection (1), a A licensee shall notify
- 23 all of its -shareholders OWNERS and all of its creditors of its
- 24 DISSOLUTION AND intention to file the application. Each creditor
- 25 shall be notified of the right to comment to the commissioner.
- 26 Each shareholder OWNER shall be notified of the right to file
- 27 with the licensee FOR A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE

- I NOTICE an objection to the proposed surrender of the license
- 2 within the 60 day period and shall be advised that, if the
- 3 -shareholder OWNER files an objection, the -shareholder OWNER
- 4 should send a copy of the objection to the commissioner. If
- 5 shareholders OWNERS representing 20% OR MORE of the
- 6 outstanding voting securities TOTAL OWNERSHIP VOTE. of the
- 7 licensee file an objection, the licensee shall not proceed with
- 8 the application under subsection (!) unless the application is
- 9 approved by a vote of -shareholders OWNERS representing 2/3 OR
- 10 MORE of the -outstanding voting securities of the licensee TOTAL
- 11 OWNERSHIP VOTE.
- 12 Sec. 401. The -corporate name of each licensee shall
- 13 include the word "BIDCO". A licensee shall not transact business
- 14 under a name other than its -corporate name.
- 15 Sec. 403. (1) A LICENSEE SHALL HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 16 The board of directors of each licensee shall consist of not less
- 17 than 7 directors. IF THE LICENSEE IS A MICHIGAN LIMITED LIABIL-
- 18 ITY COMPANY, THE BOARD MAY CONSIST OF MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT MANAG-
- 19 ERS OF THE LICENSEE.
- (2) The board of directors of each A licensee shall hold a
- 21 meeting not less than once each calendar quarter.
- 22 Sec. 405. Within 30 days after the death, resignation, or
- 23 removal of a director, or officer, oR MANAGER, the election
- 24 of a director, or the appointment of an officer OR MANAGER,
- 25 the licensee shall notify the commissioner in writing of the
- 26 event and shall provide any additional information which the
- 27 commissioner may require.

- 1 Sec. 407. (1) A licensee shall not pay, or obligate itself
- 2 to pay, a cash dividend OR DISTRIBUTION or dividend AND
- 3 DISTRIBUTION in kind to its -shareholders- OWNERS, unless that
- 4 payment is consistent with a dividend AND DISTRIBUTION policy
- 5 which has been adopted by the licensee and approved by the
- 6 commissioner. In reviewing dividend AND DISTRIBUTION policies
- 7 under this section, the commissioner shall PROTECT AGAINST UNSAFE
- 8 OR UNSOUND ACTS WHICH COULD THREATEN THE VIABILITY OF THE
- 9 LICENSEE AS AN ONGOING BIDCO BUT be flexible in recognizing the
- 10 special characteristics of BIDCOs and the diverse range of poten-
- 11 tially appropriate dividend policies for BIDCOs. , while at the
- 12 same time protecting against unsafe or unsound acts which could
- 13 threaten the viability of the licensee as an ongoing BIDCO. The
- 14 commissioner may at any time withdraw any previous approval of a
- 15 dividend AND DISTRIBUTION policy if the commissioner determines
- 16 that the withdrawal is necessary to prevent unsafe or unsound
- 17 acts.
- 18 (2) Without the prior approval of the commissioner, a
- 19 licensee shall not buy back, or obligate itself to buy back a
- 20 share of stock -from a shareholder OR A MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FROM
- 21 AN OWNER.
- 22 Sec. 503. (1) The business of a licensee shall be the
- 23 business of providing OF financing assistance and management
- 24 assistance to business firms. A licensee shall not engage in a
- 25 business other than the business of providing financing
- 26 -assistance and management assistance to business firms.

- 1 (2) In addition to the powers and privileges provided to a
- 2 licensee by this act, a licensee has all powers and privileges
- 3 conferred by its incorporating statute which are not inconsistent
- 4 with or limited by this act. The powers of a licensee include,
- 5 but are not limited to, all of the following:
- 6 (a) To borrow money and otherwise incur indebtedness for its
- 7 purposes, including issuance of corporate bonds, debentures,
- 8 notes, or other evidence of indebtedness. A licensee's indebted-
- 9 ness may be secured or unsecured, and may involve equity features
- 10 including, but not limited to, provisions for conversion to stock
- 11 OR MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS and warrants to purchase stock OR MEMBER-
- 12 SHIP INTERESTS.
- (b) To make contracts.
- (c) To incur and pay necessary and incidental operating sexpenses.
- (d) To purchase, receive, hold, lease, or otherwise acquire
- 17 or to sell, convey, mortgage, lease, pledge, or otherwise
- 18 dispose of, real or personal property, together with rights and
- 19 privileges that are incidental and appurtenant to these transac-
- 20 tions of real or personal property, if the real or personal prop-
- 21 erty is for the licensee's use in operating its business or if
- 22 the real or personal property is acquired by the licensee from
- 23 time to time in satisfaction of debts or enforcement of
- 24 obligations.
- 25 (e) To make donations for charitable, educational, research,
- 26 or similar purposes.

- 1 (f) To implement a reasonable and prudent policy for
- 2 conserving and investing its money before the money is used to
- 3 provide financing assistance to business firms or to pay the
- 4 expenses of the licensee.
- 5 Sec. 505. (1) A licensee may determine the form and the
- 6 terms and conditions for financing assistance provided by that
- 7 licensee to a business firm including, but not limited to, forms
- 8 such as loans, -- purchase of debt instruments, -- straight
- 9 equity investments such as purchase of common stock, or pre-
- 10 ferred stock, -- OR MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS, debt with equity fea-
- 11 tures such as warrants to purchase stock OR MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS,
- 12 convertible debentures, or receipt of a percent of net income or
- 13 sales, -- royalty based financing, -- guaranteeing of debt, --
- 14 or leasing of property. A licensee may purchase securities AND
- 15 MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS of a business firm either directly or indi-
- 16 rectly through an underwriter. A licensee may participate in the
- 17 program of the small business administration -pursuant to UNDER
- 18 section 7(a) of the small business act, Public Law 85-536, 15
- 19 U.S.C. $\frac{636(a)}{636}$ 636, or any other government program for which
- 20 the licensee is eligible and which has as its function the provi-
- 21 sion or facilitation of financing assistance or management
- 22 assistance to business firms. If a licensee participates in a
- 23 program referred to in this subsection, the licensee shall comply
- 24 with the requirements of that program.
- (2) Management assistance provided by a licensee to a busi-
- 26 ness firm may encompass both management or technical advice and
- 27 management or technical services.

- 1 (3) Financing assistance or management assistance provided 2 by a licensee to a business firm shall be for the business pur-3 poses of that business firm.
- 4 (4) A licensee may exercise the incidental powers that
 5 are necessary or convenient to carry on the business of, or are
 6 reasonably related to the business of, providing financing
 7 assistance and management assistance to business firms.
- (5) Except as provided in subsection (6), in connection with an extension of credit by a person to a licensee or an extension of credit by a licensee to a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR A business entity as defined in Act No. 52 of the Public Acts of 1970, being section 438.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the parties may agree to any rate of interest, including a rate in excess of the rate set forth in Act No. 259 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 438.41 to 438.42 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (6) In connection with an extension of credit described in subsection (5), a person shall not knowingly charge, take, or receive money or other property as interest on the loan at a rate exceeding 25% simple interest per annum. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both. As used in this subsection, "interest" does not include anything of value that is contingent on the performance or value of the borrower including, but not limited to, a percentage of net income of the borrower, royalties, stock in the borrower, warrants to purchase stock in the borrower, and convertibility of debentures.

- 1 Sec. 507. (1) Either by itself or in concert with a
- 2 director, officer, principal -shareholder OWNER, MANAGER, or
- 3 affiliate, -- another licensee, -- or a director, officer,
- 4 principal shareholder OWNER, MANAGER, or affiliate of another
- 5 licensee, a licensee shall not hold control of a business firm,
- 6 except as follows:
- 7 (a) If and to A LICENSEE THAT HAD PROVIDED FINANCING
- 8 ASSISTANCE TO A BUSINESS FIRM MAY ACQUIRE AND HOLD CONTROL OF
- 9 THAT BUSINESS FIRM TO the extent necessary to protect the
- 10 licensee's interest as creditor of, or investor in, the business
- 11 firm. , a licensee that had provided financing assistance to a
- 12 business firm may acquire and hold control of that business
- 13 firm. Unless the commissioner approves a longer period, a
- 14 licensee holding control of a business firm under this subdivi-
- 15 sion shall divest itself of the interest which constitutes hold-
- 16 ing control as soon as practicable or within 3 years after
- 17 acquiring that interest, whichever is sooner.
- (b) With the approval of the commissioner, a licensee may
- 19 acquire and hold control of a -corporation which- COMPANY THAT
- 20 has offices located only in this state and which is licensed as a
- 21 small business investment company under the small business
- 22 investment act of 1958, Public Law 85-699, 72 Stat. 689.
- (c) With the approval of the commissioner, a licensee may
- 24 acquire and hold control of a company located in this state
- 25 -which THAT is a local development company in accordance with
- 26 the small business investment act of 1958, whether or not such
- 27 a THE development company is or may become certified A

- 1 QUALIFIED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY by the small business
- 2 administration under section 503 of TITLE V OF the small business
- 3 investment act of 1958, PUBLIC LAW 85-699, 15 U.S.C. 697.
- 4 (d) With the approval of the commissioner, a licensee may
- 5 acquire and hold control of another business firm with offices
- 6 only in this state which THAT is engaged in no business other
- 7 than ONLY IN the business of providing financing assistance
- 8 and management assistance to business firms.
- 9 (e) With the approval of the commissioner, a licensee may
- 10 acquire and hold control of a business firm not referred to in
- 11 subdivisions (a) to (d). The commissioner shall not approve an
- 12 application under this subdivision unless the commissioner deter-
- 13 mines that -such-an THE approval will not cause the amount of
- 14 the licensee's investments in business firms covered by this sub-
- 15 division to exceed 15% of the amount of the assets of the
- 16 licensee and that in the commissioner's judgment -such an THE
- 17 approval will promote the purposes of this act. An approval by
- 18 the commissioner under this subdivision shall be for a period of
- 19 not more than 3 years, except that in a particular case the com-
- 20 missioner may subsequently extend the period beyond 3 years if
- 21 the commissioner determines that a longer period is needed and is
- 22 consistent with the purposes of this act.
- 23 (2) If the commissioner fails to issue an order approving or
- 24 denying an application under subsection (1)(b) or (c), within 45
- 25 days from receipt by the commissioner of an application which
- 26 complies with section 203, the application shall be considered
- 27 approved by the commissioner.

- 1 (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), "hold control" means
- 2 ownership THE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTING, directly or
- 3 indirectly, of record or beneficially, of voting securities
- 4 greater than ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 5 (a) For a business firm with outstanding voting -securities
- 6 STOCK OR VOTING MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS held by fewer than 50
- 7 -shareholders, OWNERS, MORE THAN 40% of the -outstanding voting
- 8 securities TOTAL OWNERSHIP VOTE.
- 9 (b) For a business firm with outstanding voting -securities-
- 10 STOCK OR VOTING MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS held by 50 or more
- 11 -shareholders, OWNERS, MORE THAN 25% of the -outstanding voting
- 12 securities TOTAL OWNERSHIP VOTE.
- (4) If a licensee anticipates acquiring and holding control
- 14 of a business firm under subsection (1)(a), the licensee shall
- 15 file with the commissioner a plan for acquiring and holding con-
- 16 trol of the business firm that shall include at least all of the
- 17 following:
- (a) The reasons it is necessary for the licensee to acquire
- 19 and hold control of the business firm.
- 20 (b) The percentage of outstanding voting -securities STOCK
- 21 OR VOTING MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS of the business firm the licensee
- 22 plans to own.
- (c) The licensee's proposed course of action upon obtaining
- 24 control of the business firm.
- 25 (d) The length of time the licensee anticipates it will be
- 26 necessary to hold control of the business firm.

- 1 (5) The commissioner may require the licensee to demonstrate 2 the necessity for the licensee to hold control of a business firm 3 under subsection (!)(a).
- Sec. 509. (I) A licensee shall transact its business in a safe and sound manner and shall maintain itself in a safe and 6 sound condition.
- 7 (2) In determining whether a licensee is transacting busi8 ness in a safe and sound manner or has committed an unsafe or
 9 unsound act, the commissioner shall not consider the risk of a
 10 provision of financing assistance to a business firm, unless the
 11 commissioner determines that the risk is so great compared with
 12 the realistically expected return as to demonstrate gross
 13 mismanagement.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit the authority of the com15 missioner to do any of the following:
- (a) Determine that a licensee's financing assistance to a
 17 single business firm or a group of affiliated business firms is
 18 in violation of subsection (1) or constitutes an unsafe or
 19 unsound act, if the amount of that financing assistance is unduly
 20 large in relation to the total assets or the total shareholders
 21 OWNERS equity of the licensee.
- (b) Require that a licensee maintain a reserve in the amountof anticipated losses.
- (c) Require that a licensee have in effect a written financing assistance policy, approved by its board of directors, including credit evaluation and other matters. The commissioner shall not require that a licensee adopt a financing assistance

- 1 policy that contains standards which THAT prevent the licensee
- 2 from exercising needed flexibility in evaluating and structuring
- 3 financing assistance to business firms on a deal by deal basis.
- 4 Sec. 511. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 5 (a) "Associate" means that term as defined as in article 8.
- 6 (b) "Relative" means parent, child, sibling, spouse,
- 7 father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law,
- 8 daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, nephew,
- 9 niece, uncle, or aunt.
- 10 (2) If a licensee provides financing assistance to a busi-
- 11 ness firm or engages in another business transaction, and if that
- 12 financing assistance or transaction involves a potential conflict
- 13 of interest, the terms and conditions under which the licensee
- 14 provides the financing assistance or engages in the transaction
- 15 shall not be less favorable to the licensee than the terms and
- 16 conditions that would be required by the licensee in the ordinary
- 17 course of business if the transaction did not involve a potential
- 18 conflict of interest. Each person who participates in the deci-
- 19 sion of the licensee relating to a transaction described in this
- 20 section and has knowledge of a potential conflict of interest
- 21 involving that transaction shall take care that the potential
- 22 conflict of interest is disclosed in the financing documents of
- 23 the transaction or, for a business transaction not involving
- 24 financing assistance, in another appropriate document.
- 25 (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), transactions engaged
- 26 in by a licensee which THAT involve a potential conflict of
- 27 interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Providing financing assistance to a principal
- 2 -shareholder OWNER of the licensee, to a person controlled by a
- 3 principal shareholder OWNER of the licensee, or to a director,
- 4 officer, MANAGER, partner, relative, controlling person, or
- 5 affiliate of a principal -shareholder OWNER of the licensee.
- 6 (b) Providing financing assistance to a business firm -to
- 7 which THAT a principal -shareholder OWNER of the licensee, --
- 8 a director, officer, MANAGER, partner, relative, controlling
- 9 person, or affiliate of a principal -shareholder OWNER of a
- 10 licensee, -- or a person controlled by a principal -shareholder-
- 11 OWNER of the licensee provides or plans to provide contemporane-
- 12 ous financing assistance.
- (c) Providing financing assistance to a business firm
- 14 which THAT has or is expected to have a substantial business
- 15 relationship with another business firm -which THAT has a direc-
- 16 tor, officer, MANAGER, or controlling person who is also a direc-
- 17 tor, officer, MANAGER, or controlling person of the licensee or
- 18 who is the spouse of a director, officer, MANAGER, or controlling
- 19 person of the licensee.
- 20 (d) Providing financing assistance to a business firm if
- 21 that business firm, or a director, officer, MANAGER, or control-
- 22 ling person of that business firm, contemporaneously has lent or
- 23 will lend money to an associate of the licensee.
- 24 (e) Providing financing assistance for the purchase of prop-
- 25 erty of an associate or principal -shareholder- OWNER of the
- 26 licensee.

- (f) Selling or otherwise transferring any of its assets to
- .2 an associate or principal -shareholder OWNER of the licensee.
- 3 (4) Nothing in this section or in any other section of
- 4 this act limits the authority of the commissioner to determine
- 5 that an act involves a conflict of interest and *therefore* is an
- 6 unsafe or unsound act.
- 7 Sec. 601. (1) Without the prior approval of the commission-
- 8 er, a person shall not acquire control of a licensee.
- 9 (2) With respect to an application for approval to acquire
- 10 control of a licensee, if the commissioner determines, that the
- 11 applicant and the directors, -and officers, AND MANAGERS of the
- 12 applicant are of good character and sound financial standing, -
- 13 that it is reasonable to believe that, if the applicant acquires
- 14 control of the licensee, the applicant will comply with this act,
- 15 and that the applicant's plans, if any, to make a major
- 16 change in the business, corporate structure, or management of the
- 17 licensee are not detrimental to the safety and soundness of the
- 18 licensee, the commissioner shall approve the application. If,
- 19 after notice and a hearing, the commissioner determines other-
- 20 wise, the commissioner shall deny the application.
- 21 (3) For purposes of subsection (2), the commissioner may
- 22 determine any of the following:
- 23 (a) That an applicant or a director, or officer, OR
- 24 MANAGER of an applicant is not of good character if that person
- 25 has been convicted of, or has pleaded nolo contendere to, a crime
- 26 involving fraud or dishonesty.

- (b) That an applicant's plan to make a major change in the
- 2 management of a licensee is detrimental to the safety and
- 3 soundness of the licensee if the plan provides for a person to
- 4 become a director, or officer, OR MANAGER of the licensee and
- 5 that person has been convicted of, or has pleaded nolo contendere
- 6 to, a crime involving fraud or dishonesty.
- 7 (4) The conditions described in subsection (3) are not the
- 8 only conditions upon which the commissioner may determine that an
- 9 applicant or a director, or an officer, OR MANAGER of an appli-
- 10 cant is not of good character or that an applicant's plan to make
- II a major change in the management of a licensee is detrimental to
- 12 the safety and soundness of the licensee.
- 13 Sec. 603. (1) A licensee shall not merge with another
- 14 -corporation BUSINESS FIRM unless | OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 15 (a) If the licensee is the surviving -corporation- BUSINESS
- 16 FIRM, the merger is approved by the commissioner.
- 17 (b) If the licensee is a disappearing -corporation BUSINESS
- 18 FIRM, the surviving -corporation BUSINESS FIRM is a licensee and
- 19 the merger is approved by the commissioner.
- (2) A licensee shall not purchase all or substantially all
- 21 of the business of another person unless the purchase is approved
- 22 by the commissioner.
- 23 (3) A licensee shall not sell all or substantially all of
- 24 its business or of the business of any of its offices to another
- 25 person unless that other person is a licensee and the sale is
- 26 approved by the commissioner.

- 1 (4) The commissioner shall approve an application for
- 2 approval of a merger, purchase, or sale, if -, and only if, the
- 3 commissioner determines all of the following:
- 4 (a) That the merger, purchase, or sale will be safe and
- 5 sound with respect to the acquiring licensee.
- 6 (b) That, upon consummation of the merger, purchase, or
- 7 sale, it is reasonable to believe that the acquiring licensee
- 8 will comply with this act.
- 9 (c) That the merger, purchase, or sale will not have a major
- 10 detrimental impact on competition in the providing of financial
- 11 -assistance or management assistance to business firms, or if
- 12 there will be such a detrimental impact, the merger, purchase,
- 13 or sale is necessary in the interests of the safety and soundness
- 14 of any of the parties to the merger, purchase, or sale, or is
- 15 otherwise, on balance, in the public interest.
- 16 Sec. 709. (1) If the commissioner determines that a subject
- 17 person of a licensee has been indicted by a grand jury or has
- 18 been bound over for trial by a court for a crime involving dis-
- 19 honesty or breach of trust, and that the fact that the person
- 20 continues to be a subject person of the licensee may threaten the
- 21 interests of the licensee or may threaten to impair public confi-
- 22 dence in the licensee, the commissioner may issue an order sus-
- 23 pending the subject person from his or her office, if any, with
- 24 the licensee and prohibiting the subject person from further par-
- 25 ticipating in any manner in the conduct of the business of the
- 26 licensee, except with the consent of the commissioner.

(2) If the commissioner determines that a subject person or 2 former subject person of a licensee to whom an order was issued 3 under subsection (1), or another subject person of a licensee, 4 has been convicted of a crime -which THAT is punishable by 5 imprisonment for a term of not less than I year and -which- THAT involves dishonesty or breach of trust, and that the fact that the person continues to be or will resume to be a subject person 8 of the licensee may threaten the interests of the licensee or may 9 threaten to impair public confidence in the licensee, the commis-10 sioner may issue an order suspending or removing the subject 11 person or former subject person from his or her office, if any, 12 with the licensee and prohibiting the subject person from further 13 participating in any manner in the conduct of the business of the 14 licensee, except with the prior consent of the commissioner. (3) Within 30 days after an order is issued under subsection 15 16 (1) or (2), the subject person of a licensee to whom the order is 17 directed may file with the commissioner an application for a 18 hearing on the order. If the commissioner fails to commence a 19 hearing within 15 business days after the application is filed or 20 within a longer period to which the subject person consents, the 21 order shall be considered rescinded. Upon the hearing, the com-22 missioner shall affirm, modify, or rescind the order. The right 23 of a subject person or former subject person of a licensee to 24 whom an order is issued under subsection (1) or (2) to petition 25 for judicial review of the order is not affected by the failure 26 of the person to apply to the commissioner for a hearing on the 27 order issued under this subsection.

- (4) The fact that a subject person of a licensee charged
 with a crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust is not convicted of the crime shall not preclude the commissioner from
 issuing an order to the subject person under any other provision
 this act.
- 6 (5) A person to whom an order is issued under this section
 7 may apply to the commissioner to modify or rescind the order.
 8 The commissioner shall not modify or rescind the order unless the
 9 commissioner determines that it is in the public interest to do
 10 so and that it is reasonable to believe that the person, if and
 11 when he or she becomes a subject person of a licensee, will
- (6) As used in this section, "office", if used with respect to a licensee, means the position of director, officer, MANAGER, or employee of the licensee or of a subsidiary of the licensee.

 Sec. 711. If, in the opinion of the commissioner, disclosure to shareholders—OWNERS regarding a matter is warranted, the commissioner may require a licensee, in such—a form and manner as the commissioner may specify, to disclose to the shareholders—OWNERS of a licensee the results of a communication or order from the commissioner addressed to the licensee or to a subject person of the licensee.
- Sec. 713. (1) If the commissioner considers it expedient,

 the commissioner may call a meeting of the board of directors of

 it is a licensee by giving notice of the time, place, and purpose of

 the meeting not less than 5 days before the meeting to each

 director either by personal service or by registered or certified

- 1 mail sent to the director's last known address as shown in the 2 records of the commissioner.
- 3 (2) If the commissioner considers it expedient, the commis-
- 4 sioner may call a meeting of the -shareholders OWNERS of a
- 5 licensee by giving notice of the time, place, and purpose of the
- 6 meeting not less than 5 days before the meeting to each
- 7 -shareholder OWNER either by personal service or by registered
- 8 or certified mail sent to the shareholder's OWNER'S last known
- 9 address as shown by the books of the licensee. The licensee
- 10 shall pay the expenses of the notice and of a meeting called
- 11 under this subsection.
- Sec. 801. (1) As used in this article, unless the context
- 13 otherwise requires:
- (a) "Advisor", means a person who regularly provides legal,
- 15 accounting, or management services or advice to a licensee.
- (b) "Associate" means, if used with respect to a licensee:
- (i) A controlling person, director, officer, MANAGER, agent,
- 18 or advisor of that licensee.
- 19 (ii) A director, officer, MANAGER, or partner of a person
- 20 referred to in subparagraph (i).
- 21 (iii) A person who controls, is controlled by, or is under
- 22 common control with a person referred to in subparagraph (i),
- 23 directly or indirectly through I or more intermediaries.
- 24 (iv) Any A close relative of any A person referred to in
- 25 subparagraph (i).
- 26 (v) A person of which a person referred to in subparagraphs
- 27 (i) to (iv) is a director, $-\infty$ officer, OR MANAGER.

- 1 (vi) A person in which a person referred to in subparagraphs
- 2 (i) to (iv), or any combination of those persons acting in con-
- 3 cert, owns or controls, directly or indirectly, a 20% or greater
- 4 equity interest.
- 5 (c) "Close relative" means parent, child, sibling, spouse,
- 6 father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law,
- 7 daughter-in-law, or sister-in-law.
- 8 (d) "Closing services" means services performed in connect.
- 9 tion with the providing of financing assistance. Closing serv-
- 10 ices includes, but is not limited to, appraising property and
- 11 preparing credit reports. Closing services does not include a
- 12 service performed after the providing of financing assistance.
- (e) "Short-term financing assistance" means financing
- 14 assistance with a term of not more than 5 years.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b):
- (a) A person who is in a relationship referred to in that
- 17 subdivision within 6 months before or after a licensee provides
- 18 financing assistance shall be considered to be in that relation-
- 19 ship as of the date that licensee provides that financing
- 20 assistance.
- 21 (b) If a licensee, in order to protect its interests, desig-
- 22 nates a person to serve as a director, -of, officer, -of,-
- 23 MANAGER, or in any capacity in the management of a business firm
- 24 to which that licensee provides financing assistance, that person
- 25 shall not, on that account, be considered to have a relationship
- 26 with that business firm. This subdivision does not apply if the
- 27 person has, directly or indirectly, any other financial interest

- 1 in the business firm or if the person, at any time before the
- 2 licensee provides the financing assistance, served as a director,
- 3 -of, officer, -of, MANAGER, or in any other capacity in the
- 4 management of the business firm for a period of 30 days or more.
- 5 Sec. 807. A person shall not, with intent to deceive a
- 6 director, officer, MANAGER, employee, auditor, or attorney of a
- 7 licensee, the commissioner, or a governmental agency,
- 8 make a false entry in the books, accounts, or other records of
- 9 that licensee, -, omit to make an entry in those books,
- 10 accounts, or other records which that person is required to make,
- 11 -; or alter, conceal, or destroy any of those books, accounts,
- 12 or other records.
- 13 Sec. 813. (1) A licensee shall not provide, directly or
- 14 indirectly, financing assistance to a business firm to which an
- 15 associate of that licensee provides financing assistance, either
- 16 contemporaneously with, or within I year before or after, the
- 17 providing of financing assistance by the licensee, if the terms
- 18 on which the licensee provides financing assistance are less
- 19 favorable to the licensee than the terms on which the associate
- 20 provides financing assistance to the business firm. If the
- 21 financing assistance provided by the associate of the licensee is
- 22 of a different kind from the financing assistance provided by the
- 23 licensee, the burden shall be on the licensee to prove that the
- 24 terms on which the licensee provided financing assistance were at
- 25 least as favorable to the licensee as the terms on which the
- 26 associate provided financing assistance to the business firm.

- (2) This section does not apply to any of the following:
- 2 (a) If the associate is a controlling person of the licensee
- 3 and is also the only -shareholder OWNER of the licensee.
- 4 (b) If the associate is a subsidiary of the licensee.
- 5 (c) A transaction effected by an associate of a licensee in
- 6 the normal course of that associate's business involving a line
- 7 of credit or short-term financing assistance.