SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 779

A bill to amend 1939 PA 21, entitled "Regulatory loan act of 1963," by amending sections 1, 9, 12, and 18 (493.1, 493.9, 493.12, and 493.18), section 1 as amended by 1996 PA 184, section 12 as amended by 1991 PA 14, and section 18 as amended by 1995 PA 165, and by adding sections 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f, and 9g.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) Except as otherwise provided by this act, a
- 2 person shall not engage in the business of making loans of money,
- 3 credit, goods, or things in action and charge, contract for, or
- 4 receive on the loan a greater rate of interest, discount, or con-
- 5 sideration than the lender would be permitted by law to charge if
- 6 the lender were not a licensee under this act and without first
- 7 obtaining a license from the commissioner for each location at
- 8 which the business is to be conducted under this act, or by

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 1 obtaining a license under the consumer financial services act,
 2 Act No. 161 of the Public Acts of 1988, being sections 487.2051
 3 to 487.2072 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1988 PA 161, MCL
 4 487.2051 TO 487.2072.
        (2) As used in this act:
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        (a) "Person" means an individual, partnership, association,
 7 corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.
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        (b) "Licensee" means a person licensed under this act.
        (c) "License" means a single license issued to a single
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10 place of business.
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        (d) "Liquid assets" means cash, unrestricted deposits in
12 banks, and readily marketable securities at their then market
13 value.
        (e) "Assets" means liquid assets, collectible loans made in
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15 accordance with this act, and personal property acquired in the
16 general conduct of business transacted under this act.
        (f) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the financial
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18 institutions bureau in the department of commerce.
        (A) \frac{(g)}{(g)} "Advertising" means publishing or broadcasting, or
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20 causing to be published or broadcast, material that has been pre-
21 pared for public distribution by means of newspapers, magazines,
22 or electronic media. Advertising does not include a stockholder
23 communication, such as an annual report, interim financial
24 report, registration statement, security, prospectus, application
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25 for listing a security on a stock exchange, or proxy materials.

26 Advertising does not include a communication addressed to a

- 1 person who has previously executed a loan agreement relative to
- 2 that person's account.
- 3 (B) "ASSETS" MEANS LIQUID ASSETS, COLLECTIBLE LOANS MADE IN
- 4 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED IN THE
- 5 GENERAL CONDUCT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 6 (C) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF
- 7 FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES OR AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
- 8 OF THE COMMISSIONER.
- 9 (D) "CONTROL PERSON" MEANS A DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- 10 OF A LICENSEE OR A PERSON WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
- 11 THE DIRECTION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH 1 OR MORE OTHER
- 12 PERSONS, OF THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICIES OF A LICENSEE.
- 13 (E) "EXECUTIVE OFFICER" MEANS AN OFFICER, MEMBER, OR PARTNER
- 14 OF A LICENSEE, INCLUDING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PRESIDENT, VICE
- 15 PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CONTROLLER, COMPLIANCE OFFI-
- 16 CER, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR POSITION.
- 17 (F) "FINANCIAL LICENSING ACT" MEANS THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL
- 18 SERVICES ACT, 1988 PA 161, MCL 487.2051 TO 487.2072, AND ANY ACT
- 19 LISTED IN SECTION 2 OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT, 1988
- 20 PA 161, MCL 487.2052.
- 21 (G) "LICENSE" MEANS A SINGLE LICENSE ISSUED TO A SINGLE
- 22 PLACE OF BUSINESS.
- 23 (H) "LICENSEE" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS ACT.
- 24 (I) "LIQUID ASSETS" MEANS CASH, UNRESTRICTED DEPOSITS IN
- 25 BANKS, AND READILY MARKETABLE SECURITIES AT THEIR THEN MARKET
- 26 VALUE.

- 1 (J) "LOAN" OR "REGULATORY LOAN" MEANS A LOAN MADE BY A
- 2 LICENSEE TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR HOUSEHOLD
- 3 USE.
- 4 (K) "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION,
- 5 CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY.
- 6 Sec. 9. (1) The commissioner, upon 10 days' written notice
- 7 to the licensee stating the contemplated action and the grounds
- 8 therefor, and upon reasonable opportunity to be heard, shall
- 9 revoke any license if he shall find that AFTER NOTICE AND HEAR-
- 10 ING, THE COMMISSIONER MAY REVOKE A LICENSE IF HE OR SHE FINDS ANY
- 11 OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 12 (a) The licensee , with respect to such license, has
- 13 failed -, after 5 days' written notice of default, to pay the
- 14 annual license fee, or to maintain in effect the bond or
- 15 bonds required under the provisions of this act, or to comply
- 16 with any demand, ruling, or requirement of the commissioner
- 17 lawfully made pursuant to and within the authority of UNDER
- 18 this act.
- 19 (b) The licensee either knowingly or without the exercise of
- 20 due care to prevent the same, has violated any provision of
- 21 this act or any rule lawfully made by the commissioner under
- 22 the authority of this act.
- 23 (c) Any fact or condition exists which THAT, if it had
- 24 existed at the time of the original application for the license,
- 25 clearly would have warranted the commissioner in refusing origi-
- 26 nally to issue the license.

- 1 (2) If the commissioner shall find FINDS that probable
- 2 cause for revocation of any A license exists and that the
- 3 enforcement of the act requires immediate suspension of the
- 4 license pending investigation, he OR SHE may, -upon 3 days' writ-
- 5 ten notice and a AFTER NOTICE AND hearing, suspend any A
- 6 license for a period not exceeding 30 days.
- 7 (3) The commissioner may revoke or suspend only the particu-
- 8 lar license with respect to which grounds for revocation or sus-
- 9 pension may occur or exist. , or, if he shall find that such
- 10 IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT grounds for revocation or suspen-
- 11 sion are of general application to all offices, or to more than 1
- 12 office, operated by the licensee, he shall OR SHE MAY revoke or
- 13 suspend 1 OR all of the licenses issued to the licensee. or such
- 14 licenses as such grounds apply to.
- 15 (4) $\overline{\text{Any}}$ A licensee may surrender $\overline{\text{any}}$ A license by deliv-
- 16 ering to the commissioner written notice that he THE LICENSEE
- 17 surrenders the license. , but the surrender shall THE SURRENDER
- 18 OF A LICENSE DOES not affect the licensee's civil or criminal
- 19 liability for acts committed prior to BEFORE surrender.
- 20 (5) No revocation or REVOCATION, suspension, or surrender
- 21 of any A license shall DOES NOT impair or affect the obliga-
- 22 tion of any preexisting lawful contract between the licensee and
- 23 any borrower.
- 24 (6) Every A license shall remain in force until the same
- 25 shall have been LICENSE IS surrendered, revoked, or suspended
- 26 in accordance with UNDER this act. but the THE commissioner
- 27 shall have authority on his own initiative to MAY reinstate

- 1 suspended licenses or to issue new licenses to a licensee whose
- 2 license shall have HAS been revoked if no fact or condition
- 3 then exists which THAT clearly would have warranted the com-
- 4 missioner in refusing originally to issue the A license.
- 5 (7) Whenever IF the commissioner shall revoke or suspend
- 6 REVOKES OR SUSPENDS a license, he OR SHE shall forthwith file
- 7 with the financial institutions bureau OFFICE OF FINANCIAL OR
- 8 INSURANCE SERVICES a written transcript of evidence and an order
- 9 to that effect and findings with respect thereto containing the
- 10 evidence and the reasons supporting the revocation or suspension.
- 11 , and forthwith serve upon the licensee a copy thereof. A COPY
- 12 OF THE ORDER SHALL BE SERVED ON THE LICENSEE.
- 13 SEC. 9A. (1) IF IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSIONER A
- 14 LICENSEE IS, HAS, OR IS ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN A PRACTICE THAT POSES
- 15 A THREAT OF FINANCIAL LOSS OR THREAT TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE OR IS,
- 16 HAS, OR IS ABOUT TO VIOLATE A LAW OR RULE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
- 17 SERVE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AS
- 18 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2).
- 19 (2) A NOTICE SERVED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CONTAIN A
- 20 STATEMENT OF THE FACTS CONSTITUTING THE ALLEGED PRACTICE OR VIO-
- 21 LATION AND FIX A TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH A HEARING WILL BE HELD
- 22 TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST SHOULD BE
- 23 ISSUED AGAINST THE LICENSEE.
- 24 (3) IF THE LICENSEE FAILS TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING BY A DULY
- 25 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, THE LICENSEE SHALL HAVE CONSENTED TO
- 26 THE ISSUANCE OF THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.

- 1 (4) IN THE EVENT OF CONSENT UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OR IF, UPON
- 2 THE RECORD MADE AT THE HEARING, THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THE
- 3 PRACTICE OR VIOLATION SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE HAS BEEN ESTAB-
- 4 LISHED, THE COMMISSIONER MAY SERVE UPON THE LICENSEE AN ORDER TO
- 5 CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE PRACTICE OR VIOLATION. THE ORDER MAY
- 6 REQUIRE THE LICENSEE AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, PART-
- 7 NERS, TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND CONTROL PERSONS TO CEASE
- 8 AND DESIST FROM THE PRACTICE OR VIOLATION AND TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE
- 9 ACTION TO CORRECT THE CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE PRACTICE OR
- 10 VIOLATION.
- 11 (5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6) OR TO THE EXTENT IT
- 12 IS STAYED, MODIFIED, TERMINATED, OR SET ASIDE BY THE COMMISSIONER
- 13 OR A COURT, A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON
- 14 THE DATE OF SERVICE.
- 15 (6) A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ISSUED UPON CONSENT SHALL
- 16 BECOME EFFECTIVE AT THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER AND REMAIN
- 17 EFFECTIVE AND ENFORCEABLE AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDER.
- 18 SEC. 9B. (1) AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 10, THE COMMISSIONER
- 19 MAY INVESTIGATE OR CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF ANY PERSON AND CON-
- 20 DUCT HEARINGS AS THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO DETER-
- 21 MINE WHETHER A LICENSEE OR ANY OTHER PERSON HAS VIOLATED THIS
- 22 ACT, OR WHETHER A LICENSEE HAS CONDUCTED BUSINESS IN A MANNER
- 23 THAT WOULD JUSTIFY SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF ITS LICENSE.
- 24 (2) UPON THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT OR THE TAKING OF ACTION
- 25 AGAINST A LICENSEE UNDER SECTION 9C, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE
- 26 AND SERVE UPON A LICENSEE AN ORDER SUSPENDING THAT PERSON'S
- 27 LICENSE. THE ORDER SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY AN AFFIDAVIT FROM A

- 1 PERSON FAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE AFFIDAVIT AND
- 2 SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT AN IMMINENT THREAT OF FINANCIAL
- 3 LOSS OR THREAT TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE EXISTS.
- 4 (3) UPON SERVICE OF THE ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION (2), THE
- 5 LICENSEE SHALL HAVE 20 DAYS TO FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER A
- 6 REQUEST FOR A HEARING. THE HEARING SHALL BE SCHEDULED WITHIN 20
- 7 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST FILED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 8 (4) A SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL CON-
- 9 TINUE UNTIL THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THE THREAT OF FINANCIAL
- 10 LOSS OR THREAT TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE NO LONGER EXISTS.
- 11 SEC. 9C. (1) IF IN THE OPINION OF THE COMMISSIONER A PERSON
- 12 HAS ENGAGED IN FRAUD, THE COMMISSIONER MAY SERVE UPON THAT PERSON
- 13 A WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROHIBIT THAT PERSON FROM BEING
- 14 EMPLOYED BY, AN AGENT OF, OR CONTROL PERSON OF A LICENSEE UNDER
- 15 THIS ACT OR A LICENSEE OR REGISTRANT UNDER A FINANCIAL LICENSING
- 16 ACT. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FRAUD" SHALL INCLUDE ACTION-
- 17 ABLE FRAUD, ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUD, CRIMINAL FRAUD, EXTRIN-
- 18 SIC OR INTRINSIC FRAUD, FRAUD IN THE EXECUTION, IN THE INDUCE-
- 19 MENT, IN FACT, OR IN LAW, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF FRAUD.
- 20 (2) A NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL CONTAIN A
- 21 STATEMENT OF THE FACTS SUPPORTING THE PROHIBITION AND, EXCEPT AS
- 22 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (7), SET A HEARING TO BE HELD NOT MORE
- 23 THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. IF THE PERSON DOES
- 24 NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING, HE OR SHE IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CON-
- 25 SENTED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
- 26 NOTICE.

- 1 (3) IF AFTER A HEARING HELD UNDER SUBSECTION (2) THE
- 2 COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT ANY OF THE GROUNDS SPECIFIED IN THE
- 3 NOTICE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE AN ORDER
- 4 OF SUSPENSION OR PROHIBITION FROM BEING A LICENSEE OR REGISTRANT
- 5 OR FROM BEING EMPLOYED BY, AN AGENT OF, OR CONTROL PERSON OF ANY
- 6 LICENSEE UNDER THIS ACT OR A LICENSEE OR REGISTRANT UNDER A
- 7 FINANCIAL LICENSING ACT.
- **8** (4) AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OR (3) IS EFFECTIVE
- 9 UPON SERVICE UPON THE PERSON. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO SERVE
- 10 A COPY OF THE ORDER UPON THE LICENSEE OF WHICH THE PERSON IS AN
- 11 EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR CONTROL PERSON. THE ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT
- 12 UNTIL IT IS STAYED, MODIFIED, TERMINATED, OR SET ASIDE BY THE
- 13 COMMISSIONER OR A REVIEWING COURT.
- 14 (5) AFTER 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER
- 15 SUBSECTION (2) OR (3), THE PERSON SUBJECT TO THE ORDER MAY APPLY
- 16 TO THE COMMISSIONER TO TERMINATE THE ORDER.
- 17 (6) IF THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS THAT A PERSON SERVED A
- 18 NOTICE UNDER SUBSECTION (1) POSES AN IMMINENT THREAT OF FINANCIAL
- 19 LOSS TO APPLICANTS FOR LOANS, MORTGAGE LOANS, SECONDARY MORTGAGE
- 20 LOANS, CREDIT CARD ARRANGEMENTS, OR INSTALLMENT SALES CREDIT,
- 21 BORROWERS ON LOANS, OBLIGORS ON INSTALLMENT SALE CONTRACTS, LOAN
- 22 SERVICING CUSTOMERS, PURCHASERS OF MORTGAGE LOANS OR INTERESTS IN
- 23 MORTGAGE LOANS, OR PURCHASERS OF CHECKS FROM A LICENSEE, THE COM-
- 24 MISSIONER MAY SERVE UPON THE PERSON AN ORDER OF SUSPENSION FROM
- 25 BEING EMPLOYED BY, AN AGENT OF, OR CONTROL PERSON OF ANY
- 26 LICENSEE. THE SUSPENSION IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE THE ORDER IS
- 27 ISSUED AND, UNLESS STAYED BY A COURT, REMAINS IN EFFECT PENDING

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1 THE COMPLETION OF A REVIEW AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE

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- 2 COMMISSIONER HAS DISMISSED THE CHARGES SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER.
- 3 (7) UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED TO BY THE COMMISSIONER AND THE
- 4 PERSON SERVED WITH AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (6), THE
- 5 HEARING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2) TO REVIEW THE SUSPENSION
- 6 SHALL BE HELD NOT EARLIER THAN 5 DAYS OR LATER THAN 20 DAYS AFTER
- 7 THE DATE OF THE NOTICE.
- 8 (8) IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY INVOLVING FRAUD,
- 9 DISHONESTY, OR BREACH OF TRUST, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE AN
- 10 ORDER SUSPENDING OR PROHIBITING THAT PERSON FROM BEING A LICENSEE
- 11 AND FROM BEING EMPLOYED BY, AN AGENT OF, OR CONTROL PERSON OF ANY
- 12 LICENSEE UNDER THIS ACT OR A LICENSEE OR REGISTRANT UNDER A
- 13 FINANCIAL LICENSING ACT. AFTER 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE
- 14 ORDER, THE PERSON SUBJECT TO THE ORDER MAY APPLY TO THE COMMIS-
- 15 SIONER TO TERMINATE THE ORDER.
- 16 (9) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY NOTICE OR
- 17 ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE LICENSEE OF WHICH THE
- 18 PERSON SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE OR ORDER IS AN EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR
- 19 CONTROL PERSON.
- SEC. 9D. (1) A HEARING UNDER SECTIONS 9, 9A, AND 9C SHALL
- 21 BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969,
- 22 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328. WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE COM-
- 23 MISSIONER HAS NOTIFIED THE PARTIES THAT THE CASE HAS BEEN SUBMIT-
- 24 TED TO HIM OR HER FOR FINAL DECISION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL
- 25 RENDER A DECISION THAT SHALL INCLUDE FINDINGS OF FACT SUPPORTING
- 26 THE DECISION AND SERVE UPON EACH PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING A COPY
- 27 OF THE DECISION AND AN ORDER CONSISTENT WITH THE DECISION.

- 1 (2) EXCEPT FOR A CONSENT ORDER, A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING OR
- 2 A PERSON AFFECTED BY AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER SECTIONS 9, 9A, AND 9C
- 3 MAY OBTAIN A JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE ORDER. A CONSENT ORDER MAY
- 4 BE REVIEWED AS PROVIDED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT
- **5** OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328. EXCEPT FOR AN ORDER
- 6 UNDER JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE COMMISSIONER MAY TERMINATE OR SET
- 7 ASIDE ANY ORDER. THE COMMISSIONER MAY TERMINATE OR SET ASIDE AN
- 8 ORDER UNDER JUDICIAL REVIEW WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE COURT.
- 9 (3) UNLESS ORDERED BY THE COURT, THE COMMENCEMENT OF PRO-
- 10 CEEDINGS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT STAY
- 11 THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER.
- 12 SEC. 9E. THE COMMISSIONER MAY APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
- 13 INGHAM COUNTY FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING ORDER ISSUED
- 14 UNDER SECTION 9, 9A, 9B, OR 9C.
- 15 SEC. 9F. ANY CURRENT OR FORMER EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DIRECTOR,
- 16 AGENT, OR CONTROL PERSON WHO VIOLATES A FINAL ORDER ISSUED UNDER
- 17 SECTION 9C IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT
- 18 MORE THAN \$5,000.00 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR, OR
- **19** BOTH.
- 20 SEC. 9G. A CONTROL PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER ISSUED
- 21 UNDER SECTION 9C AND WHO MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS
- 22 IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDER:
- 23 (A) THE CONTROL PERSON SHALL NOT IN ANY MANNER, DIRECTLY OR
- 24 INDIRECTLY, PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTROL OF A LICENSEE AFTER THE
- 25 DATE THE ORDER IS ISSUED.

- 1 (B) THE CONTROL PERSON SHALL WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE
- 2 THE ORDER IS FINAL TRANSFER ANY INTEREST THE CONTROL PERSON OWNS
- 3 IN A LICENSEE TO AN UNRELATED THIRD PARTY.
- 4 Sec. 12. (1) A licensee or other person shall not, DIRECTLY
- 5 OR INDIRECTLY, advertise, print, display, publish, distribute, or
- 6 broadcast or cause or permit to be advertised, printed, dis-
- 7 played, published, distributed, or broadcast, in any manner
- 8 whatsoever a false, misleading, or deceptive statement or repre-
- 9 sentation with regard to the rates, terms, or conditions for the
- 10 lending of money, credit, goods, or things in action in an
- 11 amount or of a value included within the regulatory loan ceiling
- 12 at a greater rate of charge than lenders not licensed under this
- 13 act would be permitted by law to make. ; or, in the case of a
- 14 licensee, A LICENSEE SHALL NOT MAKE any statement or representa-
- 15 tion which THAT refers to the supervision of the business by
- 16 this state or a department or official of this state except with
- 17 the approval of the commissioner. The commissioner may order a
- 18 licensee to desist from conduct which the commissioner finds is a
- 19 violation of this section.
- 20 (2) The commissioner may require that rates of charge, if
- 21 stated by a licensee, be stated fully and clearly in a manner the
- 22 commissioner considers necessary to prevent misunderstanding by
- 23 prospective borrowers.
- 24 (3) A licensee shall not take a lien upon real estate as
- 25 security for a loan made under this act, except a lien acquired
- 26 by execution or otherwise after the entry of a judgment.

- 1 (4) A licensee shall not conduct the business of making
- 2 loans under this act within an office, room, suite, or place of
- 3 business AT A LOCATION in which any other business is solicited
- 4 or engaged in, or in association or conjunction with the busi-
- 5 ness, if the commissioner finds, after 5 days' written notice
- 6 and after a NOTICE AND hearing, that the other business is of
- 7 -such a nature that the conduct has concealed or facilitated
- 8 evasion of this act or of the general rules lawfully THE RULES
- 9 made under this act, and shall order the licensee in writing to
- 10 desist from that conduct, but the order shall not be made by the
- 11 commissioner unless the commissioner finds that the other busi-
- 12 ness has been so conducted at that particular location that it
- 13 has concealed or facilitated evasion of this act HAS ORDERED THE
- 14 LICENSEE TO DESIST FROM CONDUCTING BUSINESS AT THE LOCATION.
- 15 (5) A licensee shall not transact business or make a loan
- 16 provided for by UNDER this act under any other USING A name
- 17 or at any other place of business within this state than that
- 18 named in the license. , unless it is also an office of the
- 19 licensee duly licensed under this act. This subsection shall
- 20 not be construed to DOES NOT prohibit a licensee from transact-
- 21 ing business or making a loan by mail.
- 22 (6) A licensee shall not take a confession of judgment or a
- 23 power of attorney to appear or to confess judgment on behalf of a
- 24 borrower. A licensee shall not take a note or evidence of
- 25 indebtedness that does not accurately disclose the actual amount
- 26 of the loan, the time for which it THE LOAN is made, and the

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- 1 agreed rate of charge -, or an instrument in which blanks are
- 2 left to be filled in after execution.
- **3** (7) A licensee shall not discriminate against a person in
- 4 the extension of credit on the basis of sex or marital status.
- 5 (8) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 9G, KNOWINGLY PERMIT A
- 6 PERSON TO VIOLATE AN ORDER THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT OR
- 7 ANY OTHER FINANCIAL LICENSING ACT THAT PROHIBITS THAT PERSON FROM
- 8 BEING EMPLOYED BY, AN AGENT OF, OR A CONTROL PERSON OF THE
- 9 LICENSEE.
- 10 Sec. 18. (1) A person, except as authorized by this act,
- 11 shall not directly or indirectly charge, contract for, or receive
- 12 an interest, discount, or consideration greater than the lender
- 13 would be permitted by law to charge if the lender were not
- 14 licensed under this act upon the loan, use, or forbearance of
- 15 money, goods, or things in action, or upon the loan, use, or sale
- 16 of credit. of the amount or value included within the regulatory
- 17 loan ceiling.
- 18 (2) The prohibition specified in UNDER subsection (1)
- 19 applies to a person who or which THAT, by any device, subter-
- 20 fuge, or pretense charges, contracts for, or receives greater
- 21 interest, consideration, or charges than authorized by this act
- 22 for the loan, use, or forbearance of money, goods, or things in
- 23 action or for the loan, use, or sale of credit.
- 24 (3) This act does not apply to loans legally made in another
- 25 state or country by a licensee under a regulatory loan law simi-
- 26 lar in principle to this act, except that loans made by mail to
- 27 Michigan residents OF THIS STATE are subject to this act.