SENATE BILL No. 540

May 26, 2005, Introduced by Senators SANBORN, BISHOP, VAN WOERKOM, JACOBS and STAMAS and referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.

A bill to amend 1987 PA 173, entitled "Mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act," by amending section 2 (MCL 445.1652), as amended by 2002 PA 4.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 2. (1) A person shall not act as a mortgage broker,
 mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer without first obtaining a
 license or registering under this act, unless 1 or more of the
 following apply:
 - (a) The person is solely performing services as an employee of only 1 mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer.
 - (b) The person is exempted from the act under section 25.
 - (c) The person is licensed as a class I licensee under the consumer financial services act, 1988 PA 161, MCL 487.2051 to

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- Senate Bill No. 540 as amended June 29, 2005
- **1** 487.2072.
- 2 <<(D) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN EMPLOYEE OF A PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER</p>
- 3 ORGANIZATION, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 4 OF THE SINGLE BUSINESS
- 4 TAX ACT, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.4, SOLELY ACTING AS A RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
- 5 ORIGINATOR OF ONLY 1 MORTGAGE BROKER OR MORTGAGE LENDER. THE MORTGAGE
- 6 BROKER OR MORTGAGE LENDER SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 7 (i) DIRECT AND CONTROL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THIS
- 8 ACT.
- 9 (ii) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND ASSUME
- 10 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIONS THAT ARE COVERED BY THE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 4.>>
- 11 (2) A person that is licensed to make regulatory loans under
- 12 the regulatory loan act, of 1963, 1939 PA 21, MCL 493.1 to 493.25
- 13 493.24, or is licensed to make secondary mortgage loans under the
- 14 secondary mortgage loan act, 1981 PA 125, MCL 493.51 to 493.81, and
- 15 is registered with the commissioner shall file with the
- 16 commissioner an application for a license under section 3(1) or
- 17 shall discontinue all activities that are subject to this act.
- 18 (3) Unless a residential mortgage originator is otherwise
- 19 licensed or registered under this act, a residential mortgage
- 20 originator shall not receive directly or indirectly any
- 21 compensation, commission, fee, points, or other remuneration or
- 22 benefits from a mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage
- 23 servicer other than the employer of the residential mortgage
- 24 originator.
- 25 (4) Unless a residential mortgage originator is otherwise
- 26 licensed or registered under this act, a mortgage broker, mortgage
- 27 lender, or mortgage servicer shall not pay directly or indirectly

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- 1 any compensation, commission, fee, points, or other remuneration or
- 2 benefits to a residential mortgage originator other than an
- 3 employee of the mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage
- 4 servicer. As used in this subsection and subsection (3),
- 5 "residential mortgage originator" means a person who assists
- 6 another person in obtaining a mortgage loan.
- 7 (5) A mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer
- 8 that was exempt from regulation under this act and is a subsidiary
- 9 or affiliate of a depository financial institution or a depository
- 10 financial institution holding company that does not maintain a main
- 11 office or branch office in this state, shall register under section
- 12 6 or shall discontinue all activities subject to this act.
- 13 (6) Except for a state or nationally chartered bank, savings
- 14 bank, or an affiliate of a bank or savings bank, the person subject
- 15 to this act shall not include in its name or assumed name, the
- 16 words "bank", "banker", "banking", "banc", "bankcorp", "bancorp",
- 17 or any other words or phrases that would imply that the person is a
- 18 bank, is engaged in the business of banking, or is affiliated with
- 19 a bank or savings bank. It is not a violation of this subsection
- 20 for a licensee or registrant to use the term "mortgage banker" or
- 21 "mortgage banking" in its name or assumed name. A person subject to
- 22 this act whose name or assumed name on January 1, 1995 contained a
- 23 word prohibited by this section may continue to use the name or
- 24 assumed name.