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by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

205 ILCS 635/1-3

from Ch. 17, par. 2321-3

Amends the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the necessity of obtaining a license.

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AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 is
amended by changing Section 1-3 as follows:

6 (205 ILCS 635/1-3) (from Ch. 17, par. 2321-3)

7 Sec. 1-3. Necessity for License; Scope of Act.

8 (a) No person, partnership, association, corporation or 9 other entity shall engage in the the business of brokering, 10 funding, originating, servicing or purchasing of residential mortgage loans without first obtaining a license from the 11 Secretary in accordance with the licensing procedure provided 12 13 in this Article I and such regulations as may be promulgated by 14 the Secretary. The licensing provisions of this Section shall not apply to any entity engaged solely in commercial mortgage 15 16 lending or to any person, partnership association, corporation 17 or other entity exempted pursuant to Section 1-4, subsection (d), of this Act or in accordance with regulations promulgated 18 19 by the Secretary hereunder. No provision of this Act shall 20 apply to an exempt person or entity as defined in items (1) and 21 (1.5) of subsection (d) of Section 1-4 of this Act. 22 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding sentence, an individual acting as a mortgage loan originator 23

who is not employed by and acting for an entity described in item (1) of subsection (tt) of Section 1-4 of this Act shall be subject to the mortgage loan originator licensing requirements of Article VII of this Act.

5 Effective January 1, 2011, no provision of this Act shall apply to an exempt person or entity as defined in item (1.8) of 6 7 subsection (d) of Section 1-4 of this Act. Notwithstanding 8 anything to the contrary in the preceding sentence, an 9 individual acting as a mortgage loan originator who is not 10 employed by and acting for an entity described in item (1) of subsection (tt) of Section 1-4 of this Act shall be subject to 11 12 the mortgage loan originator licensing requirements of Article 13 VII of this Act, and provided that an individual acting as a mortgage loan originator under item (1.8) of subsection (d) of 14 Section 1-4 of this Act shall be further subject to a 15 determination by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban 16 17 Development through final rulemaking or other authorized agency determination under the federal Secure 18 and Fair 19 Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008.

20 (a-1) A person who is exempt from licensure pursuant to 21 paragraph (ii) of item (1) of subsection (d) of Section 1-4 of 22 this Act as a federally chartered savings bank that is 23 registered with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and 24 Registry may apply to the Secretary for an exempt company 25 registration for the purpose of sponsoring one or more 26 individuals subject to the mortgage loan originator licensing

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requirements of Article VII of this Act. Registration with the
 Division of Banking of the Department shall not affect the
 exempt status of the applicant.

4 (1) A mortgage loan originator eligible for licensure
5 under this subsection shall (A) be covered under an
6 exclusive written contract with, and originate residential
7 mortgage loans solely on behalf of, that exempt person; and
8 (B) hold a current, valid insurance producer license under
9 Article XXXI of the Illinois Insurance Code.

(2) An exempt person shall: (A) fulfill any reporting 10 11 requirements required by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing 12 System and Registry or the Secretary; (B) provide a blanket 13 surety bond pursuant to Section 7-12 of this Act covering 14 activities of all its sponsored mortgage the loan 15 originators; (C) reasonably supervise the activities of 16 all its sponsored mortgage loan originators; (D) comply 17 with all rules and orders (including the averments contained in Section 2-4 of this Act as applicable to a 18 19 non-licensed exempt entity provided for in this Section) 20 that the Secretary deems necessary to ensure compliance 21 with the federal SAFE Act; and (E) pay an annual 22 registration fee established by the Director.

(3) The Secretary may deny an exempt company
registration to an exempt person or fine, suspend, or
revoke an exempt company registration if the Secretary
finds one of the following:

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(A) that the exempt person is not a person of
 honesty, truthfulness, or good character;

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(B) that the exempt person violated any applicablelaw, rule, or order;

(C) that the exempt person refused or failed to furnish, within a reasonable time, any information or make any report that may be required by the Secretary;

8 (D) that the exempt person had a final judgment 9 entered against him or her in a civil action on grounds 10 of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, and the 11 conduct on which the judgment is based indicates that 12 it would be contrary to the interest of the public to 13 permit the exempt person to manage a loan originator;

14 (E) that the exempt person had an order entered 15 against him or her involving fraud, deceit, or 16 misrepresentation by an administrative agency of this 17 State, the federal government, or any other state or territory of the United States, and the facts relating 18 19 to the order indicate that it would be contrary to the 20 interest of the public to permit the exempt person to 21 manage a loan originator;

(F) that the exempt person made a material misstatement or suppressed or withheld information on the application for an exempt company registration or any document required to be filed with the Secretary; or (G) that the exempt person violated Section 4-5 of
 this Act.

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3 (b) No person, partnership, association, corporation, or 4 other entity except a licensee under this Act or an entity 5 exempt from licensing pursuant to Section 1-4, subsection (d), 6 of this Act shall do any business under any name or title, or 7 circulate or use any advertising or make any representation or 8 give any information to any person, which indicates or 9 reasonably implies activity within the scope of this Act.

10 (c) The Secretary may, through the Attorney General, 11 request the circuit court of either Cook or Sangamon County to 12 issue an injunction to restrain any person from violating or 13 continuing to violate any of the foregoing provisions of this 14 Section.

(d) When the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that any entity which has not submitted an application for licensure is conducting any of the activities described in subsection (a) hereof, the Secretary shall have the power to examine all books and records of the entity and any additional documentation necessary in order to determine whether such entity should become licensed under this Act.

(d-1) The Secretary may issue orders against any person if the Secretary has reasonable cause to believe that an unsafe, unsound, or unlawful practice has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, if any person has violated, is violating, or is about to violate any law, rule, or written agreement with the Secretary, or for the purposes of administering the provisions
 of this Act and any rule adopted in accordance with this Act.

3 (e) Any person, partnership, association, corporation or
4 other entity who violates any provision of this Section commits
5 a business offense and shall be fined an amount not to exceed
6 \$25,000.

(f) Each person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity conducting activities regulated by this Act shall be issued one license. Each office, place of business or location at which a residential mortgage licensee conducts any part of his or her business must be recorded with the Secretary pursuant to Section 2-8 of this Act.

(g) Licensees under this Act shall solicit, broker, fund, originate, service and purchase residential mortgage loans only in conformity with the provisions of this Act and such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Secretary.

17 (h) This Act applies to all entities doing business in Illinois as residential mortgage bankers, as defined by "An Act 18 to provide for the regulation of mortgage bankers", approved 19 20 September 15, 1977, as amended, regardless of whether licensed under that or any prior Act. Any existing residential mortgage 21 22 lender or residential mortgage broker in Illinois whether or 23 not previously licensed, must operate in accordance with this 24 Act.

(i) This Act is a successor Act to and a continuance of theregulation of residential mortgage bankers provided in, "An Act

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to provide for the regulation of mortgage bankers", approved
 September 15, 1977, as amended.

Entities and persons subject to the predecessor Act shall
be subject to this Act from and after its effective date.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-143, eff. 7-14-11; 98-492, eff. 8-16-13.)