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AN ACT to amend the banking law, the business corporation law, the civil practice law and rules, the education law, the executive law, the general municipal law, the insurance law, the limited liability company law, the not-for-profit corporation law, the partnership law, the personal property law, the private housing finance law, the public authorities law, the public health law, the public officers law, the real property law, the real property actions and proceedings law, the real property tax law and the state finance law, in relation to the consolidation of the banking and insurance departments; and to repeal certain provisions of the real property law and the defense emergency act of 1951, relating thereto

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 6-k of the banking law, as added by chapter 563 of the laws of 1992 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (c) Every mortgage investing institution shall deposit funds from a real property insurance escrow account of a mortgagor in a banking institution whose deposits are insured by a federal agency or a licensed branch of a foreign banking corporation whose deposits are insured by a federal agency. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, the superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to exempt from the requirements of this subdivision any banking organization which does not receive deposits or share accounts from the general public.
- 14 S 2. Subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of section 14-a of the banking law, as 15 added by chapter 883 of the laws of 1980 and such subdivisions as

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further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

- 2. The rate of interest as so prescribed under this section shall include as interest any and all amounts paid or payable, directly or indirectly, by any person, to or for the account of the lender in consideration for the making of a loan or forbearance as defined by the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to subdivision three of this section.
- 3. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to adopt such regulations as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall deem necessary or proper to implement the provisions of this section. The superintendent [of financial services] shall make available to the public copies of all regulations adopted pursuant to this section.
- 4. Such regulations as shall have been adopted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this section, shall continue in effect until such time as new regulations shall have been adopted by the superintendent [of financial services] and shall become effective.
- 5. Whenever reference is made in this chapter or in any other law, contract or document to the rate of interest prescribed or to be prescribed by the superintendent [of financial services or the superintendent] pursuant to this section or any former section fourteen-a of this chapter, such reference shall be deemed a reference to the rate of interest prescribed in subdivision one of this section.
- S 3. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 14-b of the banking law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 267 of the laws of 1987, subdivisions 2 and 3 as amended by chapter 342 of the laws of 1986 and such subdivisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 1. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to prescribe, from time to time but not more often than once in every three month period, [by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] by regulation a minimum rate of, and method or basis of computing, interest that a mortgage investing institution shall be required to pay on each escrow account maintained with respect to a mortgage on a one to six family residence occupied by the owner or on any property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation, as defined in subdivision twelve of section three hundred sixty of the tax law, (as such subdivision was in effect on December thirtieth, nineteen hundred sixty), and located in this state, which rate shall be greater than the rate of interest required to be paid under section 5-601 or 5-602 of the general obligations law.
- 2. In making such determination the superintendent [of financial services] shall consider pertinent economic and cost factors including, but not limited to: (i) current yields on short term investments, (ii) current dividend rates paid on regular savings accounts throughout this state, (iii) currently prevailing interest rates on conventional insured or guaranteed mortgage loans in this state, (iv) cost factors in maintaining escrow accounts and (v) such other pertinent economic or cost factors that the superintendent [of financial services] shall deem be appropriate. Prior to the [superintendent of financial services'] SUPERINTENDENT'S prescription of any such minimum rate of interest, the superintendent shall [make a written recommendation to the superintendent of financial services as to such minimum rate of interest, ing] ISSUE A STATEMENT IN WRITING SETTING FORTH the economic and cost data and criteria upon which such [recommendation] DETERMINATION is

based. Prior to making such [recommendation] DETERMINATION, the superintendent may invite presentation, by interested persons, of information and data relating to economic and cost factors relevant to such minimum rate of interest.

- 3. The superintendent [of financial services] may promulgate such regulations as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT deems necessary and proper to implement and define the provisions of this section. The superintendent [of financial services] may prescribe the minimum rate of interest from time to time, but not more often than once in any three-month period, and shall provide reasonable notice to the public of any change in the rate of interest, of the effective date of such change, which shall be not less than seven days following the adoption of such change by the superintendent [of financial services], and of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this subdivision.
- S 4. Section 14-e of the banking law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 1984, subdivision 2 as amended by section 1 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006 and the section heading, the opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 1 and subdivisions 2 and 3 as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 14-e. Power of the superintendent [of financial services] to authorize the operation of savings banks and savings and loan associations in stock form.
- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the superintendent [of financial services] is authorized[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to promulgate such rules and regulations as shall facilitate:
- (a) The organization and operation of stock-form savings banks and stock-form savings and loan associations,
- (b) The conversion of mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations to stock form, and
- (c) Mergers and acquisitions of assets or of capital stock between and among all of the foregoing banking institutions and between and among such institutions and any other banking institution.

 The superintendent [of financial services] is authorized to define and

implement, by [general] regulation, the terms and provisions of this section. In adopting such regulations, the superintendent [of financial services] shall take into account the declaration of policy contained in section one of a chapter of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-four "An Act to amend the banking law, in relation to the organizaentitled incorporation of stock-form savings banks and stock-form tion and savings and loan associations and the conversion of mutual savings banks and mutual savings and loan associations to stock form". In connection with such regulations, the superintendent [of financial services] is empowered to apply to such stock-form organizations any provision of this chapter, in whole or in part, as shall be applicable to any other stock-form banking organization and to vary any condition, requirement or provision of THIS ARTICLE OR article [two,] fifteen or sixteen of this chapter.

- 2. Such applications as the superintendent [of financial services] may prescribe under paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subdivision one of this section shall each be accompanied by an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this article.
- 3. Without limiting the foregoing, the superintendent [of financial services], if [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall determine that unusual and extraordinary circumstances exist, shall be authorized, by resolution[,

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special] or [general] regulation, to apply or to deem inapplicable to any banking institution referred to in subdivision one of this section, such provisions of this chapter in whole or in part, as it shall find appropriate in connection with the organization, operation, conversion, merger or any other transaction involving a stock-form savings bank or stock-form savings and loan association, provided, however, that such actions are in harmony with the spirit of the law and are necessary because of the existence of such circumstances.

- S 5. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 18-a of the banking law, as added by section 1 of part D-1 of chapter 109 of the laws of 2006, the opening paragraphs of such subdivisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- The fee which shall be imposed for any application for an initial license, registration, incorporation or for the formation of any other entity pursuant to this chapter, or for a merger, acquisition, purchase or sale of assets, change of control, or for any other application requiring the approval of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] that may necessitate, as determined by the superintendent, a determination regarding the character or fitness and/or the safety and soundness of such applicant or a similar investigative undertaking by the department, shall be:
- (a) twelve thousand five hundred dollars when such application relates a banking organization, bank holding company or, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, a foreign banking corporation;
- (b) seven thousand five hundred dollars when such application relates licensing a branch, agency or representative office of a foreign banking corporation;
- (c) one thousand five hundred dollars when the application relates a mortgage broker; or
 - (d) three thousand dollars for all other such applications.
- The fee for any OTHER application requiring the approval of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services], including, but not limited to, any application required to change the name of the applicant, open branches or offices or additional locations, or relocate existing branch, office, or location, and any other application not subject to subdivision four of this section, shall be:
- (a) seven hundred fifty dollars when the application relates to banking organization, bank holding company, out-of-state state bank, foreign credit union, or foreign banking corporation;
- (b) two thousand dollars when the application relates to the licensing of an additional location or change of location or the licensing of mobile unit of a licensed casher of checks; or
 - (c) five hundred dollars for all other such applications.
- Section 26 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 315 of the laws of 2008 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 26. Licenses to foreign banking corporations; renewal. Upon receipt of an application in proper form of any foreign banking corporation for leave to do business in this state under the provisions of article five of this chapter, the superintendent, if he or she shall find after investigation and examination of what he or she deems to be the best 53 sources of information that the character, responsibility and general fitness of the person or persons named in such application are such as 55 to command confidence and warrant belief that the business foreign banking corporation will be honestly and efficiently conducted

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in accordance with the intent and purpose of this chapter and that the public convenience and advantage will be promoted by granting such foreign banking corporation leave to do business in this state, [submit such application to the superintendent of financial services 5 together with a summary of the results of such investigation. If three-6 the members of the board shall vote for approval of such fifths of 7 application, the superintendent shall execute and issue a license under 8 the official seal of the department authorizing such applicant to carry 9 such business at the place designated in the license. Such license 10 shall be executed in triplicate and the superintendent shall cause 11 copy to be transmitted to the applicant, another to be filed in the office of the department and the third to be filed in the office of 12 clerk of the county in which the place of business designated in such license is located. A license issued to such foreign banking corporation 13 14 15 pursuant to this section shall remain in full force and effect until surrendered or revoked. 16

- S 7. Subdivision 3 of section 32 of the banking law, as added by chapter 618 of the laws of 1976 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to promulgate such [general or specific] regulations as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT deems necessary and proper (a) to implement and define the provisions of this section, (b) to exempt from the requirements of this section any banking organization which does not receive deposits or share accounts from the general public, and (c) for good cause shown, to extend for up to two years the period within which any banking organization must comply with the requirements of subdivision one of this section.
- S 8. Subdivision 3 of section 39 of the banking law, as amended by section 1 of part FF of chapter 59 of the laws of 2004 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- To make good impairment of capital or to ensure compliance with financial requirements. Whenever it shall appear to the superintendent that the capital or capital stock of any banking organization, bank holding company or any subsidiary thereof which is organized, licensed or registered pursuant to this chapter, is impaired, or the financial requirements imposed by subdivision one of section two hundred two-b of this chapter or any regulation of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] on any branch or agency of a foreign banking corporation or the financial requirements imposed by this chapter or any regulation of the superintendent [or superintendent of financial services] on any licensed lender, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage banker, licensed casher of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner or private banker are not [he or she] THE SUPERINTENDENT may, in [his or her] THE SUPERINTENDENT'S discretion, issue an order directing that such banking organization, bank holding company, branch or agency of a foreign banking corporation, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage banker, licensed lender, licensed casher of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money, licensed budget planner, or private banker make good such deficiency forthwith or within a time specified in such order.

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S 9. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 44 of the banking law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 123 of the laws of 2009, paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 702 of the laws of 2006, and such paragraphs as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) Without limiting any power granted to the superintendent under any other provision of this chapter, the superintendent may, in a proceeding after notice and a hearing, require any safe deposit company, licensed lender, licensed casher of checks, licensed sales finance company, licensed insurance premium finance agency, licensed transmitter of money, licensed mortgage banker, registered mortgage broker, licensed mortgage loan originator, registered mortgage loan servicer or licensed budget planner to pay to the people of this state a penalty for any violation of this chapter, any regulation promulgated thereunder, any final or temporary order issued pursuant to section thirty-nine of this article, any condition imposed in writing by the superintendent [or superintendent of financial services] in connection with the grant of any application or request, or any written agreement entered into with the superintendent.
- (a) Without limiting any power granted to the superintendent under any other provision of this chapter, the superintendent may, in a proceeding after notice and hearing, require any banking organization, bank holding company out-of-state state bank that maintains a branch or branches or representative or other offices in this state, or foreign banking corporation licensed by the superintendent to maintain a branch, representative office in this state to pay to the people of this state a for any violation of this chapter, any regulation promulgated thereunder, any final or temporary order issued pursuant to section thirty-nine of this article, any condition imposed in writing by the superintendent [or superintendent of financial services] in connection with the grant of any application or request, or any written agreement entered into with the superintendent. For purposes of this section, reference to a "banking organization" shall be deemed to exclude a safe deposit company and any reference to a "foreign bank licensee" shall be deemed to include an out-of-state state bank that maintains a branch or branches or representative or other offices in this state and a foreign banking corporation licensed to maintain a branch, agency or representative office in this state.
- S 10. Subdivision 10 of section 96 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 259 of the laws of 1994 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: 10. To exercise, subject to such regulations as may be issued from time to time by the superintendent [of financial services], through foreign branch office (other than one opened or occupied in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of United States, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands) opened and occupied with the approval of the superintendent [and the superintendent of financial services] as provided in section one hundred five of this [chapter] ARTICLE, such further powers as may be usual in connection with the transaction of the business of banking in the place where such foreign branch office shall transact business, provided that no such foreign branch office shall engage in the general business of producing, distributing, buying or selling goods, wares, or merchandise, nor, except with respect to securities issued by any foreign nation or

political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, engage or participate, directly or indirectly, in the business of underwriting, selling or distributing securities.

- S 11. The opening paragraph of subdivision 5 of section 97 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 566 of the laws of 2004 and such subdivision as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- So much of the capital stock of, or any other equity interest in, any other corporations, partnerships, unincorporated associations, limited liability companies, or other entities as may be specifically authorized by the laws of this state or by [resolution of] the superintendent [of financial services], or [by] regulations promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services, upon a three-fifths vote of all its members].
- S 12. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 98 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 512 of the laws of 1977 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) Such [as may be specifically authorized by resolution of the superintendent of financial services upon a three-fifths vote of all its members, provided, however, that the superintendent of financial services upon a three-fifths vote of all its members may delegate to the superintendent the authority to approve the] purchase, lease, conveyance or other acquisition or sale of real property which is located outside the United States, its territories and possessions, and which is used principally as the residence of one or more directors, officers, or employees of the bank or trust company AS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.
- S 13. Subdivision 2 of section 104 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 664 of the laws of 1958 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- The stocks, bonds and other interest-bearing securities purchased by a bank or trust company shall be entered on its books at the actual cost thereof, and shall not thereafter be carried upon the books at a valuation exceeding their cost as adjusted by amortization for purpose of bringing them to par at maturity except that the same may be carried at cost if appropriate amortization reserve is set up for the purpose of bringing them to par at maturity. Where securities purchased at a premium are callable prior to maturity, the rate of amortization shall be increased where necessary to such extent as shall reduce the amount at which such securities are carried upon the books to the call price at the date or dates upon which a call may be made; provided, however, that no adjustment for amortization or amortization reserve shall be required to be made on the books except profits are computed. The superintendent [of financial services] may by [general] regulation [adopted by a three-fifths vote of all its members] vary the requirements of this subdivision to permit the amortization of premiums at the same rate as that required by federal tax statutes or regulations.
- S 14. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision 8 of section 108 of the banking law, as added by chapter 344 of the laws of 1974, such subdivision as renumbered by chapter 512 of the laws of 1977 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- (a) The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to prescribe by regulation

(i) the maximum charge which may be imposed in this state by a bank or trust company in connection with a check or other written order drawn upon it on insufficient funds, irrespective of whether the instrument is paid, accepted, or returned by the bank, and (ii) the maximum charge which may be imposed in this state by a bank or trust company in connection with a check or other written order received by it for deposit or collection and subsequently dishonored and returned for any reason by the drawee.

- (c) In prescribing a maximum charge pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the superintendent [of financial services] shall consider the following factors: (i) the cost of processing an overdraft or returned check or order, as the case may be, (ii) the charge necessary to deter overdrafts or returned checks or orders, as the case may be, and (iii) such other economic or cost factors that the superintendent [of financial services] shall deem to be appropriate. Prior to the [superintendent of financial services'] SUPERINTENDENT'S prescribing any such maximum charge, the superintendent shall [make] ISSUE a written [recommendation to the superintendent of financial services] DETERMINATION as to such maximum charge, reciting the cost and other data upon which [his recommendation] THE DETERMINATION is based.
- S 15. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 7 of section 130 of the banking law, as added by chapter 299 of the laws of 1969 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (c) The superintendent [of financial services] shall have power [by three-fifths vote of all its members] to adopt such regulations as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall deem necessary or proper to implement the provisions of this section.
- S 16. Section 140-a of the banking law, as amended by chapter 291 of the laws of 1987 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 140-a. Stock option plans. Subject to such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by the superintendent [of services by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof], every bank and every trust company may grant options to purchase authorized unissued shares of its capital stock to officers, directors and employees, for a consideration as authorized by section five thousand four of this chapter of not less than one hundred per cent of the fair market value of the shares on the date the option is granted, pursuant to the terms of a stock option plan which has previously been adopted by the board of directors of the bank or trust company and approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the bank or trust company and by the superintendent. Stock options issued hereunder shall not extend beyond a period of ten years from date of issuance.
- S 17. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 143 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to determine by regulation who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be an executive officer, and by [a general or specific] regulation[, upon a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to grant permission to an executive officer of a bank holding company to be at the same time an executive officer, director or trustee or both an executive officer and a director or a trustee of another bank holding

company or of a bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, national bank located in this state, federal savings and loan association located in this state or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the superintendent [of financial services] such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to revoke such permission [by a like vote] whenever [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT finds, after a reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

- S 18. Subdivision 3 of section 143-a of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- If no action to be taken pursuant to the plan of acquisition requires [the prior] approval of the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to section one hundred forty-three-b of this article, superintendent shall approve or disapprove of a proposed plan of acquisition within one hundred twenty days after the submission of such plan of acquisition, and in determining whether or not to approve any such plan the superintendent shall take into consideration the declaration of policy contained in section ten of this chapter. [If any action to be taken pursuant to the plan of acquisition requires such prior approval of the superintendent of financial services, the superintendent shall submit such plan of acquisition together with his or her recommenin regard thereto and all papers, correspondence and other information in his or her possession and relating thereto, to the superintendent of financial services for its approval or disapproval as part the application submitted to it pursuant to such section one hundred forty-three-b.] If the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services, as required,] shall approve such plan of acquisition, the superintendent shall file the plan, together with such certificates and the original of the approval of the superintendent [or a certified copy the approving resolution of the superintendent of financial services,] in the office of the superintendent. Upon such filing in the office of the superintendent, the plan, and the acquisitions provided for therein, shall become effective, unless a later date is specified in the plan, in which event the plan and such acquisitions shall become effective upon such later date.
- S 19. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 143-b of the banking law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010, subdivision 2 as amended by section 20 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 793 of the laws of 1980 and such subdivisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 1. It shall be unlawful except with the prior approval of the superintendent [of financial services by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof] for any company to acquire control of any banking institution, directly or indirectly, provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a company which has submitted to the superintendent a plan of acquisition pursuant to section one hundred forty-three-a of this article for an acquisition not involving a change of control of the banking institution. As used in this section, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a banking institution, whether through the ownership of

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voting stock of such banking institution, the ownership of voting stock any company which possesses such power or otherwise. 3 be presumed to exist if any company, directly or indirectly, controls or holds with the power to vote ten per centum or more of the voting stock of any banking institution or of any company which owns, controls or holds with power to vote ten per centum or more of the 5 6 voting stock of such banking institution, but no person shall be deemed 7 8 to control a banking institution solely by reason of his or her being an officer or director of such banking institution or company. The super-9 10 intendent may in [his or her] THE SUPERINTENDENT'S discretion, upon the 11 application of a banking institution or any company which, directly or 12 indirectly, owns, controls or holds with power to vote or seeks to own, control or hold with power to vote any voting stock of such banking 13 14 institution, determine whether or not the ownership, control or holding 15 such voting stock would constitute control of such banking institu-16 tion for purposes of this section. 17

- 2. A company desiring to acquire control of a banking institution may file application therefor, in writing, with the superintendent and pay an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter to the superintendent. The application shall contain such information as the superintendent [or superintendent of financial services], by rule or regulation, may prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the purpose of making the determination required by subdivision three of this section.
- Upon receipt of such application, the superintendent shall post notice of the receipt thereof upon the bulletin board of the department of financial services. The superintendent shall [submit such application together with his recommendation in regard thereto and all papers, correspondence and other information in his possession and thereto, to the superintendent of financial services which shall] by order grant or deny the application and shall state the reasons for such grant or denial. [An order granting such application may be made only by three-fifths votes of all the members thereof.] An order shall be issued within one hundred twenty days after the date of the submission of application to the superintendent and a copy thereof shall be posted upon the bulletin board of the department of financial services. determining whether or not to approve any such application, the superintendent [of financial services] shall take into consideration (i) the declaration of policy contained in section ten of the chapter, (ii) whether the effect of such action shall be consistent with adequate or sound banking and the preservation thereof, or result in a consolidation of assets beyond limits consistent with effective competition, (iii) whether such acquisition of control may result in such a lessening of competition as to be injurious to the interest of the public or tend toward monopoly, and (iv) primarily, the public interest and the needs and convenience thereof.
- S 20. Section 195 of the banking law, as added by chapter 1064 of the laws of 1960 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 195. Rules, regulations and orders. The superintendent [of financial services by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof] shall have power to adopt, amend and enforce such rules, regulations and orders as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT may deem necessary to enable [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT to administer and carry out the provisions of this article and to prevent evasions thereof.

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S 21. Subdivision 1 of section 201-a of the banking law, as amended by chapter 120 of the laws of 1968 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: When the superintendent shall have issued a license as provided in section twenty-six of this chapter to any such foreign banking corporation, it may engage in the business specified in sections two hundred and two hundred one of this article either as an agency or as at the location specified in such license for a period not exceeding one year from the date of such license or, if such license so provides, until such license is surrendered or revoked. A license issued for a period not exceeding one year may, upon the approval of the superintendent [and the superintendent of financial services], be renewed as provided in section twenty-six of this chapter. No such license shall be transferable or assignable. Every such license shall be at all times conspicuously displayed in the place of business specified therein. the event that such license shall have been revoked by the superintendent, as provided in article two of this chapter, it shall be surrendered to the superintendent within twenty-four hours after such corporation has received written notice of such revocation.

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S 22. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 202-b of the banking law, as amended by chapter 131 of the laws of 2002 and subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 1993 and such subdivisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

1. Upon opening a branch or agency and thereafter, a foreign banking corporation licensed pursuant to article two of this chapter shall keep on deposit, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the superintendent [of financial services] SHALL ADOPT shall from time to time [promulgate by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof], such banks or trust companies or private bankers or national banks in the state of New York as such foreign banking corporation may designate the superintendent may approve, interest-bearing stocks and bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations of the United States or agency or instrumentality thereof, or guaranteed by the United States, or of this state, or of a city, county, town, village, school district, instrumentality of this state or quaranteed by this state, or dollar deposits, or obligations of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, or obligations issued by the Inter-American Development Bank, or obligations of the Asian Development Bank, or obligations issued by the African Development Bank, or obligations issued by the International Finance Corporation, or bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations issued by or guaranteed by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) or by the Federal National Mortgage Corporation (Fannie Mae), or bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations issued by or guaranteed by the Student Loan Marketing Association (SALLIE MAE) or all bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations debentures, or other obligations issued by or quaranteed by a federal home loan bank, or bonds, debentures or other obligations of any unaffiliated issuer provided that, at the time of such investment, the obligation has received highest rating of an independent rating service designated by the superintendent [of financial services] or, if the obligation is rated by more than one such service, the highest rating of at least two such services, such other assets as the superintendent shall by rule or regulation permit, to an aggregate amount to be determined by the superintendent, based upon principal amount or market value, whichever is lower, in the case of the above-described securities, and subject to such limitations

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[he or she] THE SUPERINTENDENT shall prescribe; provided, however, that the superintendent may determine, in [his or her] THE SUPERINTEN-DENT'S discretion, that any such bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations of a particular issuer are not acceptable for purposes of meeting the requirements of this subdivision. The superintendent may from time to time require that the assets deposited pursuant to this subdivision may be maintained by the foreign banking corporation at such amount, in such form and subject to such conditions as he or she shall deem necessary or desirable for the maintenance of a sound financial 10 condition, the protection of depositors and the public interest, and to maintain public confidence in the business of such branch or branches or such agency or agencies. The superintendent may give credit to reserves required to be maintained with a federal reserve bank in or outside the state of New York pursuant to federal law, subject to such rules and regulations as the superintendent may from time to time promulgate. long as it shall continue business in the ordinary course, such foreign banking corporation shall be permitted to collect interest on the securities so deposited and from time to time exchange, examine and compare such securities.

2. Each foreign banking corporation shall hold in this state currency, bonds, notes, debentures, drafts, bills of exchange or other evidences indebtedness, including loan participation agreements or certificates, or other obligations payable in the United States or in United States funds or, with the prior approval of the superintendent, in funds freely convertible into United States funds, or such other assets as the superintendent shall by rule or regulation permit, in an amount which shall bear such relationship as the superintendent [of services] shall by regulation prescribe to liabilities of such foreign banking corporation appearing in the books, accounts or records of agency, agencies, branch or branches in this state as liabilities of such agency, agencies, branch or branches, including acceptances and other liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as the superintendent shall determine, but excluding amounts due and other ities to other offices, agencies or branches of, and affiliates of, such foreign banking corporation. As used in this subdivision, (i) "affiliate" shall mean any person or entity, or group of persons or entities acting in concert, that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such foreign banking corporation and (ii) "control" any person, or group of persons acting in concert, directly or indirectowning, controlling or holding with power to vote, more than fifty percent of the voting stock of a company, or having the ability in any manner to elect a majority of the directors of a company, or otherwise exercising a controlling influence over the management and policies of a company as defined by the superintendent by regulation. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "person" shall mean a corporation, unincorporated association, partnership, or any other entity or individual. For purposes of this subdivision [two], the superintendent shall value marketable securities at principal amount or market value, whichever lower, shall have the right to determine the value of any non-marketable bond, note, debenture, draft, bill of exchange, other evidence of indebtedness, including loan participation agreements or certificates, or of any other asset or obligation held by or owed to the foreign banking corporation or its agency, agencies, branch or branches within the state, and in determining the amount of assets for the purpose computing the above ratio of assets to liabilities, shall have the power to exclude in whole or in part any particular asset. If, by reason of

the existence or the potential occurrence of unusual and extraordinary circumstances, the superintendent deems it necessary or desirable for the maintenance of a sound financial condition, the protection of depositors, creditors and the public interest, and to maintain public confidence in the business of the agency, agencies, branch or branches of a foreign banking corporation, [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT may, subject to such terms and conditions as [he] THE SUPERINTENDENT may prescribe, require such foreign banking corporation to deposit the assets required to be held in this state pursuant to this subdivision two with such banks or trust companies or private bankers or national banks located in this state, as the superintendent may designate.

- S 23. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 209 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 1. No executive officer of a foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state may be an executive officer, director or trustee of a bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings association, the principal office of which institution is located in this state, bank holding company or another foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to the provisions of subdivision three of this section, except that an executive officer of a foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state which is a subsidiary of a bank holding company may be (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director of the bank holding company of which such foreign banking corporation is a subsidiary, and of one or more of the banking institutions which are subsidiaries of such bank holding company.
- 2. No executive officer of a national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings association, the principal office of which institution is located in this state, may be an executive officer, director or trustee of a bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to the provisions of subdivision three of this section, except that (1) an executive officer of a national bank located in this state, which is a subsidiary of a bank holding company may be (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director of the bank holding company and of one or more banking institutions which are subsidiaries of such bank holding company.
- 3. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to determine by regulation who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be an executive officer, and by [a general or specific] regulation, [upon a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to grant permission to an executive officer of a foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state and to an executive officer of a national bank located in this state, to be at the same time an executive officer, trustee or director or both an executive officer and a trustee or director of a bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings association, the principal office of which is located in this state, bank holding company, and foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the superintendent [of financial services] such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the policy of the state of

New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to revoke such permission [by a like vote] whenever [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

- S 24. Paragraph (ee) of subdivision 26 of section 235 of the banking law, as added by chapter 231 of the laws of 1964 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (ee) Stock of any "bank service corporation", as such term is defined by an act of congress of the United States, entitled the "Bank Service Corporation Act", approved October twenty-third, nineteen hundred sixty-two, as such act may be amended from time to time, provided such investment shall have been authorized by [resolution of] the superintendent [of financial services upon a three-fifths vote of all its members].
- S 25. Subdivision 2 of section 242 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 664 of the laws of 1958 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. The stocks, bonds, promissory notes or other interest-bearing obligations purchased by a savings bank shall be entered on its books at the actual cost thereof, and shall not thereafter be carried upon the books at a valuation exceeding their cost as adjusted by amortization for the purpose of bringing them to par at maturity; and where securities purchased at a premium are callable prior to maturity, the rate of amortization thereof shall be increased when necessary to such extent as shall reduce the amount at which such securities are carried upon the books to the call price at the date or dates upon which a call made. No adjustment for amortization shall be required to be made on the books except when the books are closed for the purpose of computing net earnings. The superintendent [of financial services] may by [general] regulation [adopted by a three-fifths vote of all its members] vary the requirements of this subdivision to permit the amortization of premiums at the same rate as that required by federal tax statutes or requlations.
- S 26. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 5 of section 247 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- (a) No executive officer of a savings bank may be an executive officer, director or trustee of another savings bank, or of a bank or trust company, savings and loan association, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings association, the principal office of which institution is located in this state, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision.
- (b) The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to determine by regulation who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be an executive officer, and by [a general or specific] regulation, [upon a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to grant permission to an executive officer of a savings bank to be an executive officer, director or trustee or both an executive officer and director or trustee of another savings bank or a bank or trust company, savings and loan association, national bank, federal savings bank or

federal savings association, the principal office of which institution is located in this state, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the superintendent [of financial services] such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to revoke such permission [by a like vote] whenever [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

- S 27. Subdivision 6 of section 251 of the banking law, as added by chapter 849 of the laws of 1964 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 6. Any officer elected or appointed by the board may be removed by the board, or his authority suspended by it, with or without cause. Such removal or suspension without cause, however, shall be without prejudice to his contract rights. The election or appointment of an officer shall not be deemed of itself to create contract rights. This subdivision does not affect the powers of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] under section forty-one of this chapter.
- S 28. The opening paragraph and paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 293 of the banking law, the opening paragraph as added by chapter 762 of the laws of 1989, paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 291 of the laws of 2001 and such paragraphs as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of section fourteen-e, six hundred, six hundred one, six hundred one-a or six hundred one-b of this chapter, subject to [general] regulations [promulgated by] OF the superintendent [of financial services], a mutual holding company may:

- (d) engage in any other acquisition or combination specifically permitted by [general] regulations [promulgated by or specific resolution] of the superintendent [of financial services]; provided, however, that any such regulation [promulgated by, or specific resolution, of the superintendent of financial services] shall only authorize activities which are authorized by the provisions of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, (title twelve United States Code, Section 1841, et seq.) and the provisions applicable, to mutual holding companies under the Home Owners Loan Act, as amended, (title twelve United States Code, Section 1467a) and any regulations or rules of the Federal Reserve Board and the federal Office of Thrift Supervision pursuant thereto, respectively, to the extent such authorized activities are not otherwise limited or prohibited by this chapter.
- S 29. Subdivision 2 and the opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 384 of the banking law, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 247 of the laws of 1959, the opening paragraph of subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 360 of the laws of 1984 and such subdivision and opening paragraph as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 2. The stocks, bonds or other interest-bearing obligations purchased by a savings and loan association shall be entered on its books at the actual cost thereof, and shall not thereafter be carried upon its books at a valuation exceeding their cost as adjusted by amortization for the purpose of bringing them to par at maturity; and where securities purchased at a premium are callable prior to maturity, the rate of amortization thereof shall be increased when necessary to such extent as

shall reduce the amount at which such securities are carried upon the books to the call price at the date or dates upon which a call may be made. No adjustment for amortization shall be required to be made on the books, except when the books are closed for the purpose of computing profits. The superintendent [of financial services] may by [general] regulation [adopted by a three-fifths vote of all its members] vary the requirements of this subdivision to permit the amortization of premiums at the same rate as that required by federal tax statutes or regulations.

Real estate acquired by an association other than that acquired for use as a place of business, shall be entered on the books of the association in conformity with the method of accounting for troubled debt restructurings approved by the financial accounting standards board or such other method of accounting as may be authorized or required by rules and regulations of the superintendent [of financial services].

- S 30. Subdivision 7 of section 397 of the banking law, as added by chapter 849 of the laws of 1964 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 7. Any officer elected or appointed by the board may be removed by the board, or his authority suspended by it, with or without cause. Such removal or suspension without cause, however, shall be without prejudice to his contract rights. The election or appointment of an officer shall not be deemed of itself to create contract rights. This subdivision does not affect the powers of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] under section forty-one of this chapter.
- S 31. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 399 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to determine by regulation who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be an executive officer, and by [a general or specific] regulation, [upon a three-fifths vote of all its members], grant permission to an executive officer of a savings and loan association to be an executive officer, director or trustee or both an tive officer and a director or a trustee of another savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings association, the principal office of which is located in this state, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the superintendent [of financial services] such service by the executive officer will be consistent with policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to revoke such permission [by a like vote] whenever [it] THE SUPERINTEN-DENT finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.
- S 32. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 399-a of the banking law, as amended by chapter 217 of the laws of 2010 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 1. No executive officer of a federal savings bank or federal savings association the principal office of which institution is located in this state may be an executive officer, director or trustee of a savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this

state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the superintendent [of financial services] pursuant to subdivision two of this section, provided, however, that an executive officer of a federal savings and loan association located in this state, who on the effective date of this section is an executive officer, director or trustee of a savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, may continue to hold such other office without permission from the superintendent [of financial services], until the expiration of the term of such office or the close of business on the last day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-four, whichever occurs sooner.

- 2. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power determine by regulation who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be an executive officer, and by [a general or specific] regulation[, upon a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to grant permission to an executive officer of a federal savings bank or federal savings association located in this state, to be at the same an executive officer, director or trustee, or both an executive officer and a director or trustee of a savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, bank holding company, and foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the superintendent [of financial services] such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The superintendent [of financial services] shall have the power to revoke such permission [by a like vote] whenever [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.
- S 33. Section 412 of the banking law, as amended by section 9 of part D-1 of chapter 109 of the laws of 2006 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 412. Conversion of federal savings institutions to state charter. The superintendent [of financial services] is authorized[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to promulgate such regulations as are necessary to permit the conversion of any federal savings association or federal savings and loan association to state charter where such conversion is not otherwise governed by the provisions of this chapter. Subject to the foregoing, such regulations may provide for the conversion of a federal savings association or federal savings and loan association, whether in mutual or stock form, into a state-chartered savings bank or state-chartered savings and loan association. The federal savings association shall submit a written plan of conversion to the superintendent, together with an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter.
- S 34. The opening paragraph of subdivision 6 of section 508 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 360 of the laws of 1984 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

To exercise, subject to such regulations as may be issued from time to time by the superintendent [of financial services], through any branch office opened and occupied outside the states of the United States and the District of Columbia with the approval of the superintendent [and the superintendent of financial services] as provided in article two of this chapter, such further powers as may be usual, in connection with the transaction of the business permitted by this article, in the place

where such branch office shall transact business; provided that no such branch office shall engage in the general business of producing, distributing, buying or selling goods, wares, or merchandise.

S 35. The opening paragraph of section 550 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 833 of the laws of 1969 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

When authorized by the superintendent as provided in article two of this chapter, five or more persons may form a corporation to be known as a mutual trust investment company. Such persons shall subscribe and acknowledge and submit to the superintendent [of financial services] at [his] THE SUPERINTENDENT'S office an organization certificate in duplicate which shall specifically state:

- S 36. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b) and (b-1) of subdivision 2, the opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 3, paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 5 and subdivision 6 of section 590 of the banking law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 and paragraphs (b) and (b-1) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 507 of the laws of 2009, paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 as added by chapter 571 of the laws of 1986, paragraph (a) of subdivision 2, the opening and closing paragraphs of subdivision 3 and paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 472 of the laws of 2008, subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 293 of the laws of 1987 and such provisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- (a) "Mortgage loan" shall mean a loan to a natural person made primarily for personal, family or household use, secured by either a mortgage or deed of trust on residential real property, any certificate of stock or other evidence of ownership in, and proprietary lease from, a corporation or partnership formed for the purpose of cooperative ownership of residential real property or, if determined by the superintendent [of financial services] by regulation, shall include such a loan secured by a security interest on a manufactured home;
- (e) "Exempt organization" shall mean any insurance company, banking organization, foreign banking corporation licensed by the superintendent or the comptroller of the currency to transact business in this state, national bank, federal savings bank, federal savings and loan association, federal credit union, or any bank, trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, or credit union organized under the laws of any other state, or any instrumentality created by the United States or any state with the power to make mortgage loans. Subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services], "exempt organization" may also include any subsidiary of such entities;
- (a) No person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity shall engage in the business of making five or more mortgage loans in any one calendar year without first obtaining a license from the superintendent in accordance with the licensing procedure provided in this article and such regulations as may be promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services or prescribed by the superintendent]. The licensing provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any exempt organization nor to any entity or entities which shall be exempted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services] hereunder.
- (b) No person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity shall engage in the business of soliciting, processing, placing or nego-

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tiating a mortgage loan or offering to solicit, process, place or negotiate a mortgage loan in this state without first being registered with the superintendent as a mortgage broker in accordance with the registration procedure provided in this article and by such regulations as may promulgated by the superintendent [of financial prescribed by the superintendent]. The registration provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any exempt organization, mortgage banker or mortgage loan servicer. No real estate broker or salesman, as defined section four hundred forty of the real property law, shall be deemed to be engaged in the business of a mortgage broker if he does not accept a fee, directly or indirectly, for services rendered in connection with the solicitation, processing, placement or negotiation of a mortgage loan. No attorney-at-law who solicits, processes, places or negotiates a mortgage loan incidental to his legal practice shall be deemed in the business of a mortgage broker. The registration provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any person or which shall be exempted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services] hereunder.

(b-1) No person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity shall engage in the business of servicing mortgage loans with respect to any property located in this state without first being registered with the superintendent as a mortgage loan servicer in accordance with the registration procedure provided by such regulations as may be prescribed by the superintendent. The superintendent may refuse to register a mortgage loan servicer on the same grounds that [he or she] THE SUPERINTEN-DENT may refuse to issue a registration certificate to a mortgage broker pursuant to subdivision two of section five hundred ninety-two-a of this The registration provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any exempt organization, mortgage banker, or mortgage broker or any person or entity which shall be exempted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the superintendent hereunder; provided that such exempt organization, mortgage banker, mortgage broker, or person notifies the superintendent that it is acting as a mortgage loan servicer in this state and complies with any regulation applicable to mortgage loan servicers, promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services or prescribed by the superintendent with respect to mortgage loan servicers]. The superintendent may require all registrations and notifications to be made through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. An application to become a registered mortgage loan servicer or any application with respect to a mortgage loan shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter. Any fee established pursuant to this subdivision may be collected by and include a processing fee charged by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Any such processing fees shall not be remitted to the superintendent and shall not be deemed revenue pursuant to this chapter or the state finance law.

In addition to such powers as may otherwise be prescribed by this chapter, the superintendent [of financial services] is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as may in the judgement of the superintendent [of financial services] be consistent with the purposes of this article, or appropriate for the effective administration of this article, including, but not limited to:

The superintendent [of financial services] is hereby authorized and empowered to make such specific rulings, demands and findings as [it] THE SUPERINTENDENT may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the mortgage lending industry.

(b) Mortgage brokers shall solicit, process, place and negotiate mortgage loans in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services or prescribed by the superintendent] thereunder and all applicable federal laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

- (c) Mortgage bankers and exempt organizations shall make mortgage loans in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services or prescribed by the superintendent] thereunder and all applicable federal laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (d) Mortgage loan servicers shall engage in the business of servicing mortgage loans in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services or prescribed by the superintendent] thereunder and all applicable federal laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 6. The superintendent [of financial services] is hereby authorized and empowered, consistent with the declaration of policy set forth in this article, to exempt by rule or regulation from any or all of the provisions of this article any or all licensees or exempt organizations as defined in paragraph (e) of subdivision one of this section with respect to credit line mortgages, installment loans and home improvement loans.
- S 37. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 595-b of the banking law, as added by chapter 472 of the laws of 2008 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Establishment of grounds to impose a fine or penalty. In addition to such other rules, regulations and policies as the superintendent [of financial services] may promulgate [or the superintendent may prescribe] to effectuate the purposes of this article, the superintendent shall promulgate regulations and policies governing the establishment of grounds to impose a fine or penalty with respect to the activities of a mortgage loan servicer.
- 2. Servicing practices. In addition to such other rules, regulations and policies as the superintendent [of financial services] may promulgate to effectuate the purposes of this article, the superintendent may prescribe regulations which relate to: (a) providing for disclosures to borrowers of the basis for any interest rate resets; (b) requirements for the provision of pay-off statements; and (c) governing the timing of the crediting of payments made by the borrower.
- S 38. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 of section 599-e of the banking law, as added by chapter 123 of the laws of 2009 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (g) Affiliation. Unless the superintendent shall have waived the affiliation requirement pursuant to regulations adopted by the superintendent [of financial services], that the applicant is employed by, or is an independent contractor of (i) an originating entity, (ii) solely in the case of a mortgage loan originator engaged in the origination of residential mortgage loans on manufactured homes, an entity licensed under article nine or eleven-B of this chapter, or (iii) in the case of a mortgage loan originator engaged in mortgage loan servicing and employed by a mortgage loan servicer, an entity registered as a mortgage loan servicer under article twelve-D of this chapter or exempt from

registration under such article. A mortgage loan originator may not be simultaneously employed or affiliated with more than one originating entity.

- S 39. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2 of section 599-n of the banking law, as added by chapter 123 of the laws of 2009 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) Through a course of conduct, the licensee has violated any provisions of this article, or any rule or regulation promulgated by the superintendent [of financial services] THEREUNDER, or any rule or regulation [prescribed] PROMULGATED by the superintendent under [and within the authority of this article or] article twelve-D of this chapter or of any other applicable law, rule or regulation of this state or the federal government pertaining to mortgage banking, brokering or loan originating; or
- 2. Restitution. The superintendent may order a mortgage loan originator or any other person to pay restitution for violations of this article or any rules of the superintendent [of financial services or the superintendent] promulgated hereunder.
- S 40. Subdivisions 4 and 8 of section 605 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 567 of the laws of 2000 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- 4. Within three months after the date of any such meeting, application may be made to the supreme court, after due notice to the superintendent, for an order declaring the business of such corporation closed. In a proper case, the court shall make such order which shall prescribe the notice to be given to creditors and depositors to present their claims to the corporation for payment. In the closing order, the court shall a date certain by which claims must be presented to the corporation for payment. The corporation need not consider any claims submitted after that date. Within five days after the making of such order, a certified copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the superintendent. Upon the entry of such order such corporation shall cease to do business and shall wind up its affairs, pay its creditors and deposand, except in the case of a mutual savings bank, itors, if any, distribute any remaining assets among its shareholders or stockholders according to their respective rights and interests. The corporation or any creditor or depositor thereof, upon due notice, may apply to the issued the closing order for a determination as to any disputed claim or for any other relief necessary to effectuate liquidation and dissolution of the corporation. Any petition, application, or motion to vacate, set aside, modify or amend such order so as permit the corporation to resume business shall have incorporated therein a certificate of the superintendent certifying that after investigation the superintendent has found[, and the superintendent of financial services by a three-fifths vote of all its members has found,] that the public convenience and advantage will be promoted by the granting of said petition, application or motion.
- 8. Unless the superintendent [of financial services by a three-fifths vote of all its members] shall otherwise provide, any corporate banking organization that, pursuant to an agreement, sells or conveys more than fifty per centum of its assets without the written approval of the superintendent shall take the proceedings for voluntary dissolution herein prescribed and, within six months from the date of such sale or conveyance, shall file with the superintendent a certified copy of the

closing order in the form prescribed by subdivision four of this section. The corporate banking organization, upon making written application to the superintendent for approval of the sale or conveyance of more than fifty per centum of its assets, shall pay an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter. If a closing order is required to be filed pursuant to this subdivision and such order is not filed within the time prescribed, the superintendent shall have the power, in [his or her] THE SUPERINTENDENT'S discretion, to take possession of the business and property of such corporation and proceed with the liquidation thereof under the provisions of this article.

- S 41. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 2 of section 2001 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 566 of the laws of 2004 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) To be a promoter, partner, member, associate or manager of other business enterprises or ventures, or to the extent permitted in any other jurisdiction to be an incorporator of other corporations of any type or kind; provided, however, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall authorize a banking organization to engage in any activity not otherwise authorized by the laws of New York or by regulations of the superintendent [of financial services or of the superintendent].
- S 42. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 4001-a of the banking law, as added by chapter 637 of the laws of 1995 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section four thousand one of this [article] TITLE and when authorized by the superintendent [and the superintendent of financial services] as provided in article two of this chapter, five or more persons may form a limited liability investment company pursuant to the provisions of article twelve of this chapter. Such person or persons shall subscribe and acknowledge the articles of organization in duplicate which shall specifically state:

S 43. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 4001-b of the banking law, as added by chapter 248 of the laws of 1997 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section four thousand one of this [article] TITLE and when authorized by the superintendent [and the superintendent of financial services] as provided in article two of this chapter, five or more persons may form a limited liability trust company pursuant to the provisions of article three of this chapter. Such person or persons shall subscribe and acknowledge the articles of organization in duplicate, which shall specifically state:

- S 44. Subdivision 4 of section 7006 of the banking law, as added by chapter 849 of the laws of 1964 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. This section does not affect the powers of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] under section forty-one of this chapter.
- S 45. Subdivision 2 of section 7014 of the banking law, as added by chapter 849 of the laws of 1964 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. This section does not affect the powers of the superintendent [or the superintendent of financial services] under section forty-one of this chapter.

S 46. Clause (B) of subparagraph 5 of paragraph (a) of section 301 of the business corporation law, as amended by chapter 555 of the laws of 1993 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(B) Shall not contain any of the following words, or any abbreviation or derivative thereof:

acceptance endowment loan annuity fidelity mortgage finance assurance savings bank guaranty surety title benefit indemnity insurance bond trust casualty investment underwriter doctor lawyer

unless the approval of the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services, as appropriate,] is attached to the certificate of incorporation, or application for authority or amendment thereof; or that the word "doctor" or "lawyer" or an abbreviation or derivation thereof is used in the name of a university faculty practice corporation formed pursuant to section fourteen hundred twelve of the not-for-profit corporation law or a professional service corporation formed pursuant to article fifteen of this chapter, or a foreign professional service corporation authorized to do business in this state pursuant to article fifteen-A of this chapter, the members or shareholders of which are composed exclusively of doctors or lawyers, respectively, or are used in a context which clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of law or medicine.

S 47. The opening paragraph of section 7701 of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by chapter 193 of the laws of 1976 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

A special proceeding may be brought to determine a matter relating to any express trust except a voting trust, a mortgage, a trust for the benefit of creditors, a trust to carry out any plan of reorganization of real property acquired on foreclosure or otherwise of a mortgage or mortgages against which participation certificates have been issued and guaranteed by a corporation and for which the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services] has been or may hereafter be appointed rehabilitator or liquidator or conservator, a trust to carry out any plan of reorganization pursuant to sections one hundred nineteen through one hundred twenty-three of the real property law or pursuant to section seventy-seven B of the national bankruptcy act, and trusts for cemetery purposes, as provided for by sections 8-1.5 and 8-1.6 of the estates, powers and trusts law.

- S 48. Subdivision 4 of section 695-b of the education law, as added by chapter 546 of the laws of 1997 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. "Financial organization" shall mean an organization authorized to do business in the state of New York and (a) which is an authorized fiduciary to act as a trustee pursuant to the provisions of an act of congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" as such provisions may be amended from time to time, or an insurance company; and (b)(i) is licensed or chartered by the department of financial services, (ii) [is licensed or chartered by the department of financial services, (iii)] is chartered by an agency of the federal government, [(iv)] (III) is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the secu-

rities and exchange commission of the federal government, or [(v)] (IV) is any other entity otherwise authorized to act in this state as a trustee pursuant to the provisions of an act of congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" as such provisions may be amended from time to time.

- S 49. Subdivision 3 of section 63 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 766 of the laws of 2005 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Upon request of the governor, comptroller, secretary of state, commissioner of transportation, superintendent of financial services, [superintendent of financial services,] commissioner of taxation and finance, commissioner of motor vehicles, or the state inspector general, or the head of any other department, authority, division or agency of the state, investigate the alleged commission of any indictable offense or offenses in violation of the law which the officer making the request is especially required to execute or in relation to any matters connected with such department, and to prosecute the person or persons believed to have committed the same and any crime or offense arising out of such investigation or prosecution or both, including but not limited to appearing before and presenting all such matters to a grand jury.
- S 50. Subdivision 1 of section 161 of the executive law, as separately amended by chapters 430 and 636 of the laws of 1969 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Each of the following officers, to wit: the secretary of state, the comptroller, the commissioner of taxation and finance, the attorney general, the public service commission, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the commissioner of transportation, the industrial commissioner, the chairman of the state labor relations board, the chairman of the state liquor authority, the superintendent of financial services, [the superintendent of financial services,] the state commissioner of human rights, the commissioner of general services and the commissioner of housing and community renewal may require search to be made, in the office of any of the others, or of a county clerk or of the clerk of a court of record, for any record, document, or paper, where he OR SHE deems it necessary for the discharge of his OR HER official duties, and a copy thereof, or extracts therefrom, to be made and officially certified or exemplified, without the payment of any fee or charge.
- fied or exemplified, without the payment of any fee or charge. S 51. Subdivision 25 of section 292 of the executive law, as added by chapter 173 of the laws of 1974, as renumbered by chapter 632 of the laws of 1976 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 25. The term "superintendent", when used in this article, means the head of the department of financial services appointed pursuant to section [twelve] TWO HUNDRED TWO of the [banking] FINANCIAL SERVICES law.
- S 52. Subdivision 9 of section 296-a of the executive law, as added by chapter 173 of the laws of 1974 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 9. Whenever any creditor makes application to the superintendent [or the superintendent] of financial services to take any action requiring consideration by the superintendent [or such board] of the public interest and the needs and convenience thereof, or requiring a finding that the financial responsibility, experience, charter, and general fitness of the applicant, and of the members thereof if the applicant be a co-partnership or association, and of the officers and directors thereof

if the applicant be a corporation, are such as to command the confidence the community and to warrant belief that the business will be oper-ated honestly, fairly, and efficiently, such creditor shall certify to superintendent compliance with the provisions of this section. In the event that the records of the department of financial services show such creditor has been found to be in violation of this section, such creditor shall describe what action has been taken with respect to its credit policies and procedures to remedy such violation or violations. The superintendent shall, in approving the foregoing appli-cations and making the foregoing findings, give appropriate weight to compliance with this section.

- S 53. Subdivision 9 of section 835 of the executive law, as amended by section 102 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 9. "Qualified agencies" means courts in the unified court system, administrative board of the judicial conference, probation departments, sheriffs' offices, district attorneys' offices, the state department of corrections and community supervision, the department of correction of any municipality, the [insurance] FINANCIAL frauds [bureau] AND CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT of the state department of financial services, office of professional medical conduct of the state department of health for the purposes of section two hundred thirty of the public health law, child protective services unit of a local social services district when conducting an investigation pursuant to subdivision six of four hundred twenty-four of the social services law, the office of Medicaid inspector general, the temporary state commission of investigation, [the criminal investigations bureau of the department of financial services, police forces and departments having responsibility enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state and the Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences Laboratory when acting within the scope of its law enforcement duties.
- S 54. Subdivision 15 of section 215 of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 714 of the laws of 2006 and paragraphs (ii) and (iii) as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 15. "Financial organization" means an organization duly authorized to do business in the state and which is (i) registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as such provisions may be amended from time to time; (ii) licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (iii) [licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (iv)] chartered by an agency of the federal government; or [(v)] (IV) subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the securities and exchange commission of the federal government.
- S 55. Subdivision 14 of section 219-c of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 514 of the laws of 1998 and paragraphs (ii) and (iii) as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 14. "Financial organization" means an organization duly authorized to do business in the state and which is (i) registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as such provisions may be amended from time to time; (ii) licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (iii) [licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (iv)] chartered by an agency of the federal government; or [(v)] (IV) subject to the jurisdiction and

regulation of the securities and exchange commission of the federal government.

- S 56. Subdivision 19 of section 219-k of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 558 of the laws of 1998 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 19. "Financial organization" means an organization duly authorized to do business in the state which is (a) registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as such provisions may be amended from time to time; (b) licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (c) [licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services; (d)] chartered by an agency of the federal government; or [(e)] (D) subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the securities and exchange commission of the federal government.
- S 57. Subsection (d) and paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection (e) of section 1118 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 703 of the laws of 1988 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER OR THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW to the contrary, the superintendent may waive, modify or suspend any provision of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [department of financial services] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER as applicable to the insurers or health maintenance organizations [which] THAT conduct the regional pilot projects, except as to mandatory benefits, provided such waiver, modification or suspension is based on the criteria set forth in subsection (e) of this section.
- (3) any waiver, modification or suspension of provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [department of financial services] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER is essential to the operation of the regional pilot project and to the rational development of programs to provide health care coverage or equivalent coverage mechanisms to the uninsured; and
- (4) any waiver, modification or suspension of provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [department of financial services] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER will not impair the ability of the insurer or health maintenance organization to satisfy its existing and anticipated contracts and other obligations, including such standards as the superintendent shall prescribe concerning adequate capital and financial requirements.
- S 58. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 1120 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 922 of the laws of 1990, paragraph 3 of subsection (e) as amended by chapter 2 of the laws of 1998 and subsection (d) and paragraph 4 of subsection (e) as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- (d) Notwithstanding any provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER OR THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW to the contrary, the superintendent may waive, modify or suspend any provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [department of financial services] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER as applicable to the insurers, article forty-three corporations or health maintenance organizations [which] THAT issue coverage pursuant to this section, provided such waiver, modification or suspension is based on the criteria set forth in subsection (e) of this section.

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- (e) The superintendent may take the actions set forth in subsections (a) and (d) of this section upon the superintendent's [judgement] JUDG-MENT that:
- (1) the contract or arrangement is a reasonable and appropriate approach to expand the availability of health care coverage to children;
- (2) the sources of funding for the contract or arrangement are reasonably related to the benefits provided and sufficient to support the contract arrangement;
- any waiver, modification or suspension of the provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [insurance] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER is essential to the operation of the child health insurance plan and to the rational development of programs to provide covered services to children; and
- any waiver, modification or suspension of provisions of [the insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [department financial services] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER will not impair the ability of the insurer, article forty-three corporation or health maintenance organization to satisfy its existing and anticipated contracts and other obligations, including such standards as the supershall prescribe concerning adequate capital and financial intendent requirements.
- S 59. Paragraph 3 of subsection (e) of section 1120 of the law, as amended by chapter 639 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:
- (3) any waiver, modification or suspension of provisions of insurance law] THIS CHAPTER, THE FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW or [insurance] regulations PROMULGATED THEREUNDER is essential to the operation of the child health insurance plan and to the rational development of programs to provide primary and preventive health care coverage and inpatient health care services coverage to children; and
- S 60. Subsections (a) and (c) of section 4402 of the insurance law are amended to read as follows:
- "Employee welfare fund" or "fund" means any trust fund or other fund established or maintained jointly by one or more employers together with one or more labor organizations, whether directly or through trustees, to provide employee benefits by the purchase of insurance or annuity contracts or otherwise, and to which is paid or contracted to be paid anything, other than income from investments of such fund for the benefit of employees employed in this state, and, if the principal office of the employer is located outside of the state, for at twenty such employees; provided, however, that such term shall not include any such fund where its over-all management is vested, alone or jointly with other trustees, in a corporate trustee which is subject to supervision by the [superintendent] SUPERVISOR of banks of any state or [is a member of the federal reserve system] THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.
- (c) "Trustee" means the person or group of persons who or which is charged with or has the general power of administration over an employee welfare fund and may include a pension board or committee, a board of individual trustees, a board of administration or the like; provided, such term shall not include a corporate trustee which is subject to supervision by the [superintendent] SUPERVISOR of any state or [is a member of the federal reserve system] THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY; nor shall such term include any insurer licensed under the laws of this state or authorized to do business herein.

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- S 61. Subsection (b) of section 4403 of the insurance law, as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) If it is found that the conditions [which] THAT originally required registration with the superintendent have ceased to exist and that new conditions exist [which] THAT would not require the registration of an employee welfare fund with [either] the superintendent [of financial services or the superintendent of financial services], then the superintendent [of financial services] may, on application of the trustees or on [his] THE SUPERINTENDENT'S own motion, cancel the registration of such fund.
- S 62. Subparagraph (C) of paragraph 2 of subsection (h) of section 9111-b of the insurance law, as added by chapter 148 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:
- (C) that an undertaking is filed with the superintendent [of insurance] in such amount and with such sureties as a justice of the supreme court shall approve to the effect that if such proceeding be dismissed or the tax confirmed, the petitioner will pay all costs and charges [which] THAT may accrue in the prosecution of such proceeding.
- S 63. Subdivision (f) of section 204 of the limited liability company law, as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) shall not contain the following words, or any abbreviation or derivative thereof:

acceptance guaranty annuity indemnity assurance insurance attorney investment bank lawyer benefit loan bond mortgage casualty savings doctor surety endowment title fidelity trust finance underwriter

unless the approval of the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services, as appropriate,] is attached to the articles of organization or unless the word "doctor" or "lawyer" or an abbreviation or derivative thereof is used in a context that clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of law or medicine;

- S 64. Clause (B) of subparagraph 5 of paragraph (a) of section 301 of the not-for-profit corporation law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1983 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 46 (B) Shall not contain any of the following words, or any abbreviation 47 or derivative thereof:

48	acceptance	fidelity	mortgage
49	annuity	finance	savings
50	assurance	guaranty	surety
51	bank	indemnity	title

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unless the approval of the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services, as appropriate,] is attached to the certificate of incorporation, or application for authority or amendment thereof; or that the word "doctor", "lawyer", or the phrase "state police" or "state trooper" or an abbreviation or derivation thereof, may be used in the name of a corporation the membership of which is composed exclusively of doctors, lawyers, state policemen or state troopers, respectively.

- S 65. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 3 of subdivision (a) of section 121-102 of the partnership law, as added by chapter 950 of the laws of 1990 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (B) may not contain the following words, or any abbreviation or derivative thereof:

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annuity
assurance
bank
benefit
bond
casualty
doctor
endowment
fidelity
finance

indemnity
insurance
investment
lawyer
loan
mortgage
savings
surety
title
trust
underwriter

guaranty unless the approval of the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services, as appropriate,] is attached to the certificate of limited partnership; or unless the word "doctor" or "lawyer" or an abbreviation or derivative thereof is used in a context which clearly denotes a purpose other than the practice of law or medicine

- S 66. Subdivision 4 of section 303 of the personal property law, as added by chapter 641 of the laws of 1984 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. As an alternative to the credit service charge provided for above, a retail seller may contract for in a retail instalment contract and charge, receive and collect a credit service charge calculated on the unpaid balances of an amount computed as provided in the second paragraph of subdivision one above, for the time outstanding according to a generally accepted actuarial method at rates that may vary from time to time and in accordance with the provisions of the contract. On any contract with a variable rate credit service charge made pursuant to this subdivision the rate shall be determined at regular intervals as set forth in the contract and in accordance with such regulations as the superintendent of financial services shall prescribe but said rate shall not vary more often than once in any three month period and shall be

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based on a published index that is (a) readily available, (b) independently verifiable, (c) beyond the control of the retail seller and (d) approved by the superintendent.

The superintendent [of financial services] shall adopt regulations with respect to retail installment contracts that provide for a variable rate of credit-service charge, including but not limited to: (a) providing for disclosure to the buyer by the retail seller of the circumstances under which the rate may increase, any limitations on the increase, the effect of an increase and an example of the payment terms that would result from an increase; (b) providing for disclosure to the buyer by the retail seller of a history of the fluctuations of the index over a reasonable period of time; and (c) providing for notice to the buyer by the retail seller prior to any rate increase or change in the terms of payment.

S 67. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 15 of the private housing finance law, as amended by chapter 990 of the laws of 1972 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(a) One or more banking organizations, foundations, labor unions, employers' associations, veterans' organizations, colleges, universities, educational institutions, child care institutions, hospitals, medical research institutes, insurance companies, trustees, fiduciaries or any combination of the foregoing, shall have the power to organize a company pursuant to the provisions of this article, and to purchase for cash or to receive and hold in exchange for property, and to bonds of a company and to invest, singly or jointly, or with the state or a municipality or the New York state housing finance agency or the York city housing development corporation in a bond or note and single participating mortgage, or in separate bonds or notes and mortgages, in an amount not greater than ninety-five per centum of the total project cost in the case of a mutual company, urban rental company or a non-profit company incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the notfor-profit corporation law and this article for the purpose of providing housing for staff members, employees or students of a college, university, child care institution, or hospital and their immediate families and the case of a non-profit company incorporated pursuant to the notfor-profit corporation law and this article for the purpose of providing housing for aged persons of low income or in the case of a low income non-profit housing company such investment shall not be greater than the total project cost. Where one or more banking organizations, foundations, labor unions, employers' associations, veterans' organizations, colleges, universities, educational institutions, child care institutions, hospitals, medical research institutes, insurance companies, trustees, fiduciaries, or the state or a municipality or the New York state housing finance agency or the New York city housing development corporation, shall participate in a loan to a company secured by a single participating mortgage or by separate mortgages, the interest of each shall have equal priority as to lien in proportion to the amount of loan so secured, but need not be equal as to interest rate, time or rate amortization or otherwise. Banking organizations, foundations, labor employers' associations, veterans' organizations, colleges, universities, educational institutions, child care institutions, hospitals, medical research institutes, insurance companies, trustees, fiduor groups thereof, may exercise any such power on such conditions, however, as to banking organizations[, as may be prescribed by the superintendent of financial services of the state department of

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financial services,] and as to insurance companies only to the extent and upon such conditions as may be authorized by the state superintendent of financial services. As used in this subdivision, the terms "trustees" and "fiduciaries" shall include any fiduciary or fiduciaries holding funds for investment, and the term "banking organizations" shall have the same meaning as in subdivision eleven of section two of the banking law.

- S 68. Subdivision 1 of section 30 of the private housing finance law, as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Notwithstanding any requirement of law to the contrary, every executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or other person, holding trust funds or acting in a fiduciary capacity, unless the instrument under which such fiduciary is acting expressly forbids, the state, its subdivisions, municipalities, all other public bodies, all public officers, persons, partnerships and corporations organized under and governed as investments by or pursuant to the provisions of the banking law or organized under or subject to the provisions of the insurance law, superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services] as conservator, liquidator or rehabilitator of person, partnership or corporation, owning or holding any real may grant, sell, lease or otherwise transfer any such real property to a company and receive and hold any cash, stock, bonds, notes, mortgages, or other securities or obligations, secured or unsecured, therefor by such company and may execute such instruments and do such acts as may be deemed necessary or desirable by them or it and by the company in connection with a project or projects. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, charter or ordinance, such grant, sale, lease or transfer may be made without public auction or bidding.
- S 69. Subdivision 2 of section 94 of the private housing finance law, as amended by chapter 23 of the laws of 1976 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, wherever it shall appear that a government, the New York state housing finance agency, the New York state urban development corporation, created by the New York state urban development corporation act, the New York city housing development corporation, Battery Park city authority, an organization or entity investing or participating in a loan pursuant to subdivision one of section fifteen of this chapter, or a corporation subject to the supervision [either] of the state department of financial services [or the state department of financial services], shall have loaned on a mortgage which is a lien upon any such property, government, New York state housing finance agency, New York state urban development corporation, New York city housing development corporation, Battery Park city authority, an organization or entity investing or participating in a loan pursuant to said section fifteen or a corporation subject to such supervision, or any trustee or trustees, or any successor trustee or trustees, for the benefit of any one or more of the aforesaid classes shall have all the remedies available to a mortgagee the state of New York, free from any restrictions under the laws of contained in this section except that the commissioner shall be made a party defendant and that the commissioner shall take all steps necessary to protect the interests of the public and no costs shall be awarded against him OR HER

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S 70. Subdivision 2 of section 122 of the private housing finance law, as amended by chapter 804 of the laws of 1981 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

- If an action be brought to foreclose a mortgage or tax lien upon a redevelopment project, heretofore or hereafter authorized pursuant to this article, and the real property constituting the project shall be acquired at the foreclosure sale or from the mortgagee or lienor that had acquired the property of such sale, or by a conveyance in lieu of such sale, by a redevelopment company organized pursuant to this article, or by the federal government or an instrumentality thereof, or by a corporation which is, or by agreement has become subject to the supervision of the superintendent of financial services [or the superintenof financial services], such successor in interest shall acquire such project subject to all provisions of the contract regulating such project and shall be entitled to all of the benefits contained in such contract. In all other cases of sale at foreclosure or forced sale, real property constituting the project or any portion or portions thereof shall be sold free of all restrictions, except such covenants running with the land as may be contained in the contract regulating the project, or in the deed, if any, given by the municipality to the redevelopment company affecting all or any portion of the real property upon which the project is situated, and the tax exemption, if any, theretofore granted to such project pursuant to such contract shall immediately terminate.
- S 71. Subdivision 1 of section 307 of the private housing finance law, as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. The members of such corporation shall consist of such banking organizations, insurance and surety companies, as may make application for membership in such corporation, and membership shall become effective upon the acceptance of such applications by the temporary board of directors or the permanent board of directors, as the case may be. member shall lend funds to the corporation as and when called upon by it do so, pursuant to subdivision two of this section [three hundred seven], but the total amount on loan by any member at any one time shall not exceed the following limits to be determined as of the date it became a member, and such amount shall thereafter be readjusted annually in the event of any change in the base of the loan limit of such member: commercial banks, industrial banks and trust companies, one per centum of capital and surplus; private bankers, one per centum of capital; savings banks, one per centum of surplus fund; savings and loan associations, one per centum of surplus; stock insurance companies, centum of capital and surplus; surety and casualty companies, one per centum of capital and surplus; mutual insurance companies, one per centum of guaranty funds or of surplus, whichever is applicable; and comparable limits for other banking, lending and insurance organizations, as established by the board of directors; provided, however, that total amount on loan by any member at any one time shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars; provided, however, that in the case banking organizations[, the superintendent of financial services,] and in the case of insurance and surety companies[,] the superintendent financial services[,] may authorize a member to lend to the corporation an amount in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars. limits shall be established at the thousand dollar nearest to the amount computed on an actual basis. All calls of funds which members

are committed to lend to such corporation shall be prorated by such corporation among the members in the same proportion that the maximum loan limit of each bears to the aggregate loan limits of all members of such corporation. Upon six months' prior written notice to the board of directors, a member of such corporation may withdraw from membership, effective at the end of such six-month period and, after the effective date of such withdrawal, such member shall be free of obligations hereunder except those accrued or committed by such corporation prior to such effective date of withdrawal. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general or special, the notes or other interest-bearing obligations of such corporation, issued in accordance with and by virtue of this article and the by-laws of such corporation, shall be legal investments for the banking, insurance and surety organizations who become members of such corporations, up to but in no event exceeding the loan limits established herein.

- 72. Section 311 of the private housing finance law, as amended by chapter 891 of the laws of 1971 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows: S 311. Examination. At least once in each calendar year the corporation shall be examined by [either] the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services] for the of determining the corporation's net worth and the soundness of its management and operating policies. [The examination is to be made by the superintendant of financial services in alternate years commencing with the examination for the year ending October thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-one, and by the superintendent of financial services alternate years commencing with the examination for the year ending October thirty-first, nineteen hundred seventy-two.] The corporation shall not, however, be deemed to be a banking or insurance organization. The corporation shall pay the cost of each such examination. Copies of each examination report, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the examiners, shall be furnished to the corporation. The corporation shall furnish copies of each report, including the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the examiners, to each of the holders its capital stock and to its members. Such corporation shall make an annual report of its condition to the governor, legislature[, of financial services] and superintendent of financial services on or before January first of each year.
- S 73. Subdivision 2 of section 407 of the private housing finance law, as added by chapter 499 of the laws of 1970 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 2. Banking institutions AND INSURANCE COMPANIES may exercise such power on such conditions as may be prescribed OR AUTHORIZED by the superintendent of financial services [of the state department of financial services and insurance companies may exercise such power only to the extent and on such conditions as may be authorized by the state superintendent of financial services].
- S 74. Section 454 of the private housing finance law, as added by chapter 862 of the laws of 1973 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 454. Servicing of municipal loans by banking institutions. The municipality is authorized to make provision, either in the loan agreement or by separate agreement, for the performance by one or more banking institutions of such services as are generally performed by any such bank itself owning and holding such a loan and as may be approved by the

superintendent of financial services [of the state department of financial services], for which services a bank may make and collect such service charges as the superintendent [of financial services] shall prescribe or approve.

- S 75. Subdivision 1 of section 474 of the private housing finance law, as added by chapter 786 of the laws of 1987 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. The agency is authorized to make provision in the note and loan agreement or by separate agreement for the performance by one or more banking institutions of such services as are generally performed by any such bank itself owning and holding such a loan and as may be approved by the superintendent of financial services [of the state department of financial services] for which services a bank may make and collect such service charges as the superintendent [of financial services] shall prescribe or approve.
- S 76. Subdivision 7 of section 802 of the private housing finance law, as added by chapter 822 of the laws of 1976 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 7. Banking organizations [may exercise such power on such conditions as may be prescribed by the superintendent of financial services of the state department of financial services,] and insurance companies may exercise such power only to the extent and on such conditions as may be authorized by the state superintendent of financial services.
- S 77. Subdivision 1 of section 1835-b of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 1990 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. To prescribe standards and criteria for the granting of applications for loans to lenders and for the making of loans for agricultural business projects, which standards and criteria shall implement the intent and purposes of this subtitle. In developing such standards and criteria the authority shall consult with the superintendent of financial services [and superintendent of financial services] regarding the qualifications of lenders and with the commissioner of agriculture and markets and the commissioner of economic development regarding the standards and criteria for the making of loans for business projects.
- S 78. Subdivision 3 of section 4602 of the public health law, as added by chapter 401 of the laws of 2003 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. The council shall establish guidelines under which the commissioner[, with the advice and consent of the superintendent of financial services,] is authorized to approve or reject any proposed refinancing, if the council has already approved an application pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision two of this section.
- S 79. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 73 of the public officers law, as amended by chapter 813 of the laws of 1987 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (e) The term "regulatory agency" shall mean the department of financial services, [department of financial services,] state liquor authority, department of agriculture and markets, department of education, department of environmental conservation, department of health, division of housing and community renewal, department of state, other than the

division of corporations and state records, department of public service, the industrial board of appeals in the department of labor and the department of law, other than when the attorney general or his agents or employees are performing duties specified in section sixty-three of the executive law.

- S 80. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 3-a of section 265-b of the real property law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 as added by chapter 472 of the laws of 2008, paragraph (a) of subdivision 3-a as added by chapter 553 of the laws of 2010 and such subdivisions as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended, and a new subdivision 5 is added to read as follows:
 - (a) A distressed property consulting contract shall:
 - (i) contain the entire agreement of the parties;
- (ii) be provided in writing to the homeowner for review before signing;
- (iii) be printed in at least twelve point type and written in the same language that is used by the homeowner and was used in discussions between the consultant and the homeowner to describe the consultant's services or to negotiate the contract;
- (iv) fully disclose the exact nature of the distressed property consulting services to be provided by the distressed property consultant or anyone working in association with the distressed property consultant;
- (v) fully disclose the total amount and terms of compensation for such consulting services;
- (vi) contain the name, business address and telephone number of the consultant and the street address (if different) and facsimile number or email address of the distressed property consultant where communications from the homeowner may be delivered;
- (vii) be dated and personally signed by the homeowner and the distressed property consultant and be witnessed and acknowledged by a New York notary public; and
- (viii) contain the following notice, which shall be printed in at least fourteen point boldface type, completed with the name of the distressed property consultant, and located in immediate proximity to the space reserved for the homeowner's signature:

"NOTICE REQUIRED BY NEW YORK LAW

You may cancel this contract, without any penalty or obligation, at any time before midnight of (fifth business day after execution).

(Name of Distressed Property Consultant) (the "Consultant") or anyone working for the Consultant may not take any money from you or ask you for money until the Consultant has completely finished doing everything this Contract says the Consultant will do.

You should consider consulting an attorney or a government-approved housing counselor before signing any legal document concerning your home. It is advisable that you find your own attorney, and not consult with an attorney recommended or provided to you by the Consultant. A list of housing counselors may be found on the website of the New York State Department of Financial Services, [www.banking.state.ny.us] (ENTER WEB ADDRESS) or by calling the Department of Financial Services tollfree at [1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697)] (ENTER NUMBER). The law requires that this contract contain the entire agreement between you and the Consultant. You should not rely upon any other written or oral agreement or promise."

The distressed property consultant shall accurately enter the date on which the right to cancel ends.

- All advertisements disseminated by a distressed property consultant must prominently include the following statement: "In New York State, Housing Counselors, who are approved by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development or the New York State Department of cial Services, may provide the same or similar services as a distressed property consultant for free. A list of approved Housing Counselors found on the New York State Department of Financial Services website at [www.banking.state.ny.us] (ENTER WEB ADDRESS) or by contacting State Department of Financial Services [1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697)] (ENTER NUMBER). You should consider consulting an attorney or a government-approved housing counselor before signing any legal document concerning a distressed property consultant." Such statement, if disseminated by print media or the internet, shall be clearly and legibly printed or displayed in not less than twelve-point bold type, or, if the advertisement is printed to be displayed in print that is smaller than twelve point, in bold type print that is no smaller than the print in which the text of the advertisement is printed or displayed.
- 5. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES SHALL PRESCRIBE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEB ADDRESS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE.
- S 81. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 of section 280 of the real property law is REPEALED, and paragraph (f) of subdivision 1, as added by chapter 613 of the laws of 1993 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) Superintendent of financial services. The superintendent established pursuant to section [thirteen] TWO HUNDRED TWO of the [banking] FINANCIAL SERVICES law.
- S 82. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 1 of section 280-a of the real property law is REPEALED, and paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 as added by chapter 613 of the laws of 1993 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) Superintendent of financial services. The superintendent established pursuant to section [thirteen] TWO HUNDRED TWO of the [banking] FINANCIAL SERVICES law.
- S 83. Subdivision 5 of section 1303 of the real property actions and proceedings law, as amended by chapter 358 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
- 5. The notice required by paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall appear as follows:

Notice to Tenants of Buildings in Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we provide you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully.

We, (name of foreclosing party), are the foreclosing party and are located at (foreclosing party's address). We can be reached at (foreclosing party's telephone number).

The dwelling where your apartment is located is the subject of a fore-closure proceeding. If you have a lease, are not the owner of the residence, and the lease requires payment of rent that at the time it was entered into was not substantially less than the fair market rent for the property, you may be entitled to remain in occupancy for the remainder of your lease term. If you do not have a lease, you will be entitled to remain in your home until ninety days after any person or entity who acquires title to the property provides you with a notice as required by section 1305 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law. The

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53 54 55 notice shall provide information regarding the name and address of the new owner and your rights to remain in your home. These rights are addition to any others you may have if you are a subsidized tenant under state or local law or if you are a tenant subject to rent control, rent stabilization or a federal statutory scheme.

ALL RENT-STABILIZED TENANTS AND RENT-CONTROLLED TENANTS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE RENT REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO EVICTION AND LEASE RENEWALS. THESE RIGHTS ARE UNAFFECTED BY A BUILDING ENTERING FORECLOSURE THE TENANTS IN RENT-STABILIZED AND RENT-CONTROLLED BUILDINGS CONTINUE TO BE AFFORDED THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION EVEN THOUGH THE BUILDING IS THE FORECLOSURE. EVICTIONS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN NEW YORK STATE PURSUANT TO A COURT ORDER AND AFTER A FULL HEARING IN COURT.

If you need further information, please call the New York State [Banking Department's] DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES' toll-free helpline at [1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697)] (ENTER NUMBER) or visit the Department's website at [http://www.banking.state.ny.us] (ENTER WEB ADDRESS).

- Subdivision 1 of section 1304 of the real property actions and proceedings law, as amended by chapter 507 of the laws of 2009 further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new subdivision 6 is added to read as follows:
- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with regard to a home loan, at least ninety days before a lender, an assignee or a mortgage loan servicer commences legal action against the borrower, including mortgage foreclosure, such lender, assignee or mortgage loan servicer shall give notice to the borrower in at least fourteen-point type which shall include the following:

"YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTICE CAREFULLY"

_, your home loan is ___ days in default. Under New York State Law, we are required to send you this notice to inform you that you are at risk of losing your home. You can cure this default by making the payment of _____ dollars by _

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, you should know that there are several options available to you that may help you keep your home. Attached to this notice is a list of government approved housing counseling agencies in your area which provide free or very low-cost counseling. You should consider contacting one of these agencies immediately. These agencies specialize in helping homeowners who are facing financial difficulty. Housing counselors can help you assess your financial condition and work with us to explore the possibility of modifying your loan, establishing an easier payment plan for you, or even working out a period of loan forbearance. If you wish, you may also contact us directly at _____ and ask to discuss possible options.

While we cannot assure that a mutually agreeable resolution is possible, we encourage you to take immediate steps to try to achieve a resol-The longer you wait, the fewer options you may have. ution.

matter is not resolved within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or if you cease to live in the dwelling as your primary residence.)

If you need further information, please call the New York State Department of Financial Services' toll-free helpline at [1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697)] (SHOW NUMBER) or visit the Department's website at [http://www.banking.state.ny.us] (SHOW WEB ADDRESS)".
6. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES SHALL PRESCRIBE THE

NUMBER AND WEB ADDRESS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE.

- S 85. Subdivision 1 of section 1304 of the real property actions and proceedings law, as added by chapter 472 of the laws of 2008 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended and a new subdivision 6 is added to read as follows:
- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with regard to a high-cost home loan, as such term is defined in section six-l of the banking law, a subprime home loan or a non-traditional home loan, at least nine-ty days before a lender or a mortgage loan servicer commences legal action against the borrower, including mortgage foreclosure, the lender or mortgage loan servicer shall give notice to the borrower in at least fourteen-point type which shall include the following:

"YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTICE CAREFULLY"

"As of ____, your home loan is ____ days in default. Under New York State Law, we are required to send you this notice to inform you that you are at risk of losing your home. You can cure this default by making the payment of _____ dollars by ____.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, you should know that there are several options available to you that may help you keep your home. Attached to this notice is a list of government approved housing counseling agencies in your area which provide free or very low-cost counseling. You should consider contacting one of these agencies immediately. These agencies specialize in helping homeowners who are facing financial difficulty. Housing counselors can help you assess your financial condition and work with us to explore the possibility of modifying your loan, establishing an easier payment plan for you, or even working out a period of loan forbearance. If you wish, you may also contact us directly at _____ and ask to discuss possible options.

While we cannot assure that a mutually agreeable resolution is possible, we encourage you to take immediate steps to try to achieve a resolution. The longer you wait, the fewer options you may have.

If this matter is not resolved within 90 days from the date this notice was mailed, we may commence legal action against you (or sooner if you cease to live in the dwelling as your primary residence.)

If you need further information, please call the New York State Department of Financial Services' toll-free helpline at [1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697)] (SHOW NUMBER) or visit the Department's website at [http://www.banking.state.ny.us] (SHOW WEB ADDRESS)".

- 6. THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES SHALL PRESCRIBE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEB ADDRESS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICE.
- S 86. Subdivision 3 of section 953 of the real property tax law, as added by chapter 440 of the laws of 1989 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. Every mortgage investing institution shall deposit funds from a real property tax escrow account of a mortgagor in a banking institution whose deposits are insured by a federal agency or a licensed branch of a foreign banking corporation whose deposits are insured by a federal agency. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, the superintendent of financial services shall have the power[, by a three-fifths vote of all its members,] to exempt from the requirements of this subdivision any banking organization which does not receive deposits or share accounts from the general public.
- S 87. Paragraph a of subdivision 8 of section 5 of the state finance law, as amended by chapter 201 of the laws of 1997 and as further

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amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

"financial organization" shall mean an organization The term authorized to do business in the state of New York and (A) which is authorized fiduciary to act as a trustee pursuant to the provisions of an act of congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act as such provisions may be amended from time to time, or an insurance company; and (B) (i) is licensed or chartered by the state departof financial services, (ii) [is licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services, (iii)] is chartered by an agency federal government, [(iv)] (III) is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the securities and exchange commission of the government, or [(v)] (IV) is any other entity otherwise authorized to act in this state as a trustee pursuant to the provisions of an act congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" as such provisions may be amended from time to time.

S 88. Section 14 of the state finance law, the closing paragraph as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

S 14. Departmental statements. In addition to the annual department reports prescribed by law, the head of each department of the state, on or before the fifteenth day of October in each year, shall submit to the governor a statement of the sources, amounts and disposition of all money received by such department, its divisions, bureaus or officers for the preceding fiscal year other than money appropriated for department by the legislature or money [which] THAT was paid by such department into the treasury. Such statement shall include a description of the nature and the amount of each fund, if any, then under the supervision or control of such department or the head thereof or under supervision or control of any division, bureau, commission, board or other organization therein or under the supervision or control of head or any other officer of such division, bureau, commission, board or organization, which was derived from any source whether or not deposited the treasury, a citation of the statute authorizing the creation or establishment of each such fund and the nature and amount of payments made therefrom during the preceding fiscal year. The director of the budget in the executive department shall make rules, which shall approved by the governor, regulating the form and contents of such statements. Copies of such statements shall be simultaneously furnished the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee for their information.

The governor, in such form and with such explanation as [he] THE GOVERNOR may desire, shall transmit to the legislature, with the annual budget, a recapitulation or summary of the information contained in such statements arranged under appropriate headings for each department. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any funds received by the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services] in a fiduciary capacity or to the state teachers' retirement fund, or any state employees' retirement and pension fund, but such exemption from the application of this section shall not affect any other provision of law requiring a report or statement of such funds.

S 89. Section 106 of the state finance law, the second undesignated paragraph as amended by chapter 293 of the laws of 1992, subdivision B and the closing paragraph as amended by chapter 583 of the laws of 1941, subdivision C as added by chapter 551 of the laws of 2010, and the clos-

ing paragraph as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

S 106. Deposit of moneys by state officers, state institutions and charitable and benevolent institutions. Such moneys received by the commissioner of taxation and finance as are now deposited to the credit of the comptroller pursuant to statute, and thereafter paid into the state treasury, shall be deposited by him OR HER to the credit of the comptroller in such bank or trust company as shall be designated by the comptroller at such rate of interest, if any, as shall be agreed upon by the depositary and the comptroller.

All other moneys received by the commissioner of taxation and finance except as provided in section one hundred five of this article and all moneys received by any other state officer or other person receiving moneys belonging to the state, or for which such state officer or other person may be responsible in his OR HER official capacity, and all moneys received by any state institution, except for moneys received pursuant to a clinical practice plan established pursuant to subdivision fourteen of section two hundred six of the public health law and all moneys received from the state by any charitable or benevolent institution supported in whole or in part by the state, shall be deposited to his, HER, or its credit in such bank or trust company as shall be designated by the comptroller at such rate of interest, if any, as shall be agreed upon by the depositary and the comptroller.

Every bank or trust company designated by the comptroller for the deposit of any such moneys

- A. Shall give a bond with sufficient sureties for the security of such deposit, to be approved by the comptroller and filed in his OR HER office,
- shall, in lieu of such surety bond, with the permission of the comptroller deposit with the comptroller such outstanding unmatured bonds or notes or such certified check or checks as are described in section one hundred five of this article. The comptroller may, in his OR HER discretion, accept and substitute for any surety bond or undertaking given, pursuant to this section, a bond or undertaking in such form and with other surety or sureties, or other security as required by this section, for such sums as may be prescribed and approved by the comptroller for the safe keeping and prompt payment of such moneys on legal demand therefor with interest, if any, and the comptroller may thereupon execute and deliver to the surety or sureties, upon the former bond or a release of such surety or sureties from any liability undertaking, accruing subsequent to the date of such release. Such release shall not relieve such surety or sureties from any obligation for losses incurred prior to the date thereof. On the withdrawal of all moneys from any such depository and a closing and settlement of the account thereof, comptroller may in his OR HER discretion certify to such settlement and release to the obligor or owner or owners entitled thereto, of such surety bond, undertaking, certified check or checks, or other security deposited with him OR HER.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the comptroller shall not designate for the deposit of moneys by state officers, state institutions and charitable and benevolent institutions supported in whole or in part by the state a banking institution to which the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, United States P.L. 95-128, applies unless such institution shall have received a record of performance no lower than "satisfactory" as determined under such act in accordance with section twenty-eight-b of the banking law.

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This section shall not apply to any funds held by the superintendent of financial services [or the superintendent of financial services] in a fiduciary capacity.

- S 90. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 201 of the state finance law, as amended by chapter 233 of the laws of 1992 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:
- Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, where, and to the extent that, an agreement between the state and an employee organization pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law authorizes participation in an individual retirement account plan by employees covered by 12 such agreement, the comptroller, after receipt of written directions 13 from the director of employee relations where such agreement covers 14 employees in the executive branch or from the chief administrator of the 15 courts where such agreement covers employees in the judicial branch, is authorized to deduct from the salary of any employee covered by such an agreement an amount [which] THAT the employee may specify in writing 17 filed in a manner determined by the comptroller for contribution to such plan in accordance with the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-34) and transmit deductions so withheld to the financial organization issuing such plan in accordance with the provisions of such agreement. For the purposes of this subdivision, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the comptroller, the term "financial organization" shall mean an organization authorized to do business in the state 24 of New York and which is an authorized fiduciary to act as a trustee under an individual retirement account plan established pursuant to the provisions of an act of congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income 27 Security Act of 1974" as such provisions may be amended from time to 29 time, and (i) is licensed or chartered by the state department of finan-30 cial services, (ii) [is licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services, (iii)] is chartered by an agency of the federal 31 government, [(iv)] (III) is subject to the jurisdiction and regulation 33 of the securities and exchange commission of the federal government, [(v)] (IV) is any other entity otherwise authorized to act in this state as a trustee of an individual retirement account plan established pursuto the provisions of an act of congress entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" as such provisions may be amended from time to time; provided, however, that any contributions made pursuant to this section shall be made to a financial organization whose offices are 37 located in this state. Any such written authorization may be withdrawn the employee at any time upon filing written notice of such withdrawal in a manner determined by the comptroller or such deduction may be terminated on notice to the comptroller by the financial organization in accordance with the terms of such plan. Notwithstanding this subdivision, an organization defined by subdivision nine of section two of the banking law or a credit union chartered by the United States and having its principal office in the state of New York and which is otherwise entitled under this section to receive payments deducted from the salary of a state employee shall have the right to, and continue to have the right to, receive such payments for the purpose of individual retirement account plans offered by such organizations.
 - Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, where, and to the extent that, an agreement between the state and an employee organization entered into pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service provides on behalf of employees in the collective negotiating unit designated as the professional services negotiating unit established

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pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law authorizes participation in an annuity contract by employees covered by such agreement, 3 the comptroller, after receipt of written directions from the employee relations, is authorized to deduct from the salary of any employee covered by such an agreement an amount [which] THAT the employ-5 6 ee may specify in writing filed in a manner determined by the 7 troller for contribution to such plan or plans in accordance with 8 section four hundred three (b) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC S 9 403(b)) and transmit deductions so withheld to the financial organiza-10 organizations issuing such plan in accordance with tion or 11 provisions of such agreement. For the purposes of this subdivision, subject to the rules and regulations promulgated by the comptroller, the 12 13 term "financial organization" shall mean an organization authorized to 14 business in the state of New York and which (i) is licensed or char-15 tered by the state department of financial services, (ii) [is 16 chartered by the state department of financial services, (iii)] is 17 chartered by an agency of the federal government, or [(iv)] (III) is 18 subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the securities and 19 exchange commission of the federal government; provided, however, that any contribution made pursuant to this section shall be made to a finan-20 cial organization whose offices are located in this state. Any such 21 22 written authorization may be withdrawn by the employee at any time upon 23 filing written notice of such withdrawal in a manner determined by the 24 comptroller or such deduction may be terminated on notice to the comp-25 troller by the financial organization in accordance with the terms of 26 such plan. 27

S 91. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 208 of the state finance law, as added by chapter 460 of the laws of 1982 and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

b. The term "financial organization" as used in this section shall mean an organization [which] THAT is authorized to do business in the state of New York, and is licensed or chartered by the state department of financial services [or the state department of financial services], is chartered by an agency of the federal government, or is subject to the jurisdiction of the securities and exchange commission.

S 92. Section 94 of article 7 of chapter 784 of the laws of 1951 constituting the defense emergency act of 1951 is REPEALED.

S 93. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph 3 of subdivision (e) of section 1120 of the insurance law made by section fifty-eight of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to chapter 2 of the laws of 1998, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section fifty-nine of this act shall take effect; and provided, further, that the amendments to section 1304 of the real property actions and proceedings law made by section eighty-four of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdivision when upon such date the provisions of section eighty-five of this act shall take effect.