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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS -- (at request of the Banking Department)
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Banks

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to bank holding companies, to simplify and streamline the application of the bank holding company provisions and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 141 of the banking law, as added by chapter 146 of
2 the laws of 1961, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of
3 1984, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 119 of the laws of 1973,
4 subdivisions 3, 5 and 6 as amended by chapter 950 of the laws of 1969
5 and subdivision 8 as added by chapter 417 of the laws of 1982, is
6 amended to read as follows:
7 S 141. Definitions. 1. "Banking institution," when used in this arti-
8 cle, means a bank, a trust company [or a national banking association,
9 the principal office of which institution is located in this state.
10 Unless otherwise provided by any provision of this article, or unless
11 the context requires otherwise, the term "banking institution" shall
12 also mean], a stock-form savings bank or a stock-form savings and loan
13 association[, the principal office of which institution is located in
14 this state].
15 2. "Company," when used in this article, means any corporation, part-
16 nership, trust, unincorporated association, joint stock association or
17 similar organization organized under the laws of the state of New York,
18 or if not so organized, doing business in the state of New York, or any
19 individual residing or doing business in the state of New York, or any
20 combination of individuals which combination is residing or is doing
21 business in the state of New York, any combination of the foregoing
22 which combination is residing or is doing business in the state of New
23 York, or any such individual and any of the foregoing acting in concert,
24 but shall not include (a) any corporation the majority of the stock of
25 which is owned by the United States or by any state UNLESS THE SUPER-
26 INTENDENT DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DEEM

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 SUCH A CORPORATION TO CONSTITUTE A COMPANY, or (b) any corporation or
2 community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively
3 for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, no part of the net
4 earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or
5 individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is the
6 carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legis-
7 lation UNLESS THE SUPERINTENDENT DETERMINES THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE
8 PUBLIC INTEREST TO DEEM SUCH A CORPORATION, COMMUNITY CHEST, FUND, OR
9 FOUNDATION TO CONSTITUTE A COMPANY, or (c) any corporation or partner-
10 ship owning or controlling stock acquired in connection with an under-
11 writing of securities and which is held only for such period of time as
12 will permit the sale thereof upon a reasonable basis.

13 3. "Bank holding company," when used in this article, means any compa-
14 ny which (a) directly or indirectly, or through a subsidiary or subsid-
15 iaries, owns, controls, or holds with power to vote (i) [more than] ten
16 per centum OR MORE of the voting stock of a company which is or becomes
17 a bank holding company by virtue of this article, or (ii) ten per centum
18 or more of the voting stock of [each of two or more] A banking [insti-
19 tutions] INSTITUTION, [or (iii) if such company is a banking institu-
20 tion, more than ten per centum of the voting stock of any one banking
21 institution,] or (b) controls in any manner the election of a majority
22 of the directors of (i) [each of two or more] A banking [institutions]
23 INSTITUTION, OR (ii) a company which is or becomes a bank holding compa-
24 ny by virtue of this article, [or (iii) if such company is a banking
25 institution, another banking institution,] or (c) is a company, [if such
26 company is not a banking institution,] for the benefit of whose stock-
27 holders or members ten per centum or more of the voting stock of [each
28 of two or more] A banking [institutions] INSTITUTION or of a company
29 which is or becomes a bank holding company by virtue of this article is
30 held, directly or indirectly, by a trustee or trustees, or (d) [is a
31 company for the benefit of whose stockholders or members, if such compa-
32 ny is a banking institution, ten per centum or more of the voting stock
33 of any other banking institution, or ten per centum or more of the
34 voting stock of any company which is or becomes a bank holding company
35 by virtue of this article, is hereafter acquired and held by a trustee
36 or trustees, or (e)] through a combination of (i) ownership, control or
37 holding, directly or indirectly, of voting stock and (ii) voting stock
38 [hereinafter acquired] and held, directly or indirectly, by a trustee or
39 trustees for the benefit of the members or stockholders of such company,
40 if such voting stock is voting stock of one or more banking institutions
41 or of one of more companies which are or become bank holding companies
42 by virtue of this article, as the case may be, is a company which would
43 be a bank holding company if the aggregate of such voting stock were
44 either entirely owned, controlled or held, directly or indirectly, by
45 such company or entirely held, directly or indirectly, by a trustee or
46 trustees for the benefit of the members or stockholders of such company.
47 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no company shall be a bank holding compa-
48 ny by virtue of its ownership or control of EITHER stock ACQUIRED in a
49 fiduciary capacity, except where such stock is held for the benefit of
50 the stockholders or members of such company[, nor shall any]; OR VOTING
51 RIGHTS OF STOCK ACQUIRED IN THE COURT OF A PROXY SOLICITATION BY A
52 company formed and operated for the sole purpose of participating in [a]
53 proxy [solicitation be a bank holding company] SOLICITATIONS by virtue
54 of its control of voting rights of stock in any banking institution or
55 bank holding company acquired in the course of such [solicitation]
56 SOLICITATIONS.

1 4. [The term "successor" shall include any company which acquired,
2 directly or indirectly, from a bank holding company, stock of any bank-
3 ing institution, when and if the relationship between such company and
4 the bank holding company is such that the transaction effects no
5 substantial change in the control of the banking institution or benefi-
6 cial ownership of the stock thereof. The banking board may, by regu-
7 lation adopted by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof,
8 further define the term "successor" to the extent necessary to effectuate,
9 or to prevent evasion of, the purposes of this article.

10 5.] "Subsidiary," when used in this article, means (a) any company ten
11 per centum or more of whose voting stock is directly or indirectly, or
12 through a subsidiary or subsidiaries, owned, controlled, or held with
13 power to vote, by a bank holding company; or (b) any company the
14 election of a majority of whose directors is controlled in any manner by
15 a bank holding company; or (c) any company ten per centum or more of
16 whose voting stock is directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or held
17 with power to vote, by a trustee or trustees for the benefit of the
18 stockholders or members of a bank holding company; or (d) any company at
19 least ten per centum of the voting stock of which is directly or indi-
20 rectly, or through a subsidiary or subsidiaries, owned, controlled or
21 held with power to vote by a combination of a bank holding company and
22 by a trustee or trustees for the benefit of the stockholders or members
23 of such bank holding company. For purposes of this subdivision [five],
24 voting stock shall not be deemed to include voting stock owned by the
25 United States or by any company wholly owned by the United States. Any
26 company having any of the relationships with a bank holding company
27 described in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this subdivision [five]
28 shall be deemed to be a subsidiary of such bank holding company.

29 [6.] 5. "Doing business," when used in this article, shall include
30 the maintenance by a foreign company of [its principal] A place of busi-
31 ness in this state, or the conduct by a foreign company of operations in
32 this state, or the acquisition, owning or holding by a foreign company
33 of any stock or assets of any banking institution or any company which
34 directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds with power to vote ten
35 per centum or more of the voting stock of a banking institution.

36 [7.] 6. "Banking subsidiary," when used in this article, means a
37 subsidiary that is a banking institution, and a "non-banking subsidiary"
38 means a subsidiary that is not a banking institution.

39 [8. "Out-of-state bank holding company", when used in this article,
40 means a bank holding company as defined in Title twelve United States
41 Code Section 1841 which conducted its principal banking business in a
42 state other than this state or in the District of Columbia on July
43 first, nineteen hundred sixty-six or the date on which such company
44 became a bank holding company, whichever was the last to occur. The
45 jurisdiction in which an out-of-state bank holding company conducts its
46 principal banking business is that state or the District of Columbia in
47 which the total deposits of such company and its banking subsidiaries
48 are largest.]

49 S 2. Section 142 of the banking law, as added by chapter 146 of the
50 laws of 1961, subdivision 1 as amended by section 18 of part 0 of chap-
51 ter 59 of the laws of 2006, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 702 of
52 the laws of 2006 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 as amended by chap-
53 ter 256 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

54 S 142. Limitations on, and regulation of, bank holding companies. 1.
55 [It shall be unlawful except with the prior approval of the banking
56 board by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof (a) for any

1 action to be taken that causes any company to become a bank holding
2 company; (b) for any action to be taken that causes a banking institu-
3 tion to become, or to be merged or consolidated with, a subsidiary of a
4 bank holding company; (c) for any bank holding company, or for any trus-
5 tee or trustees acting for the benefit of the stockholders or members of
6 any bank holding company, to acquire direct or indirect ownership or
7 control of any voting stock of any banking institution if, after such
8 acquisition, such company or such trustee or trustees or both will
9 directly or indirectly own, control or hold more than five per centum of
10 the voting stock of such banking institution; (d) for any bank holding
11 company or subsidiary thereof to acquire all or substantially all of the
12 assets of a banking institution; or (e) for any bank holding company to
13 merge or consolidate with another bank holding company. For the purposes
14 of this section, the term "bank holding company" shall be deemed to
15 include any successor thereof. Any company desiring to take any action
16 requiring approval under this subdivision shall submit an application
17 therefor, in writing, to the superintendent and pay to the superinten-
18 dent an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a
19 of this chapter to the superintendent. If such action includes the
20 acquisition of all the capital stock of one or more corporations organ-
21 ized under or subject to the provisions of article three, six or ten of
22 this chapter, there shall be submitted in duplicate together with such
23 application a written plan of acquisition of such stock in a form satis-
24 factory to the superintendent and containing the information required by
25 subdivision one of section one hundred forty-three-a of this article and
26 a certificate which complies with the provisions of subdivision two of
27 said section one hundred forty-three-a. Upon receipt of such applica-
28 tion, the superintendent shall post notice of the receipt thereof upon
29 the bulletin board of the banking department. The superintendent shall
30 submit such application together with his or her recommendations in
31 regard thereto and all papers, correspondence and other information in
32 his or her possession and relating thereto, to the banking board which
33 shall by order grant or deny the application and shall state the reasons
34 for such grant or denial. An order granting such application may be made
35 only by three-fifths vote of all the members thereof. An order shall be
36 issued within one hundred twenty days after the date of the submission
37 of the application to the superintendent and a copy thereof shall be
38 posted upon the bulletin board of the banking department. In determining
39 whether or not to approve any such application, the banking board shall
40 take into consideration (i) the declaration of policy contained in
41 section ten of this chapter, (ii) whether the effect of such action
42 shall be either to result in the formation of a bank holding company or
43 to expand the size or extent of the resulting or acquiring bank holding
44 company beyond limits consistent with adequate or sound banking and the
45 preservation thereof, or result in a concentration of assets beyond
46 limits consistent with effective competition, (iii) whether such forma-
47 tion, merger, consolidation or acquisition may result in such a lessen-
48 ing of competition as to be injurious to the interest of the public or
49 tend toward monopoly, and (iv) primarily, the public interest and the
50 needs and convenience thereof.

51 2. The limitations in subdivision one of this section and the
52 provisions of section one hundred forty-three-b of this article shall
53 not apply to (a) stock acquired by a banking institution in good faith
54 in a fiduciary capacity, except where such stock is held for the benefit
55 of the stockholders of such banking institutions, or (b) stock acquired
56 by a banking institution in settlement or reduction of a loan, or

1 advance of credit, or in exchange for an investment previously made in
2 good faith and in the ordinary course of business, where such acquisi-
3 tion of stock is necessary in order to minimize or avoid loss in
4 connection with any such loan, advance of credit, or investment previ-
5 ously made in good faith and in the ordinary course of business, but any
6 stock so acquired after the effective date of this act shall be disposed
7 of within a period of two years from the date upon which it was acquired
8 unless the superintendent shall authorize such banking institution, in
9 writing, to hold such stock for a longer period, or (c) additional stock
10 acquired by a bank holding company or a subsidiary thereof in a banking
11 institution in which such bank holding company or subsidiary owned or
12 controlled ten per centum of the voting stock prior to such acquisition,
13 or (d) stock dividends, stock splits or additional stock acquired by a
14 bank holding company, or by any subsidiary thereof, in the exercise of
15 its pre-emptive right as a stockholder, (e) any merger or consolidation
16 between banking institutions that are subsidiaries of the same bank
17 holding company, or any acquisition by a banking institution of all or
18 substantially all of the assets of another banking institution that is a
19 subsidiary of the same bank holding company, or, (f) for a period of six
20 months from the date of qualification thereof and for such additional
21 period of time as the superintendent may prescribe in writing, the
22 acquisition of control of a banking institution or bank holding company
23 by a legal representative. For purposes of this subdivision, "legal
24 representative" shall have the same meaning as prescribed in subdivision
25 five of section one hundred forty-three-b of this article.

26 3. (a)] It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to borrow,
27 directly or indirectly, any money or property for the purpose of enabl-
28 ing such person to pay for or to hold shares of stock of a bank holding
29 company from any subsidiary of such bank holding company, unless such
30 borrowing is made upon security having an ascertained market value of at
31 least fifteen per centum more than the amount thereof. Any person know-
32 ingly violating the provisions of this [paragraph (a) of this] subdivi-
33 sion [three] shall, for each offense, forfeit to the people of the state
34 twice the amount of such borrowing.

35 [(b)] 2. Except in conformity with such rules and regulations as may
36 be promulgated by the superintendent, it shall be unlawful for any exec-
37 utive officer or director of a bank holding company to borrow any sum of
38 money from any subsidiary of such bank holding company. Every executive
39 officer or director of such bank holding company violating the
40 provisions of this [paragraph] SUBDIVISION shall, for each offense,
41 forfeit to the people of the state twice the amount of such borrowing or
42 borrowings.

43 S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 142-a of the banking law is REPEALED and
44 subdivisions 3 and 4, as added by chapter 380 of the laws of 1971 and as
45 renumbered by chapter 9 of the laws of 1996, are amended to read as
46 follows:

47 [3.] 2. As used in this section, the term "control" means the
48 possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the
49 direction of the management and policies of a banking institution,
50 whether through the ownership of voting stock of such banking institu-
51 tion, the ownership of voting stock of any company which possesses such
52 power or otherwise. Control shall be presumed to exist if any company,
53 directly or indirectly, owns, controls or holds with the power to vote
54 ten per centum or more of the voting stock of any banking institution or
55 of any company which owns, controls or holds with power to vote ten
56 [percentum] PERCENT or more of the voting stock of such banking institu-

tion, but no person shall be deemed to control a banking institution solely by reason of his being an officer or director of such banking institution or company. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERMS "BANK HOLDING COMPANY" AND "BANKING INSTITUTION" SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE OF THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT THAT THE DEFINITION OF "BANK HOLDING COMPANY" IS MODIFIED TO CHANGE THE PHRASE "A BANKING INSTITUTION" WHEREVER IT APPEARS THEREIN TO "ONE OR MORE BANKING INSTITUTIONS" AND THE DEFINITION OF "BANKING INSTITUTION" IS MODIFIED TO ADD A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

[4.] 3. As used in this section, the term "village" shall mean either an incorporated or unincorporated village.

S 4. Subdivision 2 of section 143 of the banking law is renumbered subdivision 1 and subdivision 3, as added by chapter 255 of the laws of 1973 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 702 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

[3.] 2. (a) No executive officer of a bank holding company may be an executive officer or director of another bank holding company or of a bank or trust company, savings bank, OR savings and loan association, OR OF A national bank [located in this state, federal savings and loan association located in this state], FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, or OF A foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the banking board pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subdivision, except that an executive officer of a bank holding company may be (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director of one or more banking institutions or bank holding companies which are subsidiaries of such bank holding company[; provided, however, that an executive officer of a bank holding company, who on the effective date of this act is an executive officer or director of another bank holding company or of a bank or trust company, or of a 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, may continue to hold such other office, without permission from the banking board, 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].

(b) The banking board 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 banking board 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 banking board shall have the power to revoke such permission by a like vote whenever it finds, after a reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

1 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "subsidiary",
2 "banking institution" and "bank holding company" shall each be given the
3 same meaning as is contained in their respective definition in section
4 one hundred forty-one of this [chapter] ARTICLE, except that the defi-
5 nition of ["bank holding company" is modified by deleting the phrase
6 "each of two or more" and substituting the word "institution" for
7 "institutions", and the definition of] the term "banking institution" is
8 modified to include NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL
9 SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS
10 LOCATED IN THIS STATE, AND a foreign banking corporation maintaining a
11 branch in this state.

12 (d) All other restrictions and limitations imposed by this chapter on
13 executive officers and directors of bank holding companies shall contin-
14 ue in effect.

15 S 5. Subdivisions 1, 3 and 4 of section 143-a of the banking law,
16 subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 1984, the opening
17 paragraph of subdivision 1 and subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 702
18 of the laws of 2006, the closing paragraph of subdivision 1 as amended
19 by section 19 of part O of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006 and subdivi-
20 sion 4 as amended by chapter 52 of the laws of 1968, are amended to read
21 as follows:

22 1. A company having capital stock OR MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS may acquire
23 all the capital stock OR MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS of one or more corpo-
24 rations organized under or subject to the provisions of article three,
25 six, or ten of this chapter, provided THAT (a) [that] such corporation
26 or corporations are directly or indirectly controlled prior to such
27 acquisition by the persons or entities that directly or indirectly
28 control such company and (b) [that] such persons or entities will
29 continue to control such company thereafter. Such company and such
30 corporation or corporations shall submit in duplicate to the superinten-
31 dent a written plan of acquisition of such stock. Such plan shall be in
32 form satisfactory to the superintendent, shall specify each corporation
33 the stock of which is to be acquired by the company and shall prescribe
34 the terms and conditions of the acquisition and the mode of carrying it
35 into effect, including the manner of exchanging the shares of each of
36 the corporations for shares or other securities of the company. Any such
37 plan may provide for the payment of cash in lieu of the issuance of
38 fractional shares of the company.

39 At the time of submission to the superintendent of the written plan of
40 acquisition of stock, an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to
41 section eighteen-a of this chapter shall be paid to the superintendent[;
42 provided, however, that if the plan of acquisition has been submitted in
43 connection with an application submitted by the company pursuant to
44 section one hundred forty-two of this article, no investigation fee
45 shall be payable pursuant to this section].

46 3. If no action to be taken pursuant to the plan of acquisition
47 requires the prior approval of the banking board pursuant to section
48 [one hundred forty-two or] one hundred forty-three-b of this article,
49 the superintendent shall approve or disapprove of a proposed plan of
50 acquisition within one hundred twenty days after the submission of such
51 plan of acquisition [to him], and in determining whether or not to
52 approve any such plan the superintendent shall take into consideration
53 the declaration of policy contained in section ten of this chapter. If
54 any action to be taken pursuant to the plan of acquisition requires such
55 prior approval of the banking board, the superintendent shall submit
56 such plan of acquisition together with his OR HER recommendations in

1 regard thereto and all papers, correspondence and other information in
2 his OR HER possession and relating thereto, to the banking board for its
3 approval or disapproval as part of the application submitted to it
4 pursuant to [said] SUCH section [one hundred forty-two or] one hundred
5 forty-three-b. If the superintendent or the banking board, AS REQUIRED,
6 shall approve such plan of acquisition, the superintendent shall file
7 the plan, together with such certificates and the original of the
8 approval of the superintendent or a certified copy of the approving
9 resolution of the banking board, in the office of the superintendent.
10 Upon such filing in the office of the superintendent, the plan, and the
11 acquisitions provided for therein, shall become effective, unless a
12 later date is specified in the plan, in which event the plan and such
13 acquisitions shall become effective upon such later date.

14 4. Any stockholder of any such corporation, entitled to vote on such
15 plan of acquisition, who does not assent thereto shall, subject to and
16 by complying with section six thousand twenty-two of this chapter, have
17 the right to receive payment of the fair value of [his] SUCH STOCKHOLD-
18 ER'S shares and the other rights and benefits provided by such section.

19 S 6. Subdivisions 1 and 4 of section 143-b of the banking law, subdi-
20 vision 1 as amended by chapter 793 of the laws of 1980 and subdivision 4
21 as added by chapter 950 of the laws of 1969, are amended to read as
22 follows:

23 1. It shall be unlawful except with the prior approval of the banking
24 board by a three-fifths vote of all the members thereof for any company
25 to acquire control of any banking institution, directly or indirectly,
26 provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply
27 to a [bank holding company, a] company which has submitted to the super-
28 intendent a plan of acquisition pursuant to section one hundred forty-
29 three-a [or stock described in subdivision two of section one hundred
30 forty-two] OF THIS ARTICLE FOR AN ACQUISITION NOT INVOLVING A CHANGE OF
31 CONTROL OF THE BANKING INSTITUTION. As used in this section, the term
32 "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to
33 direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a bank-
34 ing institution, whether through the ownership of voting stock of such
35 banking institution, the ownership of voting stock of any company which
36 possesses such power or otherwise. Control shall be presumed to exist if
37 any company, directly or indirectly, owns, controls or holds with the
38 power to vote ten per centum or more of the voting stock of any banking
39 institution or of any company which owns, controls or holds with power
40 to vote ten per centum or more of the voting stock of such banking
41 institution, but no person shall be deemed to control a banking institu-
42 tion solely by reason of his OR HER being an officer or director of such
43 banking institution or company. The superintendent may in his OR HER
44 discretion, upon the application of a banking institution or any company
45 which, directly or indirectly, owns, controls or holds with power to
46 vote or seeks to own, control or hold with power to vote any voting
47 stock of such banking institution, determine whether or not the owner-
48 ship, control or holding of such voting stock would constitute control
49 of such banking institution for purposes of this section.

50 4. [This section shall not apply to the exercise of control in a
51 national banking association if the acquisition of such control or its
52 exercise is subject to approval or disapproval pursuant to federal law.]
53 A COMPANY DOES NOT CONTROL A BANKING INSTITUTION BY VIRTUE OF ITS OWNER-
54 SHIP OR CONTROL OF: (A) STOCK ACQUIRED BY A COMPANY IN GOOD FAITH IN A
55 FIDUCIARY CAPACITY, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH STOCK IS HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF
56 STOCKHOLDERS OR MEMBERS OF SUCH COMPANY; (B) VOTING RIGHTS OF STOCK

1 ACQUIRED IN THE COURSE OF A PROXY SOLICITATION BY A COMPANY FORMED FOR
2 THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN PROXY SOLICITATIONS BY VIRTUE OF
3 ITS CONTROL OF VOTING RIGHTS OF STOCK ACQUIRED IN THE COURSE OF SUCH
4 SOLICITATION; (C) STOCK ACQUIRED BY A COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH ITS
5 UNDERWRITING OF SECURITIES IF SUCH SHARES ARE HELD ONLY FOR SUCH PERIOD
6 OF TIME AS WILL PERMIT THE SALE THEREOF ON A REASONABLE BASIS; (D) STOCK
7 ACQUIRED BY A COMPANY IN SETTLEMENT OR REDUCTION OF A LOAN, OR ADVANCE
8 OF CREDIT, OR IN EXCHANGE FOR AN INVESTMENT PREVIOUSLY MADE IN GOOD
9 FAITH AND IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS, PROVIDED THAT ANY STOCK SO
10 ACQUIRED SHALL BE DISPOSED OF WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE
11 UPON WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED UNLESS THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL, IN WRITING,
12 AUTHORIZE SUCH BANKING INSTITUTION TO HOLD SUCH STOCK FOR A LONGER PERI-
13 OD; OR (E) STOCK DIVIDENDS, STOCK SPLITS, OR ADDITIONAL STOCK ACQUIRED
14 BY A BANK HOLDING COMPANY, OR BY ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, IN EXERCISE OF
15 ITS PREEMPTIVE RIGHT AS A STOCKHOLDER.

16 S 7. Section 144 of the banking law is REPEALED.

17 S 8. Subdivision 6 of section 39 of the banking law, as amended by
18 section 1 of part FF of chapter 59 of the laws of 2004, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 6. As used in this section, "bank holding company" shall have the same
21 meaning as that term is defined in section one hundred forty-one of this
22 chapter[, except that such definition is modified by deleting the phrase
23 "each of two or more" and substituting the word "institution" for
24 "institutions"].

25 S 9. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 8 of section 100-c of the banking
26 law, as added by chapter 239 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (b) For the purpose of this subdivision, (i) the term "bank holding
29 company" shall be given the same meaning as is contained in the defi-
30 nition of such term in section one hundred forty-one of this chapter,
31 [except that such definition is modified by substituting the words "a
32 banking institution" for the phrase "each of two or more banking insti-
33 tutions" wherever such phrase appears,] and (ii) the term "trust compa-
34 ny" shall be given the same meaning as is contained in the definition of
35 such term in subdivision seven of this section, except that such term
36 shall be deemed to include, in addition to the entities listed in such
37 subdivision, any banking, trust or financial company, corporation or
38 association, organized under the laws of the United States, whether or
39 not having its principal office outside this state, or of any state of
40 the United States, which is duly authorized to exercise fiduciary
41 powers.

42 S 10. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 105 of the banking
43 law, as amended by chapter 380 of the laws of 1971 and as designated by
44 chapter 9 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

45 (a) No bank or trust company or officer, director, agent or employee
46 thereof, shall transact any part of its usual business of banking at any
47 place other than its principal office, except that a bank or trust
48 company may open and occupy one or more branch offices at any location
49 in the state, provided: (i) that the requirements of section twenty-nine
50 of this chapter are met and (ii) that, except for the city or village in
51 which its principal office is located, in no event shall a branch be
52 opened and occupied pursuant to this subdivision in a city or village
53 with a population of fifty thousand or less in which is already located
54 the principal office of another bank, trust company or national banking
55 association, other than a bank holding company, if such bank holding
56 company is a banking institution, or a banking subsidiary of a bank

1 holding company (as such terms "bank holding company", "banking institu-
2 tion" and "banking subsidiary" are defined in [article three-A] SECTION
3 ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE of this chapter) EXCEPT THAT THE DEFINITION OF
4 "BANK HOLDING COMPANY" IS MODIFIED TO CHANGE THE PHRASE "A BANKING
5 INSTITUTION" WHEREVER IT APPEARS THEREIN TO "ONE OR MORE BANKING INSTI-
6 TUTIONS" AND THE DEFINITION OF "BANKING INSTITUTION" IS MODIFIED TO ADD
7 A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITU-
8 TION IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, except, in the case of a conversion
9 pursuant to the provisions of this article, branch offices occupied
10 immediately prior thereto or except for the purpose of acquiring by
11 merger, sale or otherwise the business and property of a bank, trust
12 company or national banking association, whether in liquidation or doing
13 business in the usual course.

14 S 11. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 240 of the banking
15 law, as amended by chapter 380 of the laws of 1971 and as relettered by
16 chapter 9 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

17 (c) Except for the city or village in which its principal office is
18 located, no branch office may be opened and occupied pursuant to para-
19 graph (a) of this subdivision in any city or village with a population
20 of fifty thousand or less and in which is ALREADY located the principal
21 office of a bank, trust company or national banking association, other
22 than a bank holding company, if such bank holding company is a banking
23 institution, or a banking subsidiary of a bank holding company, as such
24 terms "bank holding company", "banking institution" and "banking subsid-
25 iary" are defined in [article three-A] SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE of
26 this chapter EXCEPT THAT THE DEFINITION OF "BANK HOLDING COMPANY" IS
27 MODIFIED TO CHANGE THE PHRASE "A BANKING INSTITUTION" WHEREVER IT
28 APPEARS THEREIN TO "ONE OR MORE BANKING INSTITUTIONS" AND THE DEFINITION
29 OF "BANKING INSTITUTION" IS MODIFIED TO ADD A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCI-
30 ATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS LOCATED IN THIS
31 STATE.

32 S 12. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 396 of the banking
33 law, as amended by chapter 349 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (b) Except for the city or village in which its principal office is
36 located, no branch office may hereafter be opened and occupied pursuant
37 to paragraph (a) of this subdivision in any city or village with a popu-
38 lation of less than thirty thousand and in which is ALREADY located the
39 principal office of a bank, trust company or national banking associ-
40 ation, other than a bank holding company, if such bank holding company
41 is a banking institution, or a banking subsidiary of a bank holding
42 company, as such terms "bank holding company", "banking institution" and
43 "banking subsidiary" are defined in [article three-A] SECTION ONE
44 HUNDRED FORTY-ONE of this chapter EXCEPT THAT THE DEFINITION OF "BANK
45 HOLDING COMPANY" IS MODIFIED TO CHANGE THE PHRASE "A BANKING INSTITU-
46 TION" WHEREVER IT APPEARS THEREIN TO "ONE OR MORE BANKING INSTITUTIONS"
47 AND THE DEFINITION OF "BANKING INSTITUTION" IS MODIFIED TO ADD A
48 NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION
49 IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

50 S 13. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 3 of section 130 of
51 the banking law, as added by chapter 255 of the laws of 1973, are
52 amended to read as follows:

53 (a) No executive officer of a bank or trust company may be an execu-
54 tive officer, director or trustee of another bank or trust company,
55 savings bank, savings and loan association, national bank [in this
56 state, federal savings and loan association], FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR

1 FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION
2 IS located in this state, bank holding company or foreign banking corpo-
3 ration maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor
4 has been granted by the banking board pursuant to the provisions of
5 [subparagraph] PARAGRAPH (b) of this subdivision, except that [(1)] an
6 executive officer of a bank or trust company which is a subsidiary of a
7 bank holding company may be (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director
8 of the bank holding company and of one or more banking institutions
9 which are subsidiaries of such bank holding company[; and (2) an execu-
10 tive officer of a bank or trust company owned by savings banks pursuant
11 to subdivision eighteen of section two hundred thirty-five, or by
12 savings and loan associations or federal savings and loan associations
13 located in this state pursuant to section three hundred seventy-nine-a,
14 may be (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director or trustee of one of
15 the stockholders of such a bank or trust company of which he is an exec-
16 utive officer; provided, however, that except as stated in the foregoing
17 exceptions, an executive officer of a bank or trust company, who on the
18 effective date of this act is an executive officer, director or trustee
19 of another bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan associ-
20 ation, national bank located in this state, federal savings and loan
21 association located in this state, bank holding company or foreign bank-
22 ing corporation maintaining a branch in this state, may continue to hold
23 such other office, without permission from the banking board, until the
24 expiration of the term of such office or the close of business on the
25 last day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-four, whichever occurs
26 sooner].

27 (b) The banking board shall have the power to determine by regulation
28 who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be
29 an executive officer, and by a general or specific regulation, upon a
30 three-fifths vote of all its members, to grant permission to an execu-
31 tive officer of a bank or trust company to be an executive officer,
32 director or trustee or both an executive officer and director or a trus-
33 tee of another bank or trust company, savings bank, OR savings and loan
34 association, national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS
35 ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH IS located in this state,
36 [federal savings and loan association located in this state,] bank hold-
37 ing company, or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this
38 state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the
39 banking board such service by the executive officer will be consistent
40 with the policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of
41 this chapter. The banking board shall have the power to revoke such
42 permission by a like vote whenever it finds, after reasonable notice and
43 an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revo-
44 cation.

45 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "subsidiary",
46 "banking institution" and "bank holding company" shall each be given the
47 same meaning as is contained in their respective definition in section
48 one hundred forty-one of this chapter, except that the definition of
49 ["bank holding company" is modified by deleting the phrase "each of two
50 or more" and substituting the word "institution" for "institutions", and
51 the definition of] the term "banking institution" is modified to include
52 A NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION,
53 THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS IN THIS STATE, AND a
54 foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state.

1 S 14. Subdivision 5 of section 136 of the banking law, as amended by
2 section 16 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 5. With the written plan of conversion submitted under subdivision two
5 [hereof] OF THIS SECTION, there shall be paid to the superintendent an
6 investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this
7 chapter[; provided, however, that no investigation fee shall be payable
8 under this subdivision with respect to a merger to which subdivision two
9 of section one hundred thirty-six-b of this article is applicable], and
10 with the written plan of merger submitted under subdivision three [here-
11 of] OF THIS SECTION there shall be paid to the superintendent an inves-
12 tigation fee as prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chap-
13 ter.

14 S 15. Subdivision 2 of section 136-a of the banking law, as amended
15 by chapter 509 of the laws of 1977 and the closing paragraph as amended
16 by section 17 of part 0 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2006, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 2. In the case of each such acquisition, a written plan providing for
19 the acquisition by the bank or trust company of the assets of the
20 national banking association shall be submitted, in duplicate, by the
21 bank or trust company to the superintendent. Such plan shall be in form
22 satisfactory to the superintendent, shall specify the selling and the
23 acquiring corporation, and shall prescribe the terms and conditions of
24 the acquisition and the mode of carrying it into effect.

25 At the time of submission for action by the superintendent of the
26 written plan of acquisition of assets, an investigation fee as
27 prescribed pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter shall be paid
28 to the superintendent[; provided, however, that no investigation fee
29 shall be payable under this subdivision with respect to an acquisition
30 to which subdivision two of section one hundred thirty-six-b of this
31 article is applicable].

32 S 16. Section 136-b of the banking law, as amended by chapter 55 of
33 the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

34 S 136-b. Approval of superintendent. [1.] The superintendent shall
35 approve or disapprove of a proposed merger as authorized by section one
36 hundred thirty-six of this [chapter] ARTICLE or a proposed acquisition
37 of all or a substantial part of the assets of a national banking associ-
38 ation as authorized by section one hundred thirty-six-a of this [chap-
39 ter] ARTICLE, as the case may be, within one hundred twenty days after
40 the submission of the proposed plan thereof to him OR HER. In determin-
41 ing whether to so approve, the superintendent shall take into consider-
42 ation (i) the declaration of policy contained in section ten of this
43 chapter, (ii) whether the effect of such merger or acquisition shall be
44 either to expand the size or extent of the resulting or acquiring insti-
45 tution beyond limits consistent with adequate and sound banking and the
46 preservation thereof or result in a concentration of assets beyond
47 limits consistent with effective competition, (iii) whether such merger
48 or acquisition may result in such a lessening of competition as to be
49 injurious to the interests of the public or tend toward monopoly and
50 (iv) primarily, the public interest and the needs and convenience there-
51 of. If the superintendent shall approve such proposed merger or acquisi-
52 tion, he OR SHE shall file the plan, together with such certificates and
53 the original of the approval of the superintendent, in the office of the
54 superintendent, and, in the case of merger, a duplicate of the plan,
55 together with a duplicate of each of such certificates and a duplicate
56 of the superintendent's approval, shall be filed in the office of the

1 clerk of the county in which the principal office of the receiving
2 corporation is located. Upon such filing in the office of the super-
3 intendent, the merger or acquisition shall become effective, unless a
4 later date is specified in the plan, in which event the merger or acqui-
5 sition shall become effective upon such later date.

6 [2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section,
7 the approval of the superintendent shall not be required with respect to
8 such merger or acquisition, if any of the corporations which are to
9 merge, or if the selling or acquiring corporation, is a banking subsid-
10 iary of a bank holding company, and the banking board pursuant to
11 section one hundred forty-two of this chapter has granted its approval
12 for such bank holding company, or any trustee or trustees who hold
13 voting stock of such banking subsidiary for the benefit of the stock-
14 holders or members of such bank holding company, to vote the stock of
15 such banking subsidiary in favor of the proposed merger or acquisition.
16 The superintendent shall file the plan of merger or acquisition and the
17 certificate submitted to him pursuant to section one hundred thirty-six
18 or section one hundred thirty-six-a of this chapter, together with a
19 certified copy of the resolution of the banking board granting such
20 approval, in the office of the superintendent, and, in the case of a
21 merger, a duplicate of the plan and of each of such certificates,
22 together with a certified copy of such resolution, shall be filed in the
23 office of the clerk of the county in which the receiving corporation is
24 located. Upon such filing in the office of the superintendent, the merg-
25 er or acquisition shall become effective, unless a later date is speci-
26 fied in the plan, in which event the merger or acquisition shall become
27 effective upon such later date. For purposes of this subdivision, the
28 terms "bank holding company" and "banking subsidiary" shall have the
29 meanings stated in section one hundred forty-one of this chapter.]

30 S 17. Section 209 of the banking law, as added by chapter 255 of the
31 laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

32 S 209. Restrictions on executive officers of foreign banking corpo-
33 rations and national banks. 1. No executive officer of a foreign banking
34 corporation maintaining a branch in this state may be an executive offi-
35 cer, director or trustee of a bank or trust company, savings bank,
36 savings and loan association, national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR
37 FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION
38 IS located in this state, [federal savings and loan association located
39 in this state,] bank holding company or another foreign banking corpo-
40 ration maintaining a branch in this state, unless permission therefor
41 has been granted by the banking board pursuant to the provisions of
42 subdivision three of this section, except that an executive officer of a
43 foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state which is
44 a subsidiary of a bank holding company may be (i) an executive officer
45 and (ii) a director of the bank holding company of which such foreign
46 banking corporation is a subsidiary, and of one or more of the banking
47 institutions which are subsidiaries of such bank holding company[; and
48 provided, however, that, except as stated in the foregoing exceptions,
49 an executive officer of a foreign banking corporation maintaining a
50 branch in this state, who on the effective date of this act is an execu-
51 tive officer, director or trustee of a bank or trust company, savings
52 bank, savings and loan association, national bank located in this state,
53 federal savings and loan association located in this state, bank holding
54 company or another foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in
55 this state, may continue to hold such other office, without permission
56 from the banking board, until the expiration of the term of such office

1 or the close of business on the last day of December, nineteen hundred
2 seventy-four, whichever occurs sooner].

3 2. No executive officer of a national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR
4 FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION
5 IS located in this state, may be an executive officer, director or trust-
6 tee of a bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan associ-
7 ation, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a
8 branch in this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the
9 banking board pursuant to the provisions of subdivision three of this
10 section, except that (1) an executive officer of a national bank located
11 in this state, which is a subsidiary of a bank holding company may be
12 (i) an executive officer and (ii) a director of the bank holding company
13 and of one or more banking institutions which are subsidiaries of such
14 bank holding company[; provided, however, that, except as stated in the
15 foregoing exceptions, an executive officer of a national bank located in
16 this state, who on the effective date of this act is an executive offi-
17 cer, director or trustee of a bank or trust company, savings bank,
18 savings and loan association, bank holding company or foreign banking
19 corporation maintaining a branch in this state, may continue to hold
20 such other office, without permission from the banking board, until the
21 expiration of the term of such office or the close of business on the
22 last day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-four, whichever occurs
23 sooner].

24 3. The banking board shall have the power to determine by regulation
25 who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be
26 an executive officer, and by a general or specific regulation, upon a
27 three-fifths vote of all its members, to grant permission to an execu-
28 tive officer of a foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in
29 this state and to an executive officer of a national bank located in
30 this state, to be at the same time an executive officer, trustee or
31 director or both an executive officer and a trustee or director of a
32 bank or trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association,
33 national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE
34 PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH IS located in this state, [federal savings and
35 loan association located in this state,] bank holding company, and
36 foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state. Such
37 permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the banking board
38 such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the policy
39 of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chapter. The
40 banking board shall have the power to revoke such permission by a like
41 vote whenever it finds, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be
42 heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

43 4. For the purposes of this subdivision, the terms "subsidiary",
44 "banking institution" and "bank holding company" shall each be given the
45 same meaning as is contained in their respective definition in section
46 one hundred forty-one of this chapter, except that the definition of
47 ["bank holding company" is modified by deleting the phrase "each of two
48 or more" and substituting the word "institution" for "institutions", and
49 the definition of] the term "banking institution" is modified to include
50 A NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION,
51 THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, AND
52 a foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state.

53 5. All other restrictions and limitations imposed by this chapter on
54 executive officers and directors of foreign banking corporations main-
55 taining a branch in this state and on national banks, FEDERAL SAVINGS

BANKS AND FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS located in this state, shall continue in effect.

S 18. Section 225-b of the banking law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

S 225-b. Applicability of certain sections to out-of-state banks. Except as otherwise provided in this section, nothing in article five or article five-B of this chapter shall apply to an out-of-state bank authorized to open, occupy and maintain a branch pursuant to the provisions of this article. Any reference in this chapter (other than in article five or article five-B) to a foreign bank, foreign corporation or foreign banking corporation shall be deemed to be a reference to an out-of-state bank authorized to open, occupy and maintain a branch pursuant to the provisions of this article. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the provisions of sections two hundred two-h (Repayment of deposits standing in the names of minors, trustees, joint depositors or custodians; interpleader in certain actions), two hundred three (Change of location, name or business) and two hundred four (Reports of foreign banking corporations; penalties) of this chapter shall apply with equal force and effect to out-of-state banks authorized to open, occupy or maintain branches pursuant to the provisions of this article; and (b) the provisions of section three hundred ninety-nine-a, subdivision three of section one hundred thirty, subdivision [three] TWO of section one hundred forty-three, subdivision five of section two hundred forty-seven and subdivision five of section three hundred ninety-nine of this chapter with respect to restrictions on executive officers or directors of foreign banking corporations and the provisions of sections twenty, twenty-six, thirty, thirty-one and six hundred thirty-four, subdivision two of section thirteen, subdivisions eleven and twelve of section six hundred five, subdivision four of section six hundred six and paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section fourteen of this chapter, shall not apply to out-of-state banks authorized to open, occupy or maintain branches pursuant to the provisions of this article.

S 19. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 5 of section 247 of the banking law, as added by chapter 255 of the laws of 1973, 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, [federal savings and loan association 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 banking board pursuant to the provisions of [subparagraph] PARAGRAPH (b) of this subdivision[, except that an executive officer of a savings bank may be (1) an executive officer and (2) a director of a trust company owned by savings banks, pursuant to subdivision eighteen of section two hundred thirty-five of this chapter, if one of the stockholders of such trust company is the savings bank of which he is an executive officer; provided, however, that, except as stated in the foregoing exceptions, an executive officer of a savings bank who on the effective date of this act is an executive officer, director or trustee of another savings bank, bank or trust company, savings and loan association, national bank located in this state, federal savings and loan association located in this state, bank holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state, may continue to hold such other office without permission from the banking board, until

1 the expiration of the term of such office or the close of business on
2 the last day of December, nineteen hundred seventy-four, whichever
3 occurs sooner].

4 (b) The banking board shall have the power to determine by regulation
5 who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be
6 an executive officer, and by a general or specific regulation, upon a
7 three-fifths vote of all its members, to grant permission to an execu-
8 tive officer of a savings bank to be an executive officer, director or
9 trustee or both an executive officer and director or trustee of another
10 savings bank or a bank or trust company, savings and loan association,
11 national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE
12 PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS located in this state, [federal
13 savings and loan association located in this state,] bank holding compa-
14 ny or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state.
15 Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the banking
16 board such service by the executive officer will be consistent with the
17 policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of this chap-
18 ter. The banking board shall have the power to revoke such permission by
19 a like vote whenever it finds, after reasonable notice and an opportu-
20 nity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revocation.

21 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "bank holding
22 company" shall be given the same meaning as is contained in section one
23 hundred forty-one of this chapter, [except that the definition is modi-
24 fied by deleting the phrase "each of two or more" and substituting the
25 word "institution" for "institutions",] and the definition of the term,
26 "banking institution" is modified to include a NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL
27 SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
28 WHICH INSTITUTION IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, AND A foreign banking corpo-
29 ration maintaining a branch in this state.

30 S 20. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 5 of section 399 of
31 the banking law, as added by chapter 255 of the laws of 1973, are
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (a) No executive officer of a savings and loan association may be an
34 executive officer, director or trustee of another savings and loan asso-
35 ciation, bank or trust company, savings bank, national bank, FEDERAL
36 SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
37 WHICH INSTITUTION IS located in this state, [federal savings and loan
38 association located in this state,] bank holding company or foreign
39 banking corporation maintaining a branch in this state unless permission
40 therefor has been granted by the banking board pursuant to paragraph (b)
41 of this subdivision[, except that an executive officer of a savings and
42 loan association may be (1) an executive officer and (2) a director of a
43 trust company owned by savings and loan association or federal savings
44 and loan associations located in this state, pursuant to section three
45 hundred seventy-nine-a of this chapter, if one of the stockholders of
46 such trust company is a savings and loan association of which he is an
47 executive officer; provided, however, that, except as stated in the
48 foregoing exceptions, an executive officer of a savings and loan associ-
49 ation, who on the effective date of this act is an executive officer,
50 director or trustee of another savings and loan association, bank or
51 trust company, savings bank, national bank located in this state, feder-
52 al savings and loan association located in this state, bank holding
53 company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this
54 state, may continue to hold such other office, without permission from
55 the banking board, until the expiration of the term of such office or

1 the close of business on the last day of December, nineteen hundred
2 seventy-four, whichever occurs sooner].

3 (b) The banking board shall have the power to determine by regulation
4 who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be
5 an executive officer, and by a general or specific regulation, upon a
6 three-fifths vote of all its members, to grant permission to an execu-
7 tive officer of a savings and loan association to be an executive offi-
8 cer, director or trustee or both an executive officer and a director or
9 a trustee of another savings and loan association, bank or trust compa-
10 ny, savings bank, national bank, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS
11 ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH IS located in this state,
12 [federal savings and loan association located in this state,] bank hold-
13 ing company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in this
14 state. Such permission may be granted only if in the judgment of the
15 banking board such service by the executive officer will be consistent
16 with the policy of the state of New York as declared in section ten of
17 this chapter. The banking board shall have the power to revoke such
18 permission by a like vote whenever it finds, after reasonable notice and
19 an opportunity to be heard, that the public interest requires such revo-
20 cation.

21 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "bank holding
22 company" shall be given the same meaning as is contained in section one
23 hundred forty-one of this chapter, [except that the definition is modi-
24 fied by deleting the phrase "each of two or more" and substituting the
25 word "institution" for "institutions",] and the definition of the term
26 "banking institution" is modified to include a NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL
27 SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
28 WHICH INSTITUTION IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, AND A foreign banking corpo-
29 ration maintaining a branch in this state.

30 S 21. The section heading and subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 399-a
31 of the banking law, as added by chapter 255 of the laws of 1973, are
32 amended to read as follows:

33 Restrictions on holding of certain offices by executive officers of
34 federal savings [and loan] BANKS AND FEDERAL SAVINGS associations. 1. No
35 executive officer of a federal savings [and loan] BANK OR FEDERAL
36 SAVINGS association THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF WHICH INSTITUTION IS located
37 in this state may be an executive officer, director or trustee of a
38 savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, bank
39 holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in
40 this state, unless permission therefor has been granted by the banking
41 board pursuant to subdivision two of this section, [except that an exec-
42 utive officer of a federal savings and loan association located in this
43 state may be (1) an executive officer and (2) a director of a trust
44 company owned by savings and loan associations or federal savings and
45 loan associations located in this state, pursuant to section three
46 hundred seventy-nine-a of this chapter, if one of the stockholders of
47 such trust company is the federal savings and loan association of which
48 he is an executive officer;] provided, however, that[, except as stated
49 in the foregoing exceptions,] an executive officer of a federal savings
50 and loan association located in this state, who on the effective date of
51 this [act] SECTION is an executive officer, director or trustee of a
52 savings and loan association, bank or trust company, savings bank, bank
53 holding company or foreign banking corporation maintaining a branch in
54 this state, may continue to hold such other office without permission
55 from the banking board, until the expiration of the term of such office

1 or the close of business on the last day of December, nineteen hundred
2 seventy-four, whichever occurs sooner.

3 2. The banking board shall have the power to determine by regulation
4 who shall be considered, under the provisions of this subdivision, to be
5 an executive officer, and by a general or specific regulation, upon a
6 three-fifths vote of all its members, to grant permission to an execu-
7 tive officer of a federal savings [and loan] BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS
8 association located in this state, to be at the same time an executive
9 officer, director or trustee, or both an executive officer and a direc-
10 tor or trustee of a savings and loan association, bank or trust company,
11 savings bank, bank holding company, and foreign banking corporation
12 maintaining a branch in this state. Such permission may be granted only
13 if in the judgment of the banking board such service by the executive
14 officer will be consistent with the policy of the state of New York as
15 declared in section ten of this chapter. The banking board shall have
16 the power to revoke such permission by a like vote whenever it finds,
17 after reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the public
18 interest requires such revocation.

19 3. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "bank holding compa-
20 ny" shall be given the same meaning as is contained in section one
21 hundred forty-one of this chapter, [except that the definition is modi-
22 fied by deleting the phrase "each of two or more" and substituting the
23 word "institution" for "institutions",] and the definition of the term
24 "banking institution" is modified to include a NATIONAL BANK, FEDERAL
25 SAVINGS BANK OR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
26 WHICH INSTITUTION IS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, AND A foreign banking corpo-
27 ration maintaining a branch in this state.

28 S 22. The closing paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 601 of the
29 banking law, as amended by section 58 of part O of chapter 59 of the
30 laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

31 At the time of submission for action by the superintendent of the
32 written plan of merger, an investigation fee as prescribed pursuant to
33 section eighteen-a of this chapter shall be paid to the superintendent[;
34 provided, however, that no investigation fee shall be payable under this
35 subdivision with respect to a merger to which subdivision two of section
36 six hundred one-b of this article is applicable].

37 S 23. Subdivision 2 of section 601-b of the banking law is REPEALED.

38 S 24. Section 222 of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdi-
39 vision 10 to read as follows:

40 10. THE TERM "BANKING INSTITUTION" MEANS ANY BANK, TRUST COMPANY,
41 SAVINGS BANK, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR BRANCH OF A FOREIGN BANK-
42 ING CORPORATION THE DEPOSITS OF WHICH ARE INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT
43 INSURANCE CORPORATION, WHICH IS INCORPORATED, CHARTERED, ORGANIZED OR
44 LICENSED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ANY OTHER STATE OF THE UNITED
45 STATES.

46 S 25. Section 223-a of the banking law, as added by chapter 9 of the
47 laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

48 S 223-a. Limitations on acquisition of a newly chartered New York
49 bank. An acquisition transaction in which the resulting or consolidated
50 corporation is an out-of-state bank is hereby prohibited if the effect
51 thereof is to terminate the separate existence of a [New York bank]
52 BANKING INSTITUTION that has been chartered less than five years, unless
53 the superintendent finds that the [New York bank] BANKING INSTITUTION to
54 be acquired was not chartered directly or indirectly by the out-of-state
55 bank, its officers, directors or principal stockholders, or any other
56 person in a position to exercise control over such out-of-state bank;

provided, however, that the prohibitions contained in this section shall not apply if the superintendent finds that the [New York bank] BANKING INSTITUTION does not have the capacity to continue to conduct its business independently in a manner consistent with the public interest and the interests of depositors, creditors, and stockholders; and provided further that the prohibitions contained in this section shall not apply to an out-of-state bank which, prior to the acquisition transaction otherwise prohibited by this section, lawfully maintained one or more branches in this state.

S 26. Subdivision (a) of section 4002 of the banking law, as amended by chapter 302 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, every incorporator of a corporation shall, in addition to any other requirements which may be imposed by the superintendent, submit simultaneously with an application, his or her fingerprints in such form and in such manner as specified by the division of criminal justice services, but in any event, no less than two digit imprints. Every applicant filing an application to acquire control [of any bank holding company under section one hundred forty-two of this chapter or] of any banking institution under sections one hundred forty-three-a and one hundred forty-three-b of this chapter shall, in addition to any other requirements which may be imposed by the superintendent, submit simultaneously with an application, his or her fingerprints in such form and in such manner as specified by the division of criminal justice services, but in any event, no less than two digit imprints. The superintendent shall submit the fingerprints to the division of criminal justice services for the purpose of conducting a criminal history search and returning a report thereon in accordance with the procedures and requirements established by the division pursuant to the provisions of article thirty-five of the executive law, which shall include the payment of the prescribed processing fees. The superintendent shall request that the division submit such fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation, together with the processing fees prescribed by such bureau, for the purpose of conducting a criminal history search and returning a report thereon.

S 27. Any registration of a bank holding company pursuant to section 144 of the banking law as in effect as of the date prior to the effective date of this act shall expire on the effective date of this act.

S 28. This act shall take effect immediately.