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Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the purchase  
of community land mortgages

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

1     Section 1. Section 2402 of the public authorities law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 18 to read as follows:  
3     (18) "COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGE". A MORTGAGE SECURED BY A FIRST LIEN ON  
4     A LEASEHOLD ESTATE IN REAL PROPERTY THAT IS IMPROVED BY A RESIDENTIAL  
5     STRUCTURE WHEREIN TITLE TO THE REAL PROPERTY IS RETAINED BY A  
6     NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSING COMPANY OR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY AND  
7     THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ARE SOLD TO PERSONS OR FAMILIES OF LOW OR  
8     MODERATE INCOME WHO ALSO EXECUTE A LONG-TERM LEASE FOR THE REAL PROPER-  
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10    S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section  
11    2405-f to read as follows:  
12    S 2405-F. PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES. (1) A PURPOSE OF THE  
13    AGENCY SHALL BE TO PURCHASE COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES FROM BANKS WITHIN  
14    THE STATE DURING PERIODS WHEN THERE IS AN INADEQUATE SUPPLY OF CREDIT  
15    AVAILABLE FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGES OR AVAILABLE FOR SUCH LOANS AT  
16    CARRYING CHARGES WITHIN THE FINANCIAL MEANS OF PERSONS AND FAMILIES OF  
17    LOW AND MODERATE INCOME.  
18    IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DECLARED THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES BY THE AGENCY  
19    WILL ALLEVIATE A CONDITION IN THIS STATE WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC  
20    HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE AND WHICH HAS CONSTITUTED IN THE PAST  
21    AND FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE FUTURE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONSTITUTE A  
22    PUBLIC EMERGENCY. IT IS FURTHER FOUND AND DECLARED THAT SUCH PURPOSES  
23    ARE IN ALL RESPECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
24    YORK AND THE AGENCY SHALL BE REGARDED AS PERFORMING AN ESSENTIAL GOVERN-

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

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MENTAL FUNCTION IN CARRYING OUT ITS PURPOSES AND IN EXERCISING THE POWERS GRANTED BY THIS TITLE.

(2) THE AGENCY SHALL PURCHASE COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES FROM BANKS AT SUCH PRICES AND UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT SHALL DETERMINE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY AMOUNTS REPRESENTING A REFUND OF COMMITMENT OR OTHER FEES PAID BY A BANK TO THE AGENCY, FOR ALL MORTGAGES WHICH THE AGENCY COMMITS TO PURCHASE FROM A BANK AT ANY ONE TIME SHALL IN NO EVENT BE MORE THAN THE TOTAL OF THE UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCES THEREOF, PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST THEREON.

(3) IN CONDUCTING ITS PROGRAM OF PURCHASING COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES, THE AGENCY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS PART.

(4) THE AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE AS A CONDITION OF PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES FROM BANKS THAT EACH SUCH BANK CERTIFY THAT EACH SUCH COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGE IS TO AN INDIVIDUAL BORROWER AND IS IN ADDITION TO THE MORTGAGES SUCH CERTIFYING BANK OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE MADE.

(4-A) THE AGENCY MUST APPROVE THE GROUND LEASE USED BY THE LESSOR FOR THE LEASE OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO THE LESSEE. SUCH LEASE MAY CONTAIN CERTAIN RESALE PROVISIONS LIMITING FUTURE ELIGIBLE BUYERS AND/OR MAXIMUM SALES PRICE PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROVISIONS ARE RECORDED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND THAT THEY TERMINATE UPON FORECLOSURE OR ASSIGNMENT IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE OF THE FIRST LEASEHOLD MORTGAGE.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE, IF ANY, FIXED BY SECTION 5-501 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OR ANY OTHER LAW NOT SPECIFICALLY AMENDING OR APPLICABLE TO THIS SECTION, THE AGENCY MAY SET THE INTEREST RATE TO BE BORNE BY COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES PURCHASED BY THE AGENCY FROM BANKS AT A RATE OR RATES WHICH THE AGENCY FROM TIME TO TIME SHALL DETERMINE TO BE AT LEAST SUFFICIENT, TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER AVAILABLE MONIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS BONDS AND NOTES, AND COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES BEARING SUCH INTEREST RATE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO VIOLATE ANY SUCH LAW OR TO BE UNENFORCEABLE IF ORIGINATED BY A BANK IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO AN UNDERTAKING WITH THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE THEREOF NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SUBSEQUENT FAILURE OF THE AGENCY TO PURCHASE THE MORTGAGE OR ANY SUBSEQUENT SALE OR DISPOSITION OF THE MORTGAGE BY THE AGENCY TO SUCH BANK OR ANY OTHER PERSON.

(6) THE AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION TO IT BY EACH BANK FROM WHICH THE AGENCY HAS PURCHASED COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE AGENCY OF THE MAKING, AND IF APPLICABLE, THE SERVICING, OF SUCH COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES IN CONFORMITY WITH SUCH BANK'S UNDERTAKING WITH THE AGENCY AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH MAY, THROUGH ITS EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OR THOSE OF THE BANKING DEPARTMENT, INSPECT THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ANY SUCH BANK.

(7) COMPLIANCE BY ANY BANK WITH THE TERMS OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH OR UNDERTAKING TO THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE, AND IF APPLICABLE, THE SERVICING, OF COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES MAY BE ENFORCED BY DECREE OF THE SUPREME COURT. THE AGENCY MAY REQUIRE AS A CONDITION OF PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES FROM ANY BANK THE CONSENT OF SUCH BANK TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OVER ANY SUCH PROCEEDING. THE AGENCY MAY ALSO REQUIRE AGREEMENT BY ANY BANK, AS A CONDITION OF THE AGENCY'S PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES FROM SUCH BANK, TO THE PAYMENT OF PENALTIES TO THE AGENCY FOR VIOLATION BY THE BANK OF ITS UNDERTAKINGS TO THE AGENCY, AND SUCH PENALTIES SHALL BE RECOVERABLE AT THE SUIT OF THE AGENCY.

(8) THE AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE AS A CONDITION OF PURCHASE OF ANY COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGE FROM A BANK THAT THE BANK REPRESENT AND WARRANT TO THE AGENCY THAT:

1 (A) THE MORTGAGE WAS NOT MADE IN SATISFACTION OF AN OBLIGATION OF THE  
2 BANK UNDER SECTION TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS PART;

3 (B) THE UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF THE MORTGAGE AND THE INTEREST RATE  
4 THEREON HAVE BEEN ACCURATELY STATED TO THE AGENCY;

5 (C) THE AMOUNT OF THE UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCE IS JUSTLY DUE AND  
6 OWING;

7 (D) THE BANK HAS NO NOTICE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANY COUNTERCLAIM,  
8 OFFSET OR DEFENSE ASSERTED BY THE MORTGAGOR OR ANY SUCCESSOR IN INTER-  
9 EST;

10 (E) THE MORTGAGE IS EVIDENCED BY A BOND OR PROMISSORY NOTE AND A MORT-  
11 GAGE DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN PROPERLY RECORDED WITH THE APPROPRIATE  
12 PUBLIC OFFICIAL;

13 (F) THE MORTGAGE CONSTITUTES A VALID FIRST LIEN ON THE REAL PROPERTY  
14 LEASEHOLD DESCRIBED TO THE AGENCY SUBJECT ONLY TO REAL PROPERTY TAXES  
15 NOT YET DUE, INSTALLMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE, AND EASEMENTS AND  
16 RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD WHICH DO NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT, TO A MATERIAL  
17 DEGREE, THE USE OR VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY OR IMPROVEMENTS THEREON;

18 (G) THE MORTGAGOR IS NOT NOW IN DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF ANY INSTALL-  
19 MENT OF PRINCIPAL OR INTEREST, ESCROW FUNDS, REAL PROPERTY TAXES OR  
20 OTHERWISE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE MORTGAGE DOCU-  
21 MENTS AND HAS NOT TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BANK BEEN IN DEFAULT IN THE  
22 PERFORMANCE OF ANY SUCH OBLIGATION FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN SIXTY  
23 DAYS DURING THE LIFE OF THE MORTGAGE; AND

24 (H) THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MORTGAGED REAL PROPERTY LEASEHOLD ARE  
25 COVERED BY A VALID AND SUBSISTING POLICY OF INSURANCE ISSUED BY A COMPA-  
26 NY AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE TO ISSUE SUCH POLICIES  
27 IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND PROVIDING FIRE AND EXTENDED COVERAGE TO AN  
28 AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE INSURABLE VALUE OF THE  
29 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MORTGAGED REAL PROPERTY.

30 (9) EACH BANK SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE AGENCY FOR ANY DAMAGES SUFFERED  
31 BY THE AGENCY BY REASON OF THE UNTRUTH OF ANY REPRESENTATION OR THE  
32 BREACH OF ANY WARRANTY AND, IN THE EVENT THAT ANY REPRESENTATION SHALL  
33 PROVE TO BE UNTRUE WHEN MADE OR IN THE EVENT OF ANY BREACH OF WARRANTY,  
34 THE BANK SHALL, AT THE OPTION OF THE AGENCY, REPURCHASE THE MORTGAGE FOR  
35 THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE ADJUSTED FOR AMOUNTS SUBSEQUENTLY PAID THER-  
36 EON, AS THE AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE.

37 (10) THE AGENCY NEED NOT REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF ANY  
38 COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGE PURCHASED BY IT FROM A BANK PURSUANT TO THIS  
39 SECTION AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE MORTGAGOR OF ITS  
40 PURCHASE OF THE MORTGAGE. THE AGENCY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO INSPECT OR  
41 TAKE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGE DOCUMENTS IF THE BANK FROM WHICH THE  
42 COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGE IS PURCHASED BY THE AGENCY SHALL ENTER A  
43 CONTRACT TO SERVICE SUCH MORTGAGE AND ACCOUNT TO THE AGENCY THEREFOR.

44 (11) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE AGENCY IS AUTHOR-  
45 IZED TO REQUIRE, AS A CONDITION TO THE PURCHASE FROM BANKS OF ANY COMMU-  
46 NITY LAND MORTGAGE, SUCH RESTRICTIONS UPON ASSUMABILITY OF THE MORTGAGE,  
47 DEFAULT PROVISIONS, RIGHTS TO ACCELERATE, AND OTHER TERMS APPLICABLE TO  
48 SUCH COMMUNITY LAND MORTGAGES MADE BY THE BANK PURSUANT TO UNDERTAKINGS  
49 WITH THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE THEREOF AS THE AGENCY MAY  
50 DETERMINE TO BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ASSURE THE REPAYMENT OF ITS  
51 BONDS AND NOTES AND THE EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES OF THE  
52 INTEREST PAYABLE ON ITS BONDS AND NOTES. ALL SUCH TERMS SHALL BE  
53 ENFORCEABLE BY THE ORIGINATING BANK, THE AGENCY, AND ANY SUCCESSOR HOLD-  
54 ER OF THE MORTGAGE UNLESS EXPRESSLY WAIVED IN WRITING BY OR ON BEHALF OF  
55 THE AGENCY.

1       S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
2       it shall have become a law.