

LEGISLATIVE BILL 327

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Introduced by Pahls, 31; McCoy, 39.

FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-101.01, 8-112, 8-163, 8-209, 8-210, 8-602, 8-1001, 8-1001.01, and 45-190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-1,140, 8-355, 21-17,115, 45-346.01, 45-348, and 45-922, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, and section 8-157.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 75, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009; to require state-chartered banks to pledge collateral as security for certain excess deposits as prescribed; to change provisions relating to confidential Department of Banking and Finance records; to change provisions relating to automatic teller machine usage and fees; to change provisions relating to bank dividends; to revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions; to change provisions relating to pledges of securities under the Nebraska Trust Company Act; to eliminate certain department fees; to provide procedures for authorizing acquisitions of licensees under the Nebraska Sale of Checks and Funds Transmission Act and to require certain notices and reports by licensees as prescribed; to redefine loan broker; to change provisions relating to licensee duties under the Nebraska Installment Sales Act; to change provisions relating to a disciplinary action under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 8-101.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-101.01 Sections 8-101 to 8-1,140 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Banking Act.

Sec. 2. (1) A state-chartered bank may deposit or have on deposit funds of a fiduciary account controlled by the bank's trust department unless prohibited by applicable law.

(2) To the extent that the funds are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a state-chartered bank shall set aside collateral as security under the control of appropriate fiduciary officers and bank employees. The bank shall place pledged assets of fiduciary accounts in the joint custody or control of not fewer than two of the fiduciary officers or employees of the bank designated for that purpose by the board of directors. The bank may maintain the investments of a fiduciary account off-premises if consistent with applicable law and if the bank maintains adequate safeguards and controls. The market value of the collateral shall at all times equal or exceed the amount of the uninsured or unguaranteed fiduciary funds.

(3) A state-chartered bank may satisfy the collateral requirements of this section with any of the following: (a) Direct obligations of the United States or other obligations fully guaranteed by the United States as to principal and interest; (b) readily marketable securities of the classes in which banks, trust companies, or other corporations exercising fiduciary powers are permitted to invest fiduciary funds under applicable state law; and (c) surety bonds, to the extent the surety bonds provide adequate security, unless prohibited by applicable law.

(4) A state-chartered bank, acting in its fiduciary capacity, may deposit funds of a fiduciary account that are awaiting investment or distribution with an affiliated insured depository institution unless prohibited by applicable law. The bank may set aside collateral as security for a deposit by or with an affiliate of fiduciary funds awaiting investment or distribution, as it would if the deposit was made at the bank, unless such action is prohibited by applicable law.

(5) Public funds deposited in and held by a state-chartered bank are not subject to this section.

Sec. 3. Section 8-112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-112 (1) The director shall keep, as records of his or her office, proper books showing all acts, matters, and things done under the jurisdiction of the department. Neither the director nor anyone connected

with the department shall in any instance disclose the name of any depositor or debtor of any financial institution or other entity regulated by the department or the amount of his or her deposit or debt to anyone, except insofar as may be necessary in the performance of his or her official duty, except that the department may maintain a record of borrowers from the financial institutions in this state and may give information concerning the total liabilities of any such borrowers to any financial institution owning obligations of such borrowers.

(2) Examination reports, investigation reports, and documents and information relating to such reports are confidential records of the department and may be released or disclosed only (a) insofar as is necessary in the performance of the official duty of the department or (b) pursuant to a properly issued subpoena to the department and upon entry of a protective order from a court of competent jurisdiction to protect and keep confidential the names of borrowers or depositors or to protect the public interest.

(3) Examination reports, investigation reports, and documents and information relating to such reports remain confidential records of the department, even if such examination reports, investigation reports, and documents and information relating to such reports are transmitted to a financial institution or other entity regulated by the department which is the subject of such reports or documents and information, and may not be otherwise released or disclosed by any such financial institution or other entity regulated by the department.

(4) The restrictions listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall also apply to any representative or agent of the financial institution or other entity regulated by the department.

(5) If examination reports, investigation reports, or documents and information relating to such reports are subpoenaed from the department, the party issuing the subpoena shall give notice of the issuance of such subpoena at least three business days in advance of the entry of a protective order to the financial institution or other entity regulated by the department which is the subject of such reports or documents and information, unless the financial institution or other entity regulated by the department is already a party to the underlying proceeding or unless such notice is otherwise prohibited by law or by court order.

Sec. 4. Section 8-157.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 75, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009, is amended to read:

8-157.01 (1) Any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska may establish and maintain any number of automatic teller machines at which all banking transactions, defined as receiving deposits of every kind and nature and crediting such to customer accounts, cashing checks and cash withdrawals, transfer of funds from checking accounts to savings accounts, transfer of funds from savings accounts to checking accounts, transfer of funds from either checking accounts and savings accounts to accounts of other customers, payment transfers from customer accounts into accounts maintained by other customers of the financial institution or the financial institution, including preauthorized draft authority, preauthorized loans, and credit transactions, receiving payments payable at the financial institution or otherwise, and account balance inquiry, may be conducted. Any other transaction incidental to the business of the financial institution or which will provide a benefit to the financial institution's customers or the general public may be conducted at an automatic teller machine upon thirty days' prior written notice to the director if the director does not object to the proposed other transaction within the thirty-day notice period. Neither such automatic teller machines nor the transactions conducted thereat shall be construed as the establishment of a branch or as branch banking. Such automatic teller machines shall be made available on a nondiscriminating basis for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution. It shall not be deemed discrimination if an automatic teller machine does not offer the same transaction services as other automatic teller machines or if there are no fees charged between affiliate financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines.

(2) Any financial institution may become a user financial institution by agreeing to pay the establishing financial institution its automatic teller machine usage fee. Such agreement shall be implied by the use of such automatic teller machines. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a user financial institution from agreeing to responsibilities and benefits which might be contained in a standardized agreement. The establishing financial institution or its designated data processing center shall be

responsible for transmitting transactions originating from its automatic teller machine to a switch, but nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require routing of all transactions to a switch. All automatic teller machines must be made available on a nondiscriminating basis, for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution, through methods, fees, and processes that the establishing financial institution has provided for switching transactions. The director, upon notice and after a hearing, may terminate or suspend the use of any automatic teller machine if he or she determines that it is not available on a nondiscriminating basis for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution or that transactions originated by customers of user financial institutions are not being routed to a switch or other data processing centers. Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit nonbank employees from assisting in transactions originated at the automatic teller machines, and such assistance shall not be deemed to be engaging in the business of banking. Such nonbank employees may be trained in the use of the automatic teller machines by financial institution employees.

(3) An establishing financial institution shall not be deemed to make an automatic teller machine available on a nondiscriminating basis if, through personnel services offered, advertising on or off the automatic teller machine's premises, or otherwise, it discriminates in the use of the automatic teller machine against any user financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska.

(4)(a) Any consumer initiating an electronic funds transfer at an automatic teller machine for which an automatic teller machine surcharge will be imposed shall receive notice in accordance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 1693b(d)(3)(A) and (B), as such section existed on January 1, 2004. Such notice shall (i) be posted in a prominent and conspicuous location on or at the automatic teller machine at which the electronic funds transfer is initiated by the consumer and (ii) appear on the screen of the automatic teller machine or appear on a paper notice issued from such machine after the transaction is initiated and before the consumer is irrevocably committed to completing the transaction.

(b) Subdivision (a)(ii) of this subsection shall not apply until January 1, 2005, to any automatic teller machine that lacks the technical capability to disclose the notice on the screen or to issue a paper notice after the transaction is initiated and before the consumer is irrevocably committed to completing the transaction.

(5) A point-of-sale terminal may be established at any point within this state. A financial institution may contract with a seller of goods and services or any other third party for the operation of point-of-sale terminals. A point-of-sale terminal shall be made available on a nondiscriminating basis for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit payment of fees to a financial institution which issues an access device used to initiate electronic funds transfer transactions at a point-of-sale terminal.

(6) A seller of goods and services or any other third party on whose premises one or more point-of-sale terminals are established shall not be, solely by virtue of such establishment, a financial institution and shall not be subject to the laws governing, or other requirements imposed on, financial institutions, except for the requirement that it faithfully perform its obligations in connection with any transaction originated at any point-of-sale terminal on its premises. The acquiring financial institution shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable standards, rules, and regulations governing point-of-sale transactions.

(7) Any financial institution, upon a request of the director, shall file with the director a current listing of all point-of-sale terminals established by the financial institution within this state. For purposes of this subsection, point-of-sale terminal shall include a group of one or more of such terminals established at a single business location. Such listing shall contain any reasonable descriptive information pertaining to the point-of-sale terminal as required by the director. Neither the establishment of such point-of-sale terminal nor any transactions conducted thereat shall be construed as the establishment of a branch or as branch banking. Following establishment of a point-of-sale terminal, the director, upon notice and after a hearing, may terminate or suspend the use of such point-of-sale terminal if he or she determines that it is not made available on a

nondiscriminating basis for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution, that the necessary information is not on file with the director, or that transactions originated by customers of user financial institutions are not being routed to a switch or other data processing center. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit nonbank employees from assisting in transactions originated at the point-of-sale terminals, and such assistance shall not be deemed to be engaging in the business of banking.

(8) Transactions at point-of-sale terminals may include:

(a) Check guarantees;

(b) Account balance inquiries;

(c) Transfers of funds from a customer's account for payment to a seller's account for goods and services on whose premises the point-of-sale terminal is located in payment for the goods and services;

(d) Cash withdrawals by a customer from the customer's account or accounts;

(e) Transfers between accounts of the same customers at the same financial institution; and

(f) Such other transactions as the director, upon application, notice, and hearing, may approve.

(9) (a) Automatic teller machines may be established and maintained by a financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska, by a group of two or more of such financial institutions, or by a combination of such financial institution or financial institutions and a third party.

(b) Point-of-sale terminals may be established and maintained by a financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska, by a group of two or more of such financial institutions, or by a combination of such financial institutions and a third party. No one, through personnel services offered, advertising on or off the point-of-sale terminal premises, or otherwise, may discriminate in the use of the point-of-sale terminal against any other user financial institution.

(10) All financial institutions shall be given an equal opportunity for the use of and access to a switch, and no discrimination shall exist or preferential treatment be given in either the operation of such switch or the charges for use thereof. The operation of such switch shall be with the approval of the director. Approval of such switch shall be given by the director when he or she determines that its design and operation are such as to provide access thereto and use thereof by any financial institution without discrimination as to access or cost of its use. Any switch established in Nebraska and approved by the director prior to January 1, 1993, shall be deemed to be approved for purposes of this section.

(11) Use of an automatic teller machine or a point-of-sale terminal through access to a switch and use of any switch shall be made available on a nondiscriminating basis to any financial institution. A financial institution shall only be permitted use of the switch if the financial institution conforms to reasonable technical operating standards which have been established by the switch.

(12) To assure maximum safety and security against malfunction, fraud, theft, and other accidents or abuses and to assure that all such access devices will have the capability of activating all automatic teller machines and point-of-sale terminals established in this state, no automatic teller machine or point-of-sale terminal shall accept an access device which does not conform to such specifications as are generally accepted. No automatic teller machine or point-of-sale terminal shall be established or operated which does not accept an access device which conforms with such specifications.

An automatic teller machine shall bear a logo type or other identification symbol designed to advise customers that the automatic teller machine may be activated by any access device which complies with the generally accepted specifications. A point-of-sale terminal shall either bear or the premises on which the point-of-sale terminal is established shall contain a visible logo type or other identification symbol designed to advise customers that the point-of-sale terminal may be activated by any access device which complies with the generally accepted specifications. An automatic teller machine or point-of-sale terminal may also bear, at the option of the establishing or acquiring financial institution, any of the following:

(a) The names of all individual financial institutions using such automatic teller machines or point-of-sale terminals in alphabetical order, except that the establishing or acquiring financial institution may be listed first, and in a uniform typeface, size, and color; or

(b) The logo type or symbol of any association, corporation,

or other entity or organization formed by one or more of the financial institutions using such automatic teller machines or point-of-sale terminals.

(13) If the director, upon notice and hearing, determines at any time that the design or operation of a switch or provision for use thereof does discriminate against any financial institution in providing access thereto and use thereof either through access thereto or by virtue of the cost of its use, he or she may revoke his or her approval of such switch operation and immediately order the discontinuance of the operation of such switch.

(14) If it is determined by the director, after notice and hearing, that discrimination against any financial institution has taken place, that one financial institution has been preferred over another, or that any financial institution or person has not complied with any of the provisions of this section, he or she shall immediately issue a cease and desist order or an order for compliance within ten days after the date of the order, and upon noncompliance with such order, the offending financial institution shall be subject to sections 8-1,134 to 8-1,139 and to having the privileges granted in this section revoked.

(15) For purposes of this section:

(a) Access means the ability to utilize an automatic teller machine or a point-of-sale terminal to conduct permitted banking transactions or purchase goods and services electronically;

(b) Access device means a code, a transaction card, or any other means of access to a customer's account, or any combination thereof, that may be used by a customer for the purpose of initiating an electronic funds transfer at an automatic teller machine or a point-of-sale terminal;

(c) Account means a checking account, a savings account, a share account, or any other customer asset account held by a financial institution. Such an account may also include a line of credit which a financial institution has agreed to extend to its customer;

(d) Acquiring financial institution means any financial institution establishing a point-of-sale terminal;

(e) Affiliate financial institution means any financial institution which is a subsidiary of the same bank holding company;

(f) Electronic funds transfer means any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through a point-of-sale terminal, an automatic teller machine, or a personal terminal for the purpose of ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit an account;

(g) Establishing financial institution means any financial institution establishing an automatic teller machine which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska;

(h) Financial institution means a state-chartered or federally chartered bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, or a subsidiary of any such entity;

(i) Foreign financial institution means a financial institution located outside the United States;

(j) Personal identification number means a combination of numerals or letters selected for a customer of a financial institution, a merchant, or any other third party which is used in conjunction with an access device to initiate an electronic funds transfer transaction;

(k) Personal terminal means a personal computer and telephone, wherever located, operated by a customer of a financial institution for the purpose of initiating a transaction affecting an account of the customer; and

(l) User financial institution means any financial institution which desires to avail itself of and provide its customers with automatic teller machine or point-of-sale terminal services.

(16) Nothing in this section prohibits ordinary clearinghouse transactions between financial institutions.

(17) Nothing in this section requires any federally chartered establishing financial institution to obtain the approval of the director for the establishment of any automatic teller machine.

(18) Nothing in this section shall prevent any financial institution which has a main chartered office or an approved branch located in the State of Nebraska from participating in a national automatic teller machine program to allow its customers to use automatic teller machines located outside of the State of Nebraska which are established by out-of-state financial institutions or foreign financial institutions or to allow customers of out-of-state financial institutions or foreign financial institutions to use its automatic teller machines located in the State of Nebraska. Such participation and any automatic teller machine usage fees charged or received pursuant to the national automatic teller machine program or usage fees charged for the use of its automatic teller machines by customers of out-of-state financial

institutions or foreign financial institutions shall not be considered for purposes of determining if an automatic teller machine located in the State of Nebraska has been made available on a nondiscriminating basis for use by customers of any financial institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska which becomes a user financial institution.

(19) An agreement to operate or share an automatic teller machine may not prohibit, limit, or restrict the right of the operator or owner of the automatic teller machine to charge a customer conducting a transaction using an account from a foreign financial institution an access fee or surcharge not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law.

Sec. 5. Section 8-163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-163 No bank shall withdraw or permit to be withdrawn, either in the form of dividends or otherwise, any part of its capital or surplus without the written permission of the director. If losses have at any time been sustained equal to or exceeding the undivided profits on hand, no dividends shall be made without the written permission of the director. No dividend shall be made by any bank in an amount greater than the net profits on hand without the written permission of the director. As used in this section, net profits on hand ~~shall mean~~ means the remainder of all earnings from current operations plus actual recoveries on loans and investments and other assets after deducting from the total thereof all current operating expenses, losses, and bad debts, accrued dividends on preferred stock, if any, and federal and state taxes, for the present and two immediately preceding calendar years.

Sec. 6. Section 8-1,140, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

8-1,140 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the Nebraska Banking Act or any other Nebraska statute, any bank incorporated under the laws of this state and organized under the provisions of the act, or under the laws of this state as they existed prior to May 9, 1933, shall directly, or indirectly through a subsidiary or subsidiaries, have all the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities which may be exercised as of ~~March 20, 2008,~~ the operative date of this section, by a federally chartered bank doing business in Nebraska, including the exercise of all powers and activities that are permitted for a financial subsidiary of a federally chartered bank. Such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities shall not relieve such bank from payment of state taxes assessed under any applicable laws of this state.

Sec. 7. Section 8-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-209 (1) Any corporation organized to do business as a trust company under the Nebraska Trust Company Act shall make a pledge with the Department of Banking and Finance of approved securities in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars in par value.

(2) The amount of securities required to be pledged shall be based on the market value of trust assets held by the trust company as follows:

(a) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of less than twenty-five million dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars in par value;

(b) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at least twenty-five million dollars but less than two hundred fifty million dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars in par value;

(c) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at least two hundred fifty million dollars but less than two billion five hundred million dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars in par value;

(d) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at least two billion five hundred million dollars but less than five billion dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars in par value; and

(e) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of five billion dollars or more shall pledge securities in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars in par value.

(3) A trust company shall determine the market value of its trust assets at the end of each calendar year. If such valuation shows that the pledge of securities is less than is required by subsection (2) of this section, the trust company shall increase the amount of the securities pledged with the department within sixty days following the end of the calendar year.

(4) If at any time the market value of pledged assets is determined to have depreciated to less than ninety percent of par value or the trust

company has trust funds deposited with itself or its supporting commercial bank in excess of those deposits referred to by section 8-212, the Director of Banking and Finance may require additional pledges in amounts deemed necessary to fully secure pledging requirements or excessive trust fund depository balances.

(5) Any national bank authorized by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to act in a fiduciary capacity in this state, any federal savings association authorized by the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision to act in a fiduciary capacity in this state, any federally chartered trust company, and any out-of-state trust company authorized under the Interstate Trust Company Office Act shall make similar pledges with the department, and all such deposits of national banks held by the department shall be considered as having been lawfully so pledged and subject to the Nebraska Trust Company Act.

Sec. 8. Section 8-210, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-210 ~~Such securities~~ Securities pledged pursuant to section 8-209 shall consist of any securities which constitute a legal investment for the trust company except for bills of exchange, notes, mortgages, banker's acceptances, or certificates of deposit. State, county, municipal, and corporate bond issues must be of investment quality and be rated in the three top categories of investment by at least one nationally recognized rating service, except that all issues of counties and municipalities of Nebraska shall be acceptable.

Such securities shall not be accepted for purpose of pledge at a rate above par value and if their market value is less than par value they shall not be accepted for such purpose above their actual market value. The safekeeping of such securities and all other expenses incidental to the pledging of such securities shall be at the expense of the trust company.

Sec. 9. Section 8-355, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

8-355 Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Chapter 8, article 3, or any other Nebraska statute, except as provided in section 8-345.02, any association incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska and organized under the provisions of such article shall have all the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities which may be exercised as of ~~March 20, 2008,~~ the operative date of this section, by a federal savings and loan association doing business in Nebraska. Such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities shall not relieve such association from payment of state taxes assessed under any applicable laws of this state.

Sec. 10. Section 8-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-602 The Director of Banking and Finance shall charge and collect fees for certain services rendered by the Department of Banking and Finance according to the following schedule:

(1) For filing and examining articles of incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions, one hundred dollars, and for credit unions, fifty dollars;

(2) For filing and examining an amendment to articles of incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions, fifty dollars, and for credit unions, fifteen dollars;

(3) For issuing to banks, credit card banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations a charter, authority, or license to do business in this state, a sum which shall be determined on the basis of one dollar and fifty cents for each one thousand dollars of authorized capital, except that the minimum fee in each case shall be two hundred twenty-five dollars;

(4) For issuing an executive officer's or loan officer's license, fifty dollars at the time of the initial license and fifteen dollars on or before January 15 each year thereafter, except credit unions for which the fee shall be twenty-five dollars at the time of the initial license and fifteen dollars on or before January 15 each year thereafter;

(5) For affixing certificate and seal, five dollars;

~~(6) For making a photostatic copy of instruments, documents, or any other departmental records and for providing a computer-generated document, one dollar and fifty cents per page;~~

~~(7) (6) For making substitution of securities held by it and issuing a receipt, fifteen dollars;~~

~~(8) (7) For issuing a certificate of approval to a credit union, ten dollars;~~

~~(9) (8) For investigating the applications required by sections 8-120 and 8-331 and the documents required by section 8-201, the cost of such examination, investigation, and inspection, including all legal expenses and~~

the cost of any hearing transcript, with a minimum fee under (a) sections 8-120 and 8-2402 of two thousand five hundred dollars, (b) section 8-331 of two thousand dollars, and (c) section 8-201 of one thousand dollars. The department may require the applicant to procure and give a surety bond in such principal amount as the department may determine and conditioned for the payment of the fees provided in this subdivision;

~~(10)~~ (9) For registering a statement of intention to engage in the business of making personal loans pursuant to section 8-816, fifty dollars;

~~(11)~~ (10) For the handling of pledged securities as provided in sections 8-210 and 8-1006, at the time of the initial deposit of such securities, one dollar and fifty cents for each thousand dollars of securities deposited and a like amount on or before January 15 each year thereafter. The fees shall be paid by the company, national bank, federal savings association, federally chartered trust company, out-of-state trust company authorized under the Interstate Trust Company Office Act, or state-chartered bank pledging the securities;

~~(12)~~ (11) For investigating an application to move its location within the city or village limits of its original license or charter for banks, trust companies, and building and loan associations, two hundred fifty dollars;

~~(13)~~ (12) For investigating an application under subdivision (6) of section 8-115.01, five hundred dollars;

~~(14)~~ (13) For investigating an application for approval to establish or acquire a branch or to establish a mobile branch pursuant to section 8-157, two hundred fifty dollars;

~~(15)~~ (14) For investigating a notice of acquisition of control under subsection (1) of section 8-1502, five hundred dollars;

~~(16)~~ (15) For investigating an application for a cross-industry merger under section 8-1510, five hundred dollars;

~~(17)~~ (16) For investigating an application for a merger of two state banks or a merger of a state bank and a national bank in which the state bank is the surviving entity, five hundred dollars;

~~(18)~~ (17) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a branch trust office, five hundred dollars;

~~(19)~~ (18) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a representative trust office, five hundred dollars;

~~(20)~~ (19) For investigating an application to establish a credit union branch under section 21-1725.01, two hundred fifty dollars; and

~~(21)~~ (20) For investigating an applicant under section 8-1513, five thousand dollars.

Sec. 11. Section 8-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-1001 For purposes of the Nebraska Sale of Checks and Funds Transmission Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Person means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint-stock association, trust, or corporation, but does not include the United States Government or the government of the State of Nebraska;

(2) Licensee means any person duly licensed pursuant to the act;

(3) Check means any check, draft, money order, personal money order, or other instrument, order, or instruction for the transmission or payment of money;

(4) Personal money order means any instrument for the transmission or payment of money in relation to which the purchaser or remitter appoints or purports to appoint the seller thereof as his or her agent for the receipt, transmission, or handling of money, whether such instrument is signed by the seller, by the purchaser or remitter, or by some other person;

(5) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;

(6) Financial institution has the same meaning as in section 8-101;

and

(7) Transmission means a transfer by oral, written, or electronic means or instruction; and-

(8) Control means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of a licensee, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any person who (a) has the power to elect a majority of executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a licensee or any person in control of a licensee, (b) directly or indirectly has the right to vote ten percent or more of a class of voting security or has the power to sell or direct the sale of ten percent or more of a class of voting securities, (c) in the case of a limited liability company, is a managing member, or (d) in the case of a partnership, has the right to receive, upon dissolution, or has

contributed, ten percent or more of the capital, is presumed to control that licensee.

Sec. 12. Section 8-1001.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

8-1001.01 Sections 8-1001 to 8-1017 and sections 13 and 14 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Sale of Checks and Funds Transmission Act.

Sec. 13. (1) No person acting personally or as an agent shall acquire control of any licensee under the Nebraska Sale of Checks and Funds Transmission Act without first giving thirty days' notice to the director on forms prescribed by the director of such proposed acquisition.

(2) The director, upon receipt of such notice, shall act upon it within thirty days, and unless he or she disapproves the proposed acquisition within that period of time, the acquisition shall become effective on the thirty-first day after receipt without the director's approval, except that the director may extend the thirty-day period an additional thirty days if, in his or her judgment, any material information submitted is substantially inaccurate or the acquiring person has not furnished all the information required by the director.

(3) An acquisition may be made prior to the expiration of the disapproval period if the director issues written notice of his or her intent not to disapprove the action.

(4) (a) The director may disapprove any proposed acquisition if:

(i) The financial condition of any acquiring person is such as might jeopardize the financial stability of the acquired licensee;

(ii) The business experience, character, and general fitness of any acquiring person or of any of the proposed management personnel indicate that the acquired licensee would not be operated honestly, carefully, or efficiently; or

(iii) Any acquiring person neglects, fails, or refuses to furnish all information required by the director. The director may require that any acquiring person comply with the application requirements of section 8-1005.

(b) The director shall notify the acquiring person in writing of disapproval of the acquisition. The notice shall provide a statement of the basis for the disapproval.

(c) Within fifteen business days after receipt of written notice of disapproval, the acquiring person may request a hearing on the proposed acquisition in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and rules and regulations of the Department of Banking and Finance. Following such hearing, the director shall, by order, approve or disapprove the proposed acquisition on the basis of the record made at the hearing.

Sec. 14. (1) A licensee shall file notice with the director within thirty calendar days of any material changes in information provided in a licensee's application as prescribed by the director.

(2) A licensee shall file a report with the director within five business days after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee under any bankruptcy law of the United States for bankruptcy or reorganization;

(b) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

(c) The commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend the licensee's license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in business or is licensed;

(d) The cancellation or other impairment of the licensee's bond or other security;

(e) A charge or conviction of the licensee or of an executive officer, manager, or director of, or person in control of, the licensee for a felony; or

(f) A charge or conviction of an authorized agent for a felony.

Sec. 15. Section 21-17,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

21-17,115 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the Credit Union Act or any other Nebraska statute, any credit union incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska and organized under the provisions of the act shall have all the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities which may be exercised as of ~~March 20, 2008~~, the operative date of this section, by a federal credit union doing business in Nebraska on the condition that such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities shall not relieve such credit union from payment of state taxes assessed under any

applicable laws of this state.

Sec. 16. Section 45-190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

45-190 For purposes of sections 45-189 to 45-191.11, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Advance fee means any fee, deposit, or consideration which is assessed or collected, prior to the closing of a loan, by a loan broker and includes, but is not limited to, any money assessed or collected for processing, appraisals, credit checks, consultations, or expenses;

(2) Borrower means a person obtaining or desiring to obtain a loan of money;

(3) Department means the Department of Banking and Finance;

(4) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;

(5) Loan broker means any person, except any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or subsidiary of a savings and loan association, building and loan association, credit union, licensed or registered mortgage banker, Federal Housing Administration or United States Department of Veterans Affairs approved lender as long as the loan of money made by the Federal Housing Administration or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs approved lender is secured or covered by guarantees or commitments or agreements to purchase or take over the same by the Federal Housing Administration or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, credit card company, installment loan licensee, or insurance company which is subject to regulation or supervision under the laws of the United States or this state, who:

(a) For or in expectation of ~~consideration~~, an advance fee from a borrower, procures, attempts to procure, arranges, or attempts to arrange a loan of money for a borrower;

(b) For or in expectation of ~~consideration~~, an advance fee from a borrower, assists a borrower in making an application to obtain a loan of money;

(c) Is employed as an agent for the purpose of soliciting borrowers as clients of the employer; or

(d) Holds himself or herself out, through advertising, signs, or other means, as a loan broker;

(6) Loan brokerage agreement means any agreement for services between a loan broker and a borrower; and

(7) Person means natural persons, corporations, trusts, unincorporated associations, joint ventures, partnerships, and limited liability companies.

Sec. 17. Section 45-346.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

45-346.01 (1) A licensee may move its place of business from one place to another within a county without obtaining a new license if the licensee gives written notice thereof to the director at least ten days prior to such move.

(2) A licensee shall maintain the minimum net worth as required by section 45-346 while a license issued under the Nebraska Installment Sales Act is in effect. The minimum net worth shall be proven by an annual audit conducted by a certified public accountant. A licensee shall submit a copy of the annual audit to the director ~~within forty-five days after the audit is completed~~, as required by section 45-348 or upon written request of the director. If a licensee fails to maintain the required minimum net worth, the Department of Banking and Finance may issue a notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(3) The surety bond or a substitute bond as required by section 45-346 shall remain in effect while a license issued under the Nebraska Installment Sales Act is in effect. If a licensee fails to maintain a surety bond or substitute bond, the licensee shall immediately cease doing business and surrender the license to the department. If the licensee does not surrender the license, the department may issue a notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(4) Until October 1, 2008, a licensee licensed prior to September 1, 2007, may operate with no net worth or bonding requirement as provided for at the time such licensee was originally licensed.

Sec. 18. Section 45-348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

45-348 (1) Every licensee shall, on or before the first day of October, pay to the director the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for each license held as a license fee for the succeeding year and submit such information as the director may require to indicate any material change in the information contained in the original application or succeeding renewal

applications, including a copy of the licensee's most recent annual audit. Failure to pay such license fee within the time prescribed shall automatically revoke such license.

(2) A licensee may voluntarily surrender a license at any time by delivering to the director written notice of the surrender. The Department of Banking and Finance shall issue a notice of cancellation of the license following such surrender.

(3) If a licensee fails to renew its license and does not voluntarily surrender the license pursuant to this section, the department may issue a notice of expiration of the license to the licensee in lieu of revocation proceedings.

Sec. 19. Section 45-922, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

45-922 (1) The director may, following a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, suspend or revoke any license issued pursuant to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act if he or she finds:

(a) A licensee or any of its officers, directors, partners, or members has knowingly violated the act or any rule, regulation, or order of the director thereunder;

(b) A fact or condition existing which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, would have warranted the director to refuse to issue such license;

(c) A licensee has abandoned its place of business for a period of ~~sixty~~ thirty days or more;

(d) A licensee or any of its officers, directors, partners, or members has knowingly subscribed to, made, or caused to be made any false statement or false entry in the books and records of any licensee, has knowingly subscribed to or exhibited false papers with the intent to deceive the Department of Banking and Finance, has failed to make a true and correct entry in the books and records of such licensee of its business and transactions in the manner and form prescribed by the department, or has mutilated, altered, destroyed, secreted, or removed any of the books or records of such licensee without the written approval of the department or as provided in section 45-925; or

(e) A licensee has knowingly violated a voluntary consent or compliance agreement which had been entered into with the director.

(2) Except as provided in this section, a license shall not be revoked or suspended except after notice and a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(3)(a) If a licensee fails to renew its license as required by section 45-910 and does not voluntarily surrender the license pursuant to section 45-911, the department may issue a notice of expiration of the license to the licensee in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(b) If a licensee fails to maintain a surety bond as required by section 45-906, the department may issue a notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(4) Revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration of a license shall not impair or affect the obligation of a preexisting lawful contract between the licensee and any person, including a maker of a check.

(5) Revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration of a license shall not affect civil or criminal liability for acts committed before the revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration or liability for fines levied against the licensee or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, partners, or members, pursuant to section 45-925, for acts committed before the revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration.

Sec. 20. Sections 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 21. Original sections 8-101.01, 8-112, 8-209, 8-210, 8-602, 8-1001, 8-1001.01, and 45-190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-348, and 45-922, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, are repealed.

Sec. 22. Original section 8-163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-1,140, 8-355, and 21-17,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, and section 8-157.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by section 1, Legislative Bill 75, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009, are repealed.

Sec. 23. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.