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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075**

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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 2 8-2735, 45-346, 45-346.01, 8-2729, 8-2730, 45-354, 45-737, 3 45-905.01, 45-912, 45-1005, 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Reissue Revised 4 Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications, background checks, registrations, and required notices under the 5 6 Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, the Nebraska Installment Sales Act, 7 and the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, registrations and background 8 checks under the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, 9 required notices under the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act; and to repeal the original sections. 10
- 11 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 8-2729, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8-2729 Each application for a license under the Nebraska Money
- 4 Transmitters Act shall be made in writing and in a form prescribed by the
- 5 director. Each application shall state or contain:
- 6 (1) For all applicants:
- 7 (a) The exact name of the applicant, the applicant's principal
- 8 address, any fictitious or trade name used by the applicant in the
- 9 conduct of its business, and the location of the applicant's business
- 10 records;
- 11 (b) The history of the applicant's criminal convictions and material
- 12 litigation for the five-year period before the date of the application;
- 13 (c) A description of the activities conducted by the applicant and a
- 14 history of operations;
- 15 (d) A description of the business activities in which the applicant
- 16 seeks to be engaged in this state;
- 17 (e) A list identifying the applicant's proposed authorized delegates
- 18 in this state, if any, at the time of the filing of the application;
- 19 (f) A sample authorized delegate contract, if applicable;
- 20 (g) A sample form of payment instrument, if applicable;
- 21 (h) The locations at which the applicant and its authorized
- 22 delegates, if any, propose to conduct money transmission in this state;
- 23 and
- 24 (i) The name, address, and account information of each clearing bank
- 25 or banks, which shall be covered by federal deposit insurance, on which
- 26 the applicant's payment instruments and funds received for transmission
- 27 or otherwise will be drawn or through which the payment instruments or
- 28 other funds will be payable;
- 29 (2) If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant shall also
- 30 provide:
- 31 (a) The date of the applicant's incorporation and state of

- 1 incorporation;
- 2 (b) A certificate of good standing from the state in which the
- 3 applicant was incorporated;
- 4 (c) A certificate of authority from the Secretary of State to
- 5 conduct business in this state;
- 6 (d) A description of the corporate structure of the applicant,
- 7 including the identity of any parent or subsidiary of the applicant, and
- 8 a disclosure of whether any parent or subsidiary is publicly traded on
- 9 any stock exchange;
- 10 (e) The name, business and residence addresses, and employment
- 11 history for the five-year period immediately before the date of the
- 12 application of the applicant's executive officers and the officers or
- 13 managers who will be in charge of the applicant's activities to be
- 14 licensed under the act;
- 15 (f) The name, business and residence addresses, and employment
- 16 history for the five-year period immediately before the date of the
- 17 application and the most recent personal financial statement of any key
- 18 shareholder of the applicant;
- 19 (g) The history of <del>criminal convictions and</del> material litigation for
- 20 the five-year period immediately before the date of the application of
- 21 every executive officer or key shareholder of the applicant;
- 22 (h) Background checks as provided in section 8-2730;
- 23 (i) (h) A copy of the applicant's most recent audited financial
- 24 statement including balance sheet, statement of income or loss, statement
- 25 of changes in shareholder equity, and statement of changes in financial
- 26 position and, if available, the applicant's audited financial statements
- 27 for the immediately preceding two-year period. However, if the applicant
- 28 is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the applicant may
- 29 submit either the parent corporation's consolidated audited financial
- 30 statements for the current year and for the immediately preceding two-
- 31 year period or the parent corporation's Form 10-K reports filed with the

- 1 United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the prior three
- 2 years in lieu of the applicant's financial statements. If the applicant
- 3 is a wholly owned subsidiary of a corporation having its principal place
- 4 of business outside the United States, similar documentation filed with
- 5 the parent corporation's non-United States regulator may be submitted to
- 6 satisfy this subdivision; and
- 7 (j) (i) Copies of all filings, if any, made by the applicant with
- 8 the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or with a similar
- 9 regulator in a country other than the United States, within the year
- 10 preceding the date of filing of the application; and
- 11 (3) If the applicant is not a corporation, the applicant shall also
- 12 provide:
- 13 (a) The name, business and residence addresses, personal financial
- 14 statement, and employment history, for the five-year period immediately
- 15 before the date of the application, of each principal of the applicant
- 16 and the name, business and residence addresses, and employment history
- 17 for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application
- 18 of any other person or persons who will be in charge of the applicant's
- 19 money transmission activities;
- 20 (b) A copy of the applicant's registration or qualification to do
- 21 business in this state;
- 22 (c) The history of <del>criminal convictions and</del> material litigation for
- 23 the five-year period immediately before the date of the application for
- 24 each individual having any ownership interest in the applicant and each
- 25 individual who exercises supervisory responsibility with respect to the
- 26 applicant's activities; and
- 27 <u>(d) Background checks as provided in section 8-2730; and</u>
- 28 <u>(e)</u> (d) Copies of the applicant's audited financial statements
- 29 including balance sheet, statement of income or loss, and statement of
- 30 changes in financial position for the current year and, if available, for
- 31 the immediately preceding two-year period.

- 1 Sec. 2. Section 8-2730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8-2730 (1) Effective July 1, 2014, the department shall require
- 4 licensees under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act to be licensed and
- 5 registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 6 In order to carry out this requirement, the department is authorized to
- 7 participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For
- 8 this purpose, the department may establish, by adopting and promulgating
- 9 rules and regulations or by order, requirements as necessary. The
- 10 requirements may include, but are not limited to:
- 11 (a) Background checks of applicants and licensees, including, but
- 12 not limited to:
- 13 (i) Fingerprints of every executive officer, director, partner,
- 14 <u>member</u>, sole proprietor, or shareholder submitted to the Federal Bureau
- 15 of Investigation and any other governmental agency or entity authorized
- 16 to receive such information for a state, national, and international
- 17 criminal history record information check (i) Checks of an applicant's or
- 18 a licensee's criminal history through fingerprint or other databases,
- 19 except that the department shall not require the submission of
- 20 fingerprints by (A) an executive officer or director of an applicant or
- 21 licensee which is either a publicly traded company or a wholly owned
- 22 subsidiary of a publicly traded company or (B) an applicant or licensee
- 23 who has previously submitted the fingerprints of an executive officer, or
- 24 director, partner, member, sole proprietor, or shareholder directly to
- 25 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and the Federal
- 26 Bureau of Investigation will accept such fingerprints for a criminal
- 27 background check;
- 28 (ii) Checks of civil or administrative records;
- 29 (iii) Checks of an applicant's or a licensee's credit history; or
- 30 (iv) Any other information as deemed necessary by the Nationwide
- 31 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;

- 1 (b) The payment of fees to apply for or renew a license through the
- 2 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 3 (c) The setting or resetting, as necessary, of renewal processing or
- 4 reporting dates;
- 5 (d) Information and reports pertaining to authorized delegates; and
- 6 (e) Amending or surrendering a license or any other such activities
- 7 as the director deems necessary for participation in the Nationwide
- 8 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 9 (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of the act, the department is
- 10 authorized to establish relationships or contracts with the Nationwide
- 11 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or other entities designated by
- 12 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry to collect and
- 13 maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to
- 14 licensees or other persons subject to the act. The department may allow
- 15 such system to collect licensing fees on behalf of the department and
- 16 allow such system to collect a processing fee for the services of the
- 17 system directly from each licensee or applicant for a license.
- 18 (3) The director is required to regularly report enforcement actions
- 19 and other relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
- 20 System and Registry subject to the provisions contained in section
- 21 8-2731.
- 22 (4) The director shall establish a process whereby applicants and
- 23 licensees may challenge information entered into the Nationwide Mortgage
- 24 Licensing System and Registry by the director.
- 25 (5) The department shall ensure that the Nationwide Mortgage
- 26 Licensing System and Registry adopts a privacy, data security, and breach
- 27 of security of the system notification policy. The director shall make
- 28 available upon written request a copy of the contract between the
- 29 department and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry
- 30 pertaining to the breach of security of the system provisions.
- 31 (6) The department shall upon written request provide the most

- 1 recently available audited financial report of the Nationwide Mortgage
- 2 Licensing System and Registry.
- 3 (7) The director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
- 4 and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and
- 5 <u>distributing information to the United States Department of Justice or</u>
- 6 any other governmental agency in order to reduce the points of contact
- 7 which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to maintain for
- 8 purposes of subsection (1) of this section.
- 9 Sec. 3. Section 8-2735, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 10 amended to read:
- 11 8-2735 (1) A licensee shall file notice with the director within
- 12 thirty calendar days after any material change in information provided in
- 13 a licensee's application as prescribed by the director.
- 14 (2) A licensee shall file a report with the director within five
- 15 business days after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of
- 16 any of the following events:
- 17 (a) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee under any
- 18 bankruptcy law of the United States for liquidation or reorganization;
- 19 (b) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee for
- 20 receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative
- 21 proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a
- 22 general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;
- (c) The filing of an action to revoke or suspend the licensee's
- 24 license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in business
- 25 or is licensed;
- 26 (d) The cancellation or other impairment of the licensee's bond or
- 27 other security;
- 28 (e) A charge or conviction of the licensee or of an executive
- 29 officer, manager, or director of, or controlling person of, the licensee,
- 30 for a felony; or
- 31 (f) A charge or conviction of an authorized delegate for a felony.

- 1 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this
- 2 <u>subsection</u>, a licensee shall notify the director in writing or through
- 3 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three
- 4 business days from the time that the licensee becomes aware of any breach
- 5 <u>of security of the system of computerized data owned or licensed by the</u>
- 6 licensee, which contains personal information about a Nebraska resident,
- 7 or the unauthorized access to or use of such information about a Nebraska
- 8 resident as a result of the breach.
- 9 (b) If a licensee would be required under Nebraska law to provide
- 10 <u>notification to a Nebraska resident regarding such incident, then the</u>
- 11 <u>licensee shall provide a copy of such notification to the department</u>
- 12 prior to or simultaneously with the licensee's notification to the
- 13 <u>Nebraska resident.</u>
- 14 <u>(c) Notice required by this subsection may be delayed if a law</u>
- 15 <u>enforcement agency determines that the notice will impede a criminal</u>
- 16 <u>investigation</u>. Notice shall be made in good faith, without unreasonable
- 17 <u>delay, and as soon as possible after the law enforcement agency</u>
- 18 determines that notification will no longer impede the investigation.
- 19 <u>(d) For purposes of this subsection, the terms breach of the</u>
- 20 <u>security of the system and personal information have the same meaning as</u>
- 21 <u>in section 87-802.</u>
- 22 Sec. 4. Section 45-346, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 23 amended to read:
- 24 45-346 (1) A license issued under the Nebraska Installment Sales Act
- 25 is nontransferable and nonassignable. The same person may obtain
- 26 additional licenses for each place of business operating as a sales
- 27 finance company in this state upon compliance with the act as to each
- 28 license, except that on or after January 1, 2020, a person is no longer
- 29 required to obtain a new license for each place of business and may
- 30 maintain a branch office or offices upon compliance with the act.
- 31 (2) Application for a license shall be on a form prescribed and

- 1 furnished by the director and shall include, but not be limited to, (a)
- 2 the applicant's name and any trade name or doing business as designation
- 3 which the applicant intends to use in this state, (b) the applicant's
- 4 main office address, (c) all branch office addresses at which business is
- 5 to be conducted, (d) the names and titles of each director and principal
- 6 officer of the applicant, (e) the names of all shareholders, partners, or
- 7 members of the applicant, (f) a description of the activities of the
- 8 applicant in such detail as the department may require, (q) if the
- 9 applicant is an individual, his or her social security number, and (h)
- 10 audited financial statements showing a minimum net worth of one hundred
- 11 thousand dollars, and (i) background checks as provided in section
- 12 45-354.
- 13 (3) An applicant for a license shall file with the department a
- 14 surety bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars, furnished by a
- 15 surety company authorized to do business in this state. Such bond shall
- 16 be increased by an additional fifty thousand dollars for each branch
- 17 location of the applicant that is licensed under the Nebraska Installment
- 18 Sales Act. The bond shall be for the use of the State of Nebraska and any
- 19 Nebraska resident who may have claims or causes of action against the
- 20 applicant. The surety may cancel the bond only upon thirty days' written
- 21 notice to the director.
- 22 (4) A license fee of one hundred fifty dollars, and, if applicable,
- 23 a one-hundred-dollar fee for each branch office listed in the
- 24 application, and any processing fee allowed under subsection (2) of
- 25 section 45-354 shall be submitted along with each application.
- 26 (5) An initial license shall remain in full force and effect until
- 27 the next succeeding December 31. Each license shall remain in force until
- 28 revoked, suspended, canceled, expired, or surrendered.
- 29 (6) The director shall, after an application has been filed for a
- 30 license under the act, investigate the facts, and if he or she finds that
- 31 the experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant, of the

- 1 members thereof if the applicant is a corporation or association, and of
- 2 the officers and directors thereof if the applicant is a corporation, are
- 3 such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated honestly,
- 4 fairly, and efficiently within the purpose of the act, the director shall
- 5 issue and deliver a license to the applicant to do business as a sales
- 6 finance company in accordance with the license and the act. The director
- 7 shall have the power to reject for cause any application for a license.
- 8 (7) The director shall, within his or her discretion, make an
- 9 examination and inspection concerning the propriety of the issuance of a
- 10 license to any applicant. The cost of such examination and inspection
- 11 shall be borne by the applicant.
- 12 (8) If an applicant for a license under the act does not complete
- 13 the license application and fails to respond to a notice or notices from
- 14 the department to correct the deficiency or deficiencies for a period of
- one hundred twenty days or more after the date the department sends the
- 16 initial notice to correct the deficiency or deficiencies, the department
- 17 may deem the application as abandoned and may issue a notice of
- 18 abandonment of the application to the applicant in lieu of proceedings to
- 19 deny the application.
- 20 Sec. 5. Section 45-346.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 21 amended to read:
- 22 45-346.01 (1) A licensee may move its main office from one place to
- 23 another without obtaining a new license if the licensee gives notice
- 24 thereof to the director through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
- 25 and Registry at least thirty days prior to such move.
- 26 (2) A licensee shall notify the director through the Nationwide
- 27 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry at least thirty days prior to the
- 28 occurrence of any of the following:
- 29 (a) The establishment of a new branch office. Notice of each such
- 30 establishment shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars and
- 31 any processing fee allowed under subsection (2) of section 45-354;

- 1 (b) The relocation or closing of an existing branch office; or
- 2 (c) A change of name, trade name, or doing business as designation.
- 3 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this
- 4 subsection, a licensee shall notify the director in writing or through
- 5 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three
- 6 <u>business</u> days from the time that the licensee becomes aware of any breach
- 7 of security of the system of computerized data owned or licensed by the
- 8 <u>licensee</u>, which contains personal information about a Nebraska resident,
- 9 or the unauthorized access to or use of such information about a Nebraska
- 10 <u>resident as a result of the breach.</u>
- 11 (b) If a licensee would be required under Nebraska law to provide
- 12 <u>notification to a Nebraska resident regarding such incident, then the</u>
- 13 <u>licensee shall provide a copy of such notification to the department</u>
- 14 prior to or simultaneously with the licensee's notification to the
- 15 Nebraska resident.
- 16 (c) Notice required by this subsection may be delayed if a law
- 17 enforcement agency determines that the notice will impede a criminal
- 18 <u>investigation</u>. Notice shall be made in good faith, without unreasonable
- 19 delay, and as soon as possible after the law enforcement agency
- 20 determines that notification will no longer impede the investigation.
- 21 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the terms breach of the
- 22 security of the system and personal information have the same meaning as
- 23 <u>in section 87-802</u>.
- 24 (4) (3) A licensee shall maintain the minimum net worth as required
- 25 by section 45-346 while a license issued under the Nebraska Installment
- 26 Sales Act is in effect. The minimum net worth shall be proven by an
- 27 annual audit conducted by a certified public accountant. A licensee shall
- 28 submit a copy of the annual audit to the director as required by section
- 29 45-348 or upon written request of the director. If a licensee fails to
- 30 maintain the required minimum net worth, the department may issue a
- 31 notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.

- 1 (5) (4) The surety bond or a substitute bond as required by section
- 2 45-346 shall remain in effect while a license issued under the Nebraska
- 3 Installment Sales Act is in effect. If a licensee fails to maintain a
- 4 surety bond or substitute bond, the licensee shall immediately cease
- 5 doing business and surrender the license to the department. If the
- 6 licensee does not surrender the license, the department may issue a
- 7 notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.
- 8 Sec. 6. Section 45-354, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 45-354 (1) Effective January 1, 2013, or within one hundred eighty
- 11 days after the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry is
- 12 capable of accepting licenses issued under the Nebraska Installment Sales
- 13 Act, whichever is later, the department shall require such licensees
- 14 under the act to be licensed and registered through the Nationwide
- 15 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. In order to carry out this
- 16 requirement, the department is authorized to participate in the
- 17 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For this purpose, the
- 18 department may establish, by adopting and promulgating rules and
- 19 regulations or by order, requirements as necessary. The requirements may
- 20 include, but not be limited to:
- 21 (a) Background checks of applicants and licensees, including, but
- 22 not limited to:
- 23 (i) Fingerprints of every executive officer, director, partner,
- 24 member, sole proprietor, or shareholder submitted to the Federal Bureau
- 25 of Investigation and any other governmental agency or entity authorized
- 26 <u>to receive such information for a state, national, and international</u>
- 27 criminal history record information check <del>Criminal history through</del>
- 28 fingerprint or other databases;
- 29 (ii) Civil or administrative records;
- 30 (iii) Credit history; or
- 31 (iv) Any other information as deemed necessary by the Nationwide

- 1 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 2 (b) The payment of fees to apply for or renew a license through the
- 3 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 4 (c) Compliance with prelicensure education and testing and
- 5 continuing education;
- 6 (d) The setting or resetting, as necessary, of renewal processing or
- 7 reporting dates; and
- 8 (e) Amending or surrendering a license or any other such activities
- 9 as the director deems necessary for participation in the Nationwide
- 10 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 11 (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of the Nebraska Installment
- 12 Sales Act, the department is authorized to establish relationships or
- 13 contracts with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or
- 14 other entities designated by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 15 Registry to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or
- 16 other fees related to licensees or other persons subject to the act. The
- 17 department may allow such system to collect licensing fees on behalf of
- 18 the department and allow such system to collect a processing fee for the
- 19 services of the system directly from each licensee or applicant for a
- 20 license.
- 21 (3) The director is required to regularly report enforcement actions
- 22 and other relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing
- 23 System and Registry subject to the provisions contained in section
- 24 45-355.
- 25 (4) The director shall establish a process whereby applicants and
- 26 licensees may challenge information entered into the Nationwide Mortgage
- 27 Licensing System and Registry by the director.
- 28 (5) The department shall ensure that the Nationwide Mortgage
- 29 Licensing System and Registry adopts a privacy, data security, and breach
- 30 of security of the system notification policy. The director shall make
- 31 available upon written request a copy of the contract between the

- 1 department and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry
- 2 pertaining to the breach of security of the system provisions.
- 3 (6) The department shall upon written request provide the most
- 4 recently available audited financial report of the Nationwide Mortgage
- 5 Licensing System and Registry.
- 6 (7) The director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
- 7 and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and
- 8 <u>distributing information to the United States Department of Justice or</u>
- 9 any other governmental agency in order to reduce the points of contact
- 10 which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to maintain for
- 11 purposes of subsection (1) of this section.
- Sec. 7. Section 45-737, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 45-737 A licensee licensed as a mortgage banker shall:
- 15 (1) Disburse required funds paid by the borrower and held in escrow
- 16 for the payment of insurance payments no later than the date upon which
- 17 the premium is due under the insurance policy;
- 18 (2) Disburse funds paid by the borrower and held in escrow for the
- 19 payment of real estate taxes prior to the time such real estate taxes
- 20 become delinquent;
- 21 (3) Pay any penalty incurred by the borrower because of the failure
- 22 of the licensee to make the payments required in subdivisions (1) and (2)
- 23 of this section unless the licensee establishes that the failure to
- 24 timely make the payments was due solely to the fact that the borrower was
- 25 sent a written notice of the amount due more than fifteen calendar days
- 26 before the due date to the borrower's last-known address and failed to
- 27 timely remit the amount due to the licensee;
- 28 (4) At least annually perform a complete escrow analysis. If there
- 29 is a change in the amount of the periodic payments, the licensee shall
- 30 mail written notice of such change to the borrower at least twenty
- 31 calendar days before the effective date of the change in payment. The

- 1 following information shall be provided to the borrower, without charge,
- 2 in one or more reports, at least annually:
- 3 (a) The name and address of the licensee;
- 4 (b) The name and address of the borrower;
- 5 (c) A summary of the escrow account activity during the year which
- 6 includes all of the following:
- 7 (i) The balance of the escrow account at the beginning of the year;
- 8 (ii) The aggregate amount of deposits to the escrow account during
- 9 the year; and
- 10 (iii) The aggregate amount of withdrawals from the escrow account
- 11 for each of the following categories:
- 12 (A) Payments applied to loan principal;
- 13 (B) Payments applied to interest;
- 14 (C) Payments applied to real estate taxes;
- 15 (D) Payments for real property insurance premiums; and
- 16 (E) All other withdrawals; and
- 17 (d) A summary of loan principal for the year as follows:
- 18 (i) The amount of principal outstanding at the beginning of the
- 19 year;
- 20 (ii) The aggregate amount of payments applied to principal during
- 21 the year; and
- 22 (iii) The amount of principal outstanding at the end of the year;
- 23 (5) Establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number or accept
- 24 collect telephone calls to respond to inquiries from borrowers, if the
- 25 licensee services residential mortgage loans. If a licensee ceases to
- 26 service residential mortgage loans, it shall continue to maintain a toll-
- 27 free telephone number or accept collect telephone calls to respond to
- 28 inquiries from borrowers for a period of twelve months after the date the
- 29 licensee ceased to service residential mortgage loans. A telephonic
- 30 messaging service which does not permit the borrower an option of
- 31 personal contact with an employee, agent, or contractor of the licensee

- 1 shall not satisfy the conditions of this section. Each day such licensee
- 2 fails to comply with this subdivision shall constitute a separate
- 3 violation of the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act;
- 4 (6) Answer in writing, within seven business days after receipt, any
- 5 written request for payoff information received from a borrower or a
- 6 borrower's designated representative. This service shall be provided
- 7 without charge to the borrower, except that when such information is
- 8 provided upon request within sixty days after the fulfillment of a
- 9 previous request, a processing fee of up to ten dollars may be charged;
- 10 (7) Record or cause to be recorded a release of mortgage pursuant to
- 11 the provisions of section 76-2803 or, in the case of a trust deed, record
- 12 or cause to be recorded a reconveyance pursuant to the provisions of
- 13 section 76-2803;
- 14 (8) Maintain a copy of all documents and records relating to each
- 15 residential mortgage loan and application for a residential mortgage
- 16 loan, including, but not limited to, loan applications, federal Truth in
- 17 Lending Act statements, good faith estimates, appraisals, notes, rights
- 18 of rescission, and mortgages or trust deeds for a period of five years
- 19 after the date the residential mortgage loan is funded or the loan
- 20 application is denied or withdrawn;
- 21 (9) Notify the director in writing or through the Nationwide
- 22 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three business days after
- 23 the occurrence of any of the following:
- 24 (a) The filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by the licensee
- 25 or notice of a filing of an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against
- 26 the licensee;
- 27 (b) The licensee has lost the ability to fund a loan or loans after
- 28 it had made a loan commitment or commitments and approved a loan
- 29 application or applications;
- 30 (c) Any other state or jurisdiction institutes license denial, cease
- 31 and desist, suspension, or revocation procedures against the licensee;

- 1 (d) The attorney general of any state, the Consumer Financial
- 2 Protection Bureau, or the Federal Trade Commission initiates an action to
- 3 enforce consumer protection laws against the licensee or any of the
- 4 licensee's officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members,
- 5 employees, or agents;
- 6 (e) The Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan
- 7 Mortgage Corporation, Federal Housing Administration, or Government
- 8 National Mortgage Association suspends or terminates the licensee's
- 9 status as an approved seller or seller and servicer;
- 10 (f) The filing of a criminal indictment or information against the
- 11 licensee or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, partners,
- 12 members, employees, or agents; or
- 13 (g) The licensee or any of the licensee's officers, directors,
- 14 shareholders, partners, members, employees, or agents was convicted of,
- 15 pleaded guilty to, or was found guilty after a plea of nolo contendere to
- 16 (i) a misdemeanor under state or federal law which involves dishonesty or
- 17 fraud or which involves any aspect of the mortgage banking business,
- 18 depository institution business, or installment loan company business or
- 19 (ii) any felony under state or federal law; or and
- 20 (h)(i) Except as provided in subdivisions (9)(h)(ii) and (iii) of
- 21 this section, a licensee shall notify the director in writing or through
- 22 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three
- 23 business days from the time that the licensee becomes aware of any breach
- 24 of security of the system of computerized data owned or licensed by the
- 25 licensee, which contains personal information about a Nebraska resident,
- 26 <u>or the unauthorized access to or use of such information about a Nebraska</u>
- 27 resident as a result of the breach.
- 28 (ii) If a licensee would be required under Nebraska law to provide
- 29 <u>notification to a Nebraska resident regarding such incident, then the</u>
- 30 licensee shall provide a copy of such notification to the department
- 31 prior to or simultaneously with the licensee's notification to the

- 1 Nebraska resident.
- 2 (iii) Notice required by subdivision (9)(h) of this section may be
- 3 <u>delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that the notice will</u>
- 4 <u>impede a criminal investigation</u>. Notice shall be made in good faith,
- 5 <u>without unreasonable delay, and as soon as possible after the law</u>
- 6 enforcement agency determines that notification will no longer impede the
- 7 investigation.
- 8 (iv) For purposes of subdivision (9)(h) of this section, the terms
- 9 breach of the security of the system and personal information have the
- 10 same meaning as in section 87-802; and
- 11 (10) Notify the director in writing or through the Nationwide
- 12 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within thirty days after the
- 13 occurrence of a material development other than as described in
- 14 subdivision (9) of this section, including, but not limited to, any of
- 15 the following:
- 16 (a) Business reorganization;
- 17 (b) A change of name, trade name, doing business as designation, or
- 18 main office address;
- 19 (c) The establishment of a branch office. Notice of such
- 20 establishment shall be on a form prescribed by the department and
- 21 accompanied by a fee of seventy-five dollars for each branch office;
- 22 (d) The relocation or closing of a branch office; or
- 23 (e) The entry of an order against the licensee or any of the
- 24 licensee's officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members,
- 25 employees, or agents, including orders to which the licensee or other
- 26 parties consented, by any other state or federal regulator.
- 27 Sec. 8. Section 45-905.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 45-905.01 (1) On and after January 1, 2021, licensees under the
- 30 Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act are required to be licensed and
- 31 registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

- 1 In order to carry out this requirement, the department is authorized to
- 2 participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For
- 3 this purpose, the director may establish requirements as necessary by
- 4 adopting and promulgating rules and regulations or by order. The
- 5 requirements may include, but are not limited to:
- 6 (a) Background checks of applicants and licensees, including, but
- 7 not limited to:
- 8 (i) Fingerprints of any principal officer, director, partner,
- 9 member, or sole proprietor submitted to the Federal Bureau of
- 10 Investigation and any other governmental agency or entity authorized to
- 11 receive such information for a state, national, and international
- 12 criminal history record information check;
- (ii) Checks of civil or administrative records;
- 14 (iii) Checks of an applicant's or a licensee's credit history; or
- 15 (iv) Any other information as deemed necessary by the director;
- 16 (b) The payment of fees to apply for or renew a license through the
- 17 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 18 (c) The setting or resetting, as necessary, of renewal processing or
- 19 reporting dates; and
- 20 (d) Amending or surrendering a license or any other such activities
- 21 as the director deems necessary for participation in the Nationwide
- 22 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 23 (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of the Delayed Deposit Services
- 24 Licensing Act, the department may contract with the Nationwide Mortgage
- 25 Licensing System and Registry or other entities designated by the
- 26 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry to collect and maintain
- 27 records and process transaction fees or other fees related to applicants,
- 28 licensees, or other persons subject to the act. The department may allow
- 29 such system to collect licensing fees on behalf of the department and may
- 30 allow such system to collect a processing fee for the services of the
- 31 system directly from each applicant or licensee.

- 1 (3) The director shall regularly report enforcement actions and
- 2 other relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
- 3 and Registry.
- 4 (4) The director shall establish a process whereby applicants and
- 5 licensees may challenge information entered by the director into the
- 6 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 7 (5) The department shall ensure that the Nationwide Mortgage
- 8 Licensing System and Registry adopts a privacy, data security, and breach
- 9 of security of the system notification policy. The director shall make
- 10 available upon written request a copy of such policy and the contract
- 11 between the department and the system.
- 12 (6) Upon written request the department shall provide the most
- 13 recently available audited financial report of the Nationwide Mortgage
- 14 Licensing System and Registry.
- 15 (7) The director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
- 16 and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and
- 17 distributing information to the United States Department of Justice or
- 18 any other governmental agency in order to reduce the points of contact
- 19 which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to maintain for
- 20 purposes of subsection (1) (5) of this section.
- 21 Sec. 9. Section 45-912, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 45-912 (1) A licensee shall be required to notify the director in
- 24 writing through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry
- 25 within thirty days after the occurrence of any material development,
- 26 including, but not limited to:
- 27 <u>(a) (1)</u> Bankruptcy or corporate reorganization;
- 28 (b) (2) Business reorganization;
- 29 <u>(c) (3)</u> Institution of license revocation procedures by any other
- 30 state or jurisdiction;
- 31 (d) (d) (4) The filing of a criminal indictment or complaint against the

- 1 licensee or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, partners,
- 2 members, employees, or agents;
- 3 (e) (5) A felony conviction against the licensee or any of the
- 4 licensee's officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members,
- 5 employees, or agents; or
- 6 (f) (6) The termination of employment or association with the
- 7 licensee of any of the licensee's officers, directors, shareholders,
- 8 partners, members, employees, or agents for violations or suspected
- 9 violations of the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, any rule,
- 10 regulation, or order thereunder, or any state or federal law applicable
- 11 to the licensee.
- 12 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this
- 13 <u>subsection</u>, a licensee shall notify the director in writing or through
- 14 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three
- 15 business days from the time that the licensee becomes aware of any breach
- 16 of security of the system of computerized data owned or licensed by the
- 17 licensee, which contains personal information about a Nebraska resident,
- 18 or the unauthorized access to or use of such information about a Nebraska
- 19 resident as a result of the breach.
- 20 <u>(b) If a licensee would be required under Nebraska law to provide</u>
- 21 <u>notification to a Nebraska resident regarding such incident, then the</u>
- 22 licensee shall provide a copy of such notification to the department
- 23 prior to or simultaneously with the licensee's notification to the
- 24 <u>Nebraska resident.</u>
- (c) Notice required by this subsection may be delayed if a law
- 26 enforcement agency determines that the notice will impede a criminal
- 27 investigation. Notice shall be made in good faith, without unreasonable
- 28 <u>delay, and as soon as possible after the law enforcement agency</u>
- 29 determines that notification will no longer impede the investigation.
- 30 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the terms breach of the
- 31 security of the system and personal information have the same meaning as

- 1 <u>in section 87-802.</u>
- 2 Sec. 10. Section 45-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 45-1005 Any person who desires to obtain an original license to
- 5 engage in the business of lending money under the terms and conditions of
- 6 the Nebraska Installment Loan Act or an original license to hold or
- 7 acquire any rights of ownership, servicing, or other forms of
- 8 participation in a loan under the act or to engage with, or conduct loan
- 9 activity with, an installment loan borrower in connection with a loan
- 10 under the act, shall apply to the department for the license under oath,
- on a form prescribed by the department, and pay an original license fee
- 12 of five hundred dollars, and submit background checks as provided in
- 13 <u>section 45-1033.01</u>. If the applicant is an individual, the application
- 14 shall include the applicant's social security number.
- 15 Sec. 11. Section 45-1018, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 45-1018 (1) A licensee shall on or before March 1 of each year file
- 18 with the department a report of the licensee's earnings and operations
- 19 for the preceding calendar year, and its assets at the end of the year,
- 20 and giving such other relevant information as the department may
- 21 reasonably require. The report shall be made under oath and shall be in
- 22 the form and manner prescribed by the department.
- 23 (2) A licensee shall submit a mortgage report of condition as
- 24 required by section 45-726, on or before a date or dates established by
- 25 rule, regulation, or order of the director.
- 26 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this
- 27 subsection, a licensee shall notify the director in writing or through
- 28 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry within three
- 29 business days from the time that the licensee becomes aware of any breach
- 30 of security of the system of computerized data owned or licensed by the
- 31 licensee, which contains personal information about a Nebraska resident,

- 1 or the unauthorized access to or use of such information about a Nebraska
- 2 <u>resident as a result of the breach.</u>
- 3 (b) If a licensee would be required under Nebraska law to provide
- 4 notification to a Nebraska resident regarding such incident, then the
- 5 licensee shall provide a copy of such notification to the department
- 6 prior to or simultaneously with the licensee's notification to the
- 7 Nebraska resident.
- 8 (c) Notice required by this subsection may be delayed if a law
- 9 enforcement agency determines that the notice will impede a criminal
- 10 investigation. Notice shall be made in good faith, without unreasonable
- 11 <u>delay, and as soon as possible after the law enforcement agency</u>
- 12 <u>determines that notification will no longer impede the investigation.</u>
- 13 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the terms breach of the
- 14 <u>security of the system and personal information have the same meaning as</u>
- 15 in section 87-802.
- 16 Sec. 12. Section 45-1033.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 17 is amended to read:
- 18 45-1033.01 (1) The department shall require licensees to be licensed
- 19 and registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 20 Registry. In order to carry out this requirement, the department is
- 21 authorized to participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 22 Registry. For this purpose, the department may establish, by adopting and
- 23 promulgating rules and regulations or by order, requirements as
- 24 necessary. The requirements may include, but not be limited to:
- 25 (a) Background checks of applicants and licensees, including, but
- 26 not limited to:
- 27 (i) Fingerprints of every executive officer, director, partner,
- 28 member, sole proprietor, or shareholder submitted to the Federal Bureau
- 29 of Investigation and any other governmental agency or entity authorized
- 30 to receive such information for a state, national, and international
- 31 criminal history record information check Criminal history through

- 1 fingerprint or other databases;
- 2 (ii) Civil or administrative records;
- 3 (iii) Credit history; or
- 4 (iv) Any other information as deemed necessary by the Nationwide
- 5 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 6 (b) The payment of fees to apply for or renew a license through the
- 7 Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;
- 8 (c) Compliance with prelicensure education and testing and
- 9 continuing education;
- 10 (d) The setting or resetting, as necessary, of renewal processing or
- 11 reporting dates; and
- 12 (e) Amending or surrendering a license or any other such activities
- 13 as the director deems necessary for participation in the Nationwide
- 14 Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.
- 15 (2) In order to fulfill the purposes of the Nebraska Installment
- 16 Loan Act, the department is authorized to establish relationships or
- 17 contracts with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or
- 18 other entities designated by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 19 Registry to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or
- 20 other fees related to licensees or other persons subject to the act. The
- 21 department may allow such system to collect licensing fees on behalf of
- 22 the department and allow such system to collect a processing fee for the
- 23 services of the system directly from each licensee or applicant for a
- 24 license.
- 25 (3) The director is required to regularly report violations of the
- 26 act pertaining to residential mortgage loans, as defined in section
- 27 45-702, as well as enforcement actions and other relevant information, to
- 28 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry subject to the
- 29 provisions contained in section 45-1033.02.
- 30 (4) The director shall establish a process whereby applicants and
- 31 licensees may challenge information entered into the Nationwide Mortgage

- 1 Licensing System and Registry by the director.
- 2 (5) The department shall ensure that the Nationwide Mortgage
- 3 Licensing System and Registry adopts a privacy, data security, and
- 4 security breach notification policy. The director shall make available
- 5 upon written request a copy of the contract between the department and
- 6 the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry pertaining to the
- 7 breach of security of the system provisions.
- 8 (6) The department shall upon written request provide the most
- 9 recently available audited financial report of the Nationwide Mortgage
- 10 Licensing System and Registry.
- 11 <u>(7) The director may use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System</u>
- 12 and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting information from and
- 13 distributing information to the United States Department of Justice or
- 14 any other governmental agency in order to reduce the points of contact
- 15 which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to maintain for
- 16 purposes of subsection (1) of this section.
- 17 Sec. 13. Original sections 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, 45-346,
- 18 45-346.01, 45-354, 45-737, 45-905.01, 45-912, 45-1005, 45-1018, and
- 19 45-1033.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.