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CS for SB 1824

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to mortgage brokering and
3	lending; amending s. 494.001, F.S.; revising
4	definitions; amending s. 494.0014, F.S.;
5	authorizing the Office of Financial Regulation
6	to impose fines; amending s. 494.0029, F.S.;
7	authorizing the office to take certain adverse
8	actions on permits of certain mortgage business
9	schools; providing additional requirements for
10	such schools; amending s. 494.00295, F.S.;
11	providing an additional professional continuing
12	education requirement; authorizing the office
13	to offer professional continuing education
14	programs; specifying requirements for
15	electronically transmitted and distance
16	education courses; amending s. 494.0033, F.S.;
17	revising mortgage broker license applicant
18	requirements; authorizing an additional fee for
19	reviewing mortgage broker's license tests;
20	providing for review of the testing process;
21	amending s. 494.0038, F.S.; providing
22	additional disclosure requirements for mortgage
23	brokerage businesses; amending s. 494.004,
24	F.S.; specifying an additional notification
25	requirement for mortgage broker licensees;
26	authorizing the commission to adopt rules;
27	amending s. 494.0041, F.S.; specifying
28	additional acts constituting grounds for
29	certain disciplinary actions; providing for
30	fines and penalties; amending s. 494.0064,
31	F.S.; providing additional requirements for
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1	renewals of mortgage lender's licenses;
2	amending s. 494.0067, F.S.; providing
3	additional requirements for mortgage lender
4	licenses; providing disclosure requirements;
5	amending s. 494.0072, F.S.; specifying
б	additional acts constituting grounds for
7	certain disciplinary actions; providing fines
8	and penalties; amending s. 494.0073, F.S.;
9	providing for application of certain provisions
10	to mortgage brokerage businesses; providing for
11	adoption of rules by the Financial Services
12	Commission; providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 494.001, Florida
17	Statutes, is amended, and subsections (32) , (33) , and (34) are
18	added to that section, to read:
19	494.001 DefinitionsAs used in ss. 494.001-494.0077,
20	the term:
21	(2) "Act as a loan originator" means being employed by
22	a mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender, for
23	compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or
24	gain, to negotiate <u>, or offer to negotiate<u>, or assist any</u></u>
25	licensed or exempt entity in negotiating the making of a
26	mortgage loan <u>, including, but not limited to, working with a</u>
27	licensed or exempt entity to structure a loan or discussing
28	terms and conditions necessary for the delivery of a loan
29	product. A <u>natural</u> person whose activities are ministerial and
30	clerical, which may include quoting available interest rates
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1 or loan terms and conditions, is not acting as a loan 2 originator. (32) "Mortgage loan application" means a submission of 3 4 a borrower's financial information in anticipation of a credit 5 decision, whether written or computer-generated, relating to a б mortgage loan. If the submission does not state or identify a specific property, the submission is an application for a 7 8 prequalification and not an application for a mortgage loan under this part. The subsequent addition of an identified 9 10 property to the submission converts the submission to an application for a mortgage loan. 11 12 (33) "Mortgage brokerage fee" means the total 13 compensation to be received by a mortgage business for acting 14 as a mortgage broker. (34) "Business day" means any calendar day except 15 Sunday or a legal holiday. 16 17 Section 2. Section 494.0014, Florida Statutes, is 18 amended to read: 494.0014 Cease and desist orders; administrative 19 fines; refund orders.--20 21 (1) The office has the power to issue and serve upon 22 any person an order to cease and desist and to take corrective 23 action whenever it has reason to believe the person is violating, has violated, or is about to violate any provision 2.4 of ss. 494.001-494.0077, any rule or order issued under ss. 25 26 494.001-494.0077, or any written agreement between the person 27 and the office. All procedural matters relating to issuance 2.8 and enforcement of such a cease and desist order are governed 29 by the Administrative Procedure Act. 30 (2) The office has the power to order the refund of any fee directly or indirectly assessed and charged on a 31 3

1 mortgage loan transaction which is unauthorized or exceeds the 2 maximum fee specifically authorized in ss. 494.001-494.0077. 3 (3) The office may prohibit the association by a 4 mortgage broker business, or the employment by a mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender, of any person who has 5 6 engaged in a pattern of misconduct while an associate of a 7 mortgage brokerage business or an employee of a mortgage 8 lender or correspondent mortgage lender. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "pattern of misconduct" means the 9 10 commission of three or more violations of ss. 494.001-494.0077 or the provisions of chapter 494 in effect prior to October 1, 11 12 1991, during any 1-year period or any criminal conviction for 13 violating ss. 494.001-494.0077 or the provisions of chapter 494 in effect prior to October 1, 1991. 14 (4) The office may impose upon any person who makes or 15 brokers a loan, or any mortgage business school, a fine for 16 17 violations of any provision of ss. 494.001-494.00295 or any 18 rule or order issued under ss. 494.001-494.00295 in an amount not exceeding \$5,000 for each separate count or offense. 19 20 Section 3. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) 21 and paragraphs (g) and (h) are added to subsection (2) of 22 section 494.0029, Florida Statutes, to read: 23 494.0029 Mortgage business schools.--2.4 (1)(f) In addition to the remedies set forth in s. 25 494.0014, the office may revoke, suspend, or place on 26 27 probation the permit of any mortgage business school that 2.8 fails to meet the requirements of this section, subject to all reasonable conditions that the office specifies. 29 30 (2) 31

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1	(q) A school permitted under this section must conduct
2	classes on the basis of a 50-minute classroom hour in
3	accordance with the requirements of this chapter and
4	commission rules.
5	(h) Each school permitted under this section is
6	responsible for developing procedures to confirm, and for
7	actually confirming, the identity of each student attending
8	any course offering.
9	Section 4. Section 494.00295, Florida Statutes, is
10	amended to read:
11	494.00295 Professional continuing education
12	(1) Mortgage brokers, and the principal
13	representatives and loan originators of a mortgage lender,
14	correspondent mortgage lender, or mortgage lender pursuant to
15	s. 494.0065, must successfully complete at least 14 hours of
16	professional continuing education covering primary and
17	subordinate mortgage financing transactions and the provisions
18	of this chapter during the 2-year period immediately preceding
19	the renewal deadline for a mortgage broker, mortgage lender,
20	correspondent mortgage lender, or mortgage lender pursuant to
21	s. 494.0065. <u>A minimum of 4 hours shall cover the provisions</u>
22	of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter. At
23	the time of license renewal, a licensee must certify to the
24	office that the professional continuing education requirements
25	of this section have been met. Licensees shall maintain
26	records documenting compliance with this subsection for a
27	period of 4 years. The requirements for professional
28	continuing education are waived for the license renewal of a
29	mortgage broker who has completed the 24-hour prelicensing
30	classroom education requirement of s. 494.0033(3) within 90
31	days of for the biennial license period immediately following
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1	the period in which the person became licensed as a mortgage
2	broker. The requirements for professional continuing education
3	for a principal representative are waived for the license
4	renewal of a mortgage lender, correspondent mortgage lender,
5	or mortgage lender pursuant to s. 494.0065 for the biennial
б	license period immediately following the period in which the
7	principal representative completed the 24 hours of classroom
8	education and passed a written test in order to qualify to be
9	a principal representative.
10	(2) Professional continuing education programs must
11	contribute directly to the professional competency of the
12	participants, may only be offered by permitted mortgage
13	business schools <u>, the office,</u> or entities specifically
14	exempted from permitting as mortgage business schools, and may
15	include electronically transmitted or distance education
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1	<u>course content in order to receive a certificate of course</u>
2	completion. Distance education providers shall not provide
3	answers to test questions to course participants and shall not
4	issue a certificate of course completion to any course
5	participant who has failed to correctly answer at least 75
6	percent of the total test questions. The test must consist of
7	at least 100 questions.
8	(4)(3) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
9	ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to administer this
10	section, including rules governing qualifying hours for
11	professional continuing education programs and standards for
12	electronically transmitted or distance education courses,
13	including course completion requirements.
14	Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of
15	section 494.0033, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
16	494.0033 Mortgage broker's license
17	(2) Each initial application for a mortgage broker's
18	license must be in the form prescribed by rule of the
19	commission. The commission may require each applicant to
20	provide any information reasonably necessary to make a
21	determination of the applicant's eligibility for licensure.
22	The office shall issue an initial license to any natural
23	person who:
24	(a) Is at least 18 years of age <u>and has a high school</u>
25	<u>diploma or its equivalent</u> .
26	(b) Has passed a written test adopted and administered
27	by the office, or has passed an electronic test adopted and
28	administered by the office or a third party approved by the
29	office, which is designed to determine competency in primary
30	and subordinate mortgage financing transactions as well as to
31	test knowledge of ss. 494.001-494.0077 and the rules adopted
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1 pursuant thereto. The commission may prescribe by rule an 2 additional fee that may not exceed \$100 for the electronic version of the mortgage broker test. The commission may waive 3 by rule the examination requirement for any person who has 4 passed a test approved by the Conference of State Bank 5 6 Supervisors, the American Association of Residential Mortgage 7 Regulators, or the United States Department of Housing and 8 Urban Development if the test covers primary and subordinate 9 mortgage financing transactions. The commission may adopt rules prescribing an additional fee that may not exceed \$50 10 for an applicant to review his or her completed and graded 11 mortgage broker test. The commission may adopt rules regarding 12 13 the administration of the testing process, including, but not limited to, procedures relating to pretest registration, test 14 security, scoring, content, result notification, retest 15 procedures and fees, postexamination review, and challenge 16 17 provisions. 18 The commission may require by rule information concerning any 19 such applicant or person, including, but not limited to, his 2.0 21 or her full name and any other names by which he or she may 22 have been known, age, social security number, qualifications 23 and educational and business history, and disciplinary and 2.4 criminal history. Section 6. Section 494.0038, Florida Statutes, is 25 amended to read: 26 27 494.0038 Mortgage broker disclosures.--2.8 (1)(a)1. A person may not receive a mortgage brokerage 29 fee for acting as a mortgage brokerage business except 30 pursuant to a written mortgage brokerage agreement between the 31

1 mortgage brokerage business and the borrower which is signed 2 and dated by the business and the borrower. 3 2. The written mortgage brokerage agreement must be 4 executed within 3 days after accepting a mortgage loan 5 application, describe the services to be provided by the 6 mortgage brokerage business, and specify the amount and terms 7 of the mortgage brokerage fee that the mortgage brokerage 8 business is to receive. 9 (b)1. If the mortgage brokerage business is to receive 10 any payment of any kind from the lender, the maximum total dollar amount of the payment must be disclosed to the borrower 11 12 in the written mortgage brokerage agreement as described in paragraph (a). The commission may prescribe by rule an 13 acceptable form for disclosure of brokerage fees received from 14 the lender. The mortgage brokerage agreement must state the 15 nature of the relationship with the lender, describe how 16 compensation is paid by the lender, and describe how the 17 18 mortgage interest rate affects the compensation paid to the mortgage brokerage business. If any of the rates, points, 19 fees, and other terms quoted by or on behalf of the lender are 2.0 21 to be received by the mortgage brokerage business, such fact 2.2 shall be specifically disclosed to the borrower. 23 2. The exact amount of any payment of any kind by the lender to the mortgage brokerage business must be disclosed in 2.4 25 writing to the borrower within 3 business days after the mortgage brokerage business is made aware of the exact amount 26 27 of the payment from the lender but no later than 3 business 2.8 days prior to the execution of the closing or settlement statement. The licensee bears the burden of proving such 29 notification was provided to the borrower. If the mortgage 30 brokerage fee is for brokering a loan for a particular program 31 9

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1 under which the brokerage fee varies according to the terms of 2 the loan, the brokerage fee may be disclosed as a range of fees at the time of application. The mortgage broker shall, in 3 4 such instance, disclose the nature of the fee arrangement to 5 the borrower, and the exact amount of the fee must be 6 disclosed at settlement or closing. 7 (c) The commission may prescribe by rule what 8 constitutes a mortgage brokerage fee and the form of disclosure of brokerage fees. 9 10 (2) At the time a written mortgage brokerage agreement is executed by the borrower or at the time the mortgage 11 12 brokerage business accepts an application fee, credit report 13 fee, property appraisal fee, or any other third-party fee, but not fewer than 3 business days prior to execution of the 14 closing or settlement statement, the mortgage brokerage 15 business shall disclose in writing to any applicant for a 16 17 mortgage loan the following information: 18 (a) That such mortgage brokerage business may not make mortgage loans or commitments. The mortgage brokerage business 19 may make a commitment and may furnish a lock-in of the rate 20 21 and program on behalf of the lender when the mortgage 22 brokerage business has obtained a written commitment or 23 lock-in for the loan from the lender on behalf of the borrower for the loan. The commitment must be in the same form and 2.4 substance as issued by the lender. 25 (b) That such mortgage brokerage business cannot 26 27 guarantee acceptance into any particular loan program or 2.8 promise any specific loan terms or conditions. 29 (c) A good faith estimate, signed and dated by the 30 borrower, that discloses of the total amount of each of the fees that the borrower may reasonably expect to pay if the 31 10

1	loan is closed, including, but not limited to, fees earned by
2	the mortgage brokerage business, lender fees, third-party
3	fees, and official fees, together with credit report fee,
4	property appraisal fee, or any other third party fee and the
5	terms and conditions for obtaining a refund of such fees, if
6	any. Any amount collected in excess of the actual cost shall
7	be returned within 60 days after rejection, withdrawal, or
8	closing. The good faith estimate must identify the recipient
9	of all payments charged the borrower and, except for all fees
10	to be received by the mortgage brokerage business, may be
11	disclosed in generic terms, such as, but not limited to, paid
12	to lender, appraiser, officials, title company, or any other
13	third-party service provider. This requirement does not
14	supplant or is not a substitute for the written mortgage
15	brokerage agreement described in subsection (1).
16	(3) The disclosures required by this subsection must
17	be furnished in writing at the time an adjustable rate
18	mortgage loan is offered to the borrower and whenever the
19	terms of the adjustable rate mortgage loan offered materially
20	change prior to closing. The broker shall furnish the
21	disclosures relating to adjustable rate mortgages in a format
22	prescribed by ss. 226.18 and 226.19 of Regulation Z of the
23	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as amended,
24	its commentary, as amended, and the federal Truth in Lending
25	Act, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq., as amended, together with the
26	Consumer Handbook on Adjustable Rate Mortgages, as amended,
27	published by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Home
28	Loan Bank Board or a suitable substitute for such handbook.
29	The licensee bears the burden of proving such disclosures were
30	provided to the borrower. The commission may adopt rules
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1 establishing criteria as to what constitutes a material change 2 and what constitutes a suitable substitute for the handbook. 3 (4) (3) If the mortgage brokerage agreement includes a nonrefundable application fee, the following requirements are 4 5 applicable: б (a) The amount of the application fee, which must be 7 clearly denominated as such, shall be clearly disclosed. (b) The specific services that will be performed in 8 consideration for the application fee shall be disclosed. 9 10 (c) The application fee must be reasonably related to the services to be performed and may not be based upon a 11 12 percentage of the principal amount of the loan or the amount 13 financed. 14 (5)(4) A mortgage brokerage business may not accept any fee in connection with a mortgage loan other than an 15 application fee, credit report fee, property appraisal fee, or 16 17 other third-party fee prior to obtaining a written commitment 18 from a qualified lender. (6)(5) Any third-party fee entrusted to a mortgage 19 brokerage business shall immediately, upon receipt, be placed 20 21 into a segregated account with a financial institution located 22 in the state the accounts of which are insured by the Federal 23 Government. Such funds shall be held in trust for the payor and shall be kept in the account until disbursement. Such 2.4 funds may be placed in one account if adequate accounting 25 measures are taken to identify the source of the funds. 26 27 (7) (6) All mortgage brokerage fees shall be paid to a 2.8 mortgage brokerage business licensee. 29 (8) (7) This section does not prohibit a mortgage 30 brokerage business from offering products and services, in 31

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addition to those offered in conjunction with the loan 1 2 origination process, for a fee or commission. Section 7. Subsection (8) is added to section 494.004, 3 Florida Statutes, to read: 4 494.004 Requirements of licensees.--5 б (8) In every mortgage loan transaction, each licensee 7 under ss. 494.003-494.0043 shall notify a borrower of any 8 material changes in the terms of a mortgage loan previously offered to the borrower within 3 business days after being 9 made aware of such changes by the lender but not less than 3 10 business days before the signing of the settlement or closing 11 12 statement. The licensee bears the burden of proving such 13 notification was provided and accepted by the borrower. The commission may adopt rules establishing criteria as to what 14 constitutes a material change. 15 Section 8. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2) of 16 17 section 494.0041, Florida Statutes, to read: 18 494.0041 Administrative penalties and fines; license violations.--19 (2) Each of the following acts constitutes a ground 20 21 for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (1) 22 may be taken: 23 (v) In any mortgage transaction, violating any provision of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act, 2.4 as amended, 12 U.S.C. ss. 2601 et seq., the federal Truth In 25 Lending Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq., or any 26 27 regulations adopted under such acts. 2.8 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 494.0064, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 29 30 494.0064 Renewal of mortgage lender's license; branch office license renewal. --31

1	(1) (a) The office shall renew a mortgage lender
2	license upon receipt of a completed renewal form <u>,</u>
3	certification from the licensee that the licensee currently
4	meets the minimum net worth requirements of s. 494.0061 or s.
5	494.0065, certification from the licensee that during the
6	preceding 2 years the licensee's principal representative and
7	loan originators have completed the professional continuing
8	education requirements of s. 494.00295, and the nonrefundable
9	renewal fee of \$575. The office shall renew a correspondent
10	lender license upon receipt of a completed renewal form <u>,</u>
11	certification from the licensee that the licensee currently
12	meets the minimum net worth requirements of s. 494.0062,
13	certification from the licensee that during the preceding 2
14	years the licensee's principal representative and loan
15	originators have completed the professional continuing
16	education requirements of s. 494.00295, and a nonrefundable
17	renewal fee of \$475. Each licensee shall pay at the time of
18	renewal a nonrefundable fee of \$325 for the renewal of each
19	branch office license.
20	(b) A licensee shall also submit, as part of the
21	renewal form, certification that during the preceding 2 years
22	the licensee's principal representative and loan originators
23	have completed the professional continuing education
24	requirements of s. 494.00295.
25	Section 10. Subsection (8) and paragraph (a) of
26	subsection (10) of section 494.0067, Florida Statutes, are
27	amended, and subsections (11) and (12) are added to that
28	section, to read:
29	494.0067 Requirements of licensees under ss.
30	494.006-494.0077
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1	(8) Each licensee under ss. 494.006-494.0077 shall
2	provide an applicant for a mortgage loan a good faith estimate
3	of the costs the applicant can reasonably expect to pay in
4	obtaining a mortgage loan. The good faith estimate of costs
5	shall be mailed or delivered to the applicant within a
б	reasonable time after the licensee receives a written loan
7	application from the applicant. The estimate of costs may be
8	provided to the applicant by a person other than the licensee
9	making the loan. <u>The good faith estimate must identify the</u>
10	recipient of all payments charged to the borrower and, except
11	for all fees to be received by the mortgage brokerage business
12	and the mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender, may
13	be disclosed in generic terms, such as, but not limited to,
14	paid to appraiser, officials, title company, or any other
15	third-party service provider. The licensee bears the burden of
16	proving such disclosures were provided to the borrower. The
17	commission may adopt rules that set forth the disclosure
18	requirements of this section.
19	(10)(a) Each <u>mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage</u>
20	lender licensee shall require the principal representative and
21	all loan originators, not currently licensed as mortgage
22	brokers pursuant to s. 494.0033, who perform services for the
23	licensee to complete 14 hours of professional continuing
24	education during each biennial license period. The education
25	shall cover primary and subordinate mortgage financing
26	transactions and the provisions of this chapter and the rules
27	adopted under this chapter.
28	(11) The disclosures in this subsection must be
29	furnished in writing at the time an adjustable rate mortgage
30	loan is offered to the borrower and whenever the terms of the
31	adjustable rate mortgage loan offered have a material change
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1	prior to closing. The lender shall furnish the disclosures
2	relating to adjustable rate mortgages in a format prescribed
3	by ss. 226.18 and 226.19 of Requlation Z of the Board of
4	Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as amended, its
5	commentary, as amended, and the federal Truth in Lending Act,
6	15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq., as amended, together with the
7	Consumer Handbook on Adjustable Rate Mortgages, as amended,
8	published by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Home
9	Loan Bank Board or a suitable substitute for the handbook. The
10	licensee bears the burden of proving such disclosures were
11	provided to the borrower. The commission may adopt rules
12	establishing criteria as to what constitutes a material change
13	and what constitutes a suitable substitute for the handbook.
14	(12) In every mortgage loan transaction, each licensee
15	under ss. 494.006-494.0077 shall notify a borrower of any
16	material changes in the terms of a mortgage loan previously
17	offered to the borrower within 3 business days after being
18	made aware of such changes by the lender but not less than 3
19	business days before the signing of the settlement or closing
20	statement. The licensee bears the burden of proving such
21	notification was provided and accepted by the borrower. The
22	commission may adopt rules establishing criteria as to what
23	constitutes a material change.
24	Section 11. Paragraph (v) is added to subsection (2)
25	of section 494.0072, Florida Statutes, subsection (3) of that
26	section is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that
27	section, to read:
28	494.0072 Administrative penalties and fines; license
29	violations
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1 (2) Each of the following acts constitutes a ground 2 for which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (1) 3 may be taken: (v) In any mortgage transaction, violating any 4 provision of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act, 5 as amended, 12 U.S.C. ss. 2601 et seq., the federal Truth In б 7 Lending Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq., or any 8 regulations adopted under such acts. (3) A mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender 9 is subject to the disciplinary actions specified in subsection 10 (1) if any officer, member, director, control person, joint 11 12 venturer, or ultimate equitable owner of a 10-percent or 13 greater interest in the mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender, associate, or employee of the mortgage lender 14 or correspondent mortgage lender violates or has violated any 15 provision of subsection (2). 16 17 (5) A principal representative of a mortgage lender or 18 correspondent mortgage lender is subject to the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (1) for violations of 19 subsection (2) by associates or employees in the course of an 2.0 21 association or employment with the correspondent mortgage lender or the mortgage lender. The principal representative is 22 23 only subject to suspension or revocation for associate or employee actions if there is a pattern of repeated violations 2.4 by associates or employees or if the principal broker or 25 26 principal representative had knowledge of the violations. 27 Section 12. Section 494.0073, Florida Statutes, is 2.8 amended to read: 29 494.0073 Mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender when acting as a mortgage brokerage business.--Sections 30 494.006-494.0077 do not prohibit a mortgage lender or 31

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1 correspondent mortgage lender from acting as a mortgage 2 brokerage business. However, in mortgage transactions in which 3 a mortgage lender or correspondent mortgage lender acts as a mortgage brokerage business, the provisions of ss. 494.0038, 4 494.0042, 494.004(8), and 494.0043(1), (2), and (3) apply. 5 б Section 13. This act shall take effect October 1, 7 2007. 8 9 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 10 Senate Bill 1824 11 12 The Committee Substitute provides the following changes: 13 1. Revises the disclosure requirements for adjustable rate loans. 14 Requires the mortgage brokerage agreement to state the 2. nature of the relationship with the lender, describe how 15 compensation is paid by the lender, and describe how the interest rate affects the compensation paid to the 16 mortgage brokerage business. 17 Revises the time frames for the requirement that lenders 3. 18 notify a borrower of any material changes in the terms of a mortgage loan previously offered to a borrower. 19 4. Revises mortgage brokerage licensee requirements by 20 requiring an applicant to be at least 18 years old and to have a high school diploma or its equivalent. 21 5. Creates definitions for the terms, "mortgage brokerage fee," and "business day." 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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