By Senator Taddeo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to mortgage lending; amending s. 494.001, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "mortgage loan" to remove a condition that residential loans be primarily for personal, family, or household use; correcting a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Florida borrowers who apply for and receive business purpose loans, which are mortgage loans for business purposes which are secured by dwellings, are afforded limited consumer protection, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it is in the public interest to provide regulatory oversight over persons originating, brokering, or lending such business purpose loans, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (25) of section 494.001, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 2018-61, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

494.001 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

- (25) "Mortgage loan" means any:
- (a) Residential loan that primarily for personal, family, or household use which is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling, as defined in s. 103(w) s. 103(v) of the federal Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. s. 1602(w), or for the purchase of

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residential real estate upon which a dwelling is to be constructed;

- (b) Loan on commercial real property if the borrower is an individual or the lender is a noninstitutional investor; or
- (c) Loan on improved real property consisting of five or more dwelling units if the borrower is an individual or the lender is a noninstitutional investor.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.