1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
3	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
4	SENATE BILL NO. 1492 By: Hall
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7	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
8	An Act relating to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act; amending 59
9	O.S. 2021, Section 2095.2, which relates to definitions; defining terms; updating statutory
10	language; updating statutory reference; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.3, which relates to
11	exemptions; updating statutory reference; amending 59 0.S. 2021, Section 2095.5, which relates to licenses;
12	updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.6, which relates to required information
13	by applicant; updating statutory references; providing requirements for certain licensure;
14	modifying conditions for renewal and reinstatement; providing for promulgation of rules for certain fees;
15	amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.7, which relates to requirement for mortgage loan originator license;
16	updating statutory reference; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.8, which relates to prelicensing
17	education; updating statutory reference; amending 59 0.S. 2021, Section 2095.9, which relates to qualified
18	written test; updating statutory reference; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.10, which relates to
19	minimum standards for license renewal for mortgage loan originators; updating statutory references;
20	amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.11, which relates to mortgage broker licensing requirements; updating
21	statutory references; removing provision for certain licensing for offices; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section
22	2095.11.1, which relates to mortgage lender licensing requirements; updating statutory references; updating
23	statutory language; removing provision for certain licensing for offices; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section
24	2095.12, which relates to minimum standards for

1 license renewal for mortgage brokers; updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.12.1, which relates to minimum standards for 2 license renewal for mortgage lenders; updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 3 2095.13, which relates to administrator's requirements; updating statutory references; amending 4 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.14, which relates to 5 challenge of information; updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.18, which relates to violations; updating statutory 6 references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.20, which relates to the Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and 7 Mortgage Loan Originator Recovery Fund; increasing amount for reimbursement; amending 59 O.S. 2021, 8 Section 2095.21, which relates to continuing 9 education requirements; updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.22, which relates to confidential information; updating 10 statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.23, which relates to administrative 11 investigations; removing authority for Administrator to require payment of an examination fee at time of 12 certain applications; updating statutory language; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.24, which relates 13 to licensee required reports; updating statutory references; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.25, 14 which relates to Consumer Credit required reports; updating statutory references; authorizing the use of 15 remote locations; requiring certain policies and procedures to be put in place; specifying certain 16 requirements to be in place for lawful use; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.2, is 21 amended to read as follows: 22

- 23 Section 2095.2. As used in the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
- 24 Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act:

1. "Administrator" means the Administrator of Consumer Credit;
 2. "Affiliate" means an entity which directly or indirectly,
 3 through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is
 4 under common control with the entity specified;

5 3. "Borrower" means any individual who consults with or retains 6 a mortgage broker or mortgage loan originator in an effort to obtain 7 or seek advice or information on obtaining or applying to obtain or 8 modify a residential mortgage loan for himself, herself, or 9 individuals including himself or herself, regardless of whether the 10 individual actually obtains or modifies such a loan;

11 4. <u>"Branch office" means any location, other than a mortgage</u> 12 <u>lender's or mortgage broker's principal place of business or a</u> 13 <u>remote location, where the licensee or its employees or independent</u> 14 <u>contractors maintain a physical presence for the purpose of</u>

15 <u>conducting business;</u>

16 <u>5.</u> "Commission" means the Commission on Consumer Credit; 17 <u>5.</u> <u>6.</u> "Compensation" means anything of value or any benefit 18 including points, commissions, bonuses, referral fees and loan 19 origination fees;

20 <u>6.</u> <u>7.</u> "Depository institution" has the same meaning as in 21 Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and includes any 22 credit union;

23 7. 8. "Entity" means a corporation, company, limited liability 24 company, partnership or association;

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8. 9. "Federal banking agencies" means the Board of Governors
 of the Federal Reserve System, the Comptroller of the currency
 <u>Currency</u>, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the
 National Credit Union Administration and the Federal Deposit
 Insurance Corporation;

9. 10. "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child,
7 sibling, parent, grandparent or grandchild and includes stepparents,
8 stepchildren, stepsiblings and adoptive relationships;

9 <u>10.</u> <u>11.</u> "Individual" means a natural person and also includes a 10 sole proprietorship;

11 <u>11. 12.</u> a. "Loan processor or underwriter" means an entity 12 or individual who performs support duties as an 13 employee at the direction of and subject to the 14 supervision and instruction of an entity or individual 15 licensed or exempt from licensing as provided in 16 Section 2095.3 of this title.

b. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "clerical or
support duties" may include subsequent to the receipt
of an application, the receipt collection,
distribution and analysis of information necessary for
the processing or underwriting or modification of a
loan, to the extent that such communication does not
include offering or negotiating or modifying loan

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1 rates or terms, or counseling consumers about residential mortgage loan rates or terms. 2 An entity or individual engaging solely in loan 3 с. processor or underwriter activities shall not 4 5 represent to the public through advertising or other means of communicating or providing information, 6 including the use of business cards, stationery, 7 brochures, signs, rate lists or other promotional 8 9 items, that such entity or individual can or will perform any of the activities of a mortgage broker or 10 mortgage loan originator; 11 "Mortgage broker" means an entity who for 12 <del>12.</del> 13. a. 13 compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or gain: 14 takes a residential mortgage loan application, or 15 (1)offers, negotiates or modifies the terms of a 16 (2) 17 residential mortgage loan, or services a residential mortgage. 18 (3) b. Mortgage broker does not include: 19 an entity engaged solely as a loan processor or 20 (1)underwriter except as otherwise provided in 21 Section 2095.5 of this title, 22 (2) an entity that only performs real estate 23 brokerage activities and is licensed or 24

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1	registered in accordance with Oklahoma law,
2	unless the entity is compensated by a lender, a
3	mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan
4	originator or by any agent of such lender,
5	mortgage broker or other mortgage loan
6	originator, and
7	(3) an entity solely involved in extensions of credit
8	relating to timeshare plans, as that term is
9	defined in 11 U.S.C., Section 101(53D) <del>United</del>
10	States Code;
11	$\frac{13.}{14.}$ "Mortgage lender" means an entity that takes an
12	application for a residential mortgage loan, makes a residential
13	mortgage loan or services a residential mortgage loan and is an
14	approved or authorized:
15	a. mortgagee with direct endorsement underwriting
16	authority granted by the United States Department of
17	Housing and Urban Development,
18	b. seller or servicer of the Federal National Mortgage
19	Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage
20	Corporation, or
21	c. issuer for the Government National Mortgage
22	Association;
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1	<del>14.</del> <u>15.</u>	a.	"Mortgage loan originator" means an individual
2		who	for compensation or gain or in the expectation of
3		comp	ensation or gain:
4		(1)	takes a residential mortgage loan application, or
5		(2)	offers or negotiates or modifies the terms of a
6			residential mortgage loan.
7	b.	Mort	gage loan originator does not include:
8		(1)	an individual engaged solely as a loan processor
9			or underwriter except as otherwise provided in
10			Section 2095.5 of this title,
11		(2)	an individual that only performs real estate
12			brokerage activities and is licensed or
13			registered in accordance with Oklahoma law,
14			unless the individual is compensated by a lender,
15			a mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan
16			originator or by any agent of such lender,
17			mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan
18			originator, and
19		(3)	an individual solely involved in extensions of
20			credit relating to timeshare plans, as that term
21			is defined in 11 U.S.C., Section 101(53D);
22	<del>15.</del> <u>16.</u>	"Nati	onwide <del>Mortgage</del> <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and
23	Registry" mea	ns a	mortgage licensing system developed and maintained
24	by the Confer	ence	of State Bank Supervisors and the American

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Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for the licensing and
 registration of licensed mortgage brokers and mortgage loan
 originators;

4 16. 17. "Nontraditional mortgage product" means any mortgage
5 product other than a thirty-year fixed rate mortgage;

6 17. 18. "Real estate brokerage activity" means any activity
7 that involves offering or providing real estate brokerage services
8 to the public, including:

- 9 a. acting as a real estate agent or real estate broker
  10 for a buyer, seller, lessor or lessee of real
  11 property,
- 12 b. bringing together parties interested in the sale, purchase, lease, rental or exchange of real property, 13 negotiating, on behalf of any party, any portion of a с. 14 contract relating to the sale, purchase, lease, rental 15 or exchange of real property, other than in connection 16 with providing financing with respect to any such 17 transaction, 18
- d. engaging in any activity for which an entity engaged
  in the activity is required to be registered or
  licensed as a real estate agent or real estate broker
  under any applicable law, and
- e. offering to engage in any activity or act in any
  capacity<sub>7</sub> described in this paragraph;

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1 18. "Registered mortgage loan originator" means any individual who: 2 meets the definition of mortgage loan originator and 3 a. is an employee of: 4 5 (1) a depository institution, (2) a subsidiary that: 6 is owned and controlled by a depository 7 (a) institution, and 8 9 (b) is regulated by a federal banking agency, or an institution regulated by the Farm Credit (3) 10 Administration, and 11 is registered with, and maintains a unique identifier 12 b. through, the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing 13 System and Registry; 14 19. 20. "Remote location" means a location, other than the 15 principal place of business or a branch office, at which the 16 employees or independent contractors of a licensee may conduct 17 mortgage business. Licensable activities from a remote location 18 shall be permitted when conducted under the supervision of the 19 licensee and when all requirements in Section 22 of this act are 20 satisfied; 21 21. "Residential mortgage loan" means any loan primarily for 22

24 deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a

personal, family or household use that is secured by a mortgage,

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1 dwelling as defined in Section 103(v) of the Truth in Lending Act or 2 residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be 3 constructed such a dwelling;

20. <u>22.</u> "Residential real estate" means any real property
located in this state upon which is constructed or intended to be
constructed a dwelling as defined in paragraph <u>19 21</u> of this
section; and

8 23. "Servicing" means the administration of a resident mortgage 9 loan following the closing of such loan. An entity shall be deemed 10 to be servicing if it either holds the servicing rights, or engages 11 in any activities determined to be servicing, including:

- 12 <u>a.</u> <u>collection of monthly mortgage payments</u>,
- 13 b. the administration of escrow accounts,
- 14 <u>c.</u> the processing of borrower inquiries and requests, and
- 15 <u>d.</u> <u>default management; and</u>

16 <u>21. 24.</u> "Unique identifier" means a number or other identifier
17 assigned by protocols established by the Nationwide Mortgage
18 Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

19SECTION 2.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.3, is20amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.3. The following are exempt from all provisions of the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act:

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Registered mortgage loan originators, when acting for an
 entity described in divisions (1), (2) and (3) of subparagraph a of
 paragraph 18 19 of Section 2095.2 of this title;

An individual who offers or negotiates or modifies terms of
a residential mortgage loan with or on behalf of an immediate family
member of the individual;

7 3. An individual who offers or negotiates or modifies terms of 8 a residential mortgage loan secured by a dwelling that served as the 9 individual's residence;

4. A licensed attorney who negotiates or modifies the terms of
a residential mortgage loan on behalf of a client as an ancillary
matter to the attorney's representation of the client, unless the
attorney is compensated by a lender, a mortgage broker or other
mortgage loan originator or by any agent of such lender, mortgage
broker, or other mortgage loan originator;

16 5. Entities described in divisions (1), (2) and (3) of 17 subparagraph a of paragraph <del>18</del> <u>19</u> of Section 2095.2 of this title; 18 or

Any entity that is an organization recognized by the
 Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) (3) charitable entity that meets
 the conditions set forth in (B) through (F) of subparagraph (ii),
 paragraph (7), subsection (e) of Section 1008.103 of Title 12 of the
 Code of Federal Regulations.

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1SECTION 3.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.5, is2amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.5. A. 1. An entity or individual, unless 3 specifically exempted from the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement 4 5 for Mortgage Licensing Act, as provided in Section 2095.3 of this title, shall not engage in the business of a mortgage broker, 6 mortgage lender or mortgage loan originator with respect to any 7 dwelling located in this state without first obtaining and 8 9 maintaining annually a license under the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. Each licensed mortgage 10 broker, mortgage lender and mortgage loan originator must register 11 with and maintain a valid unique identifier issued by the Nationwide 12 13 Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

In order to facilitate an orderly transition to licensing 2. 14 and minimize disruption in the mortgage marketplace, the effective 15 date for licensing all entities and individuals as provided in this 16 17 subsection, including those currently licensed as mortgage brokers or mortgage loan originators, shall be July 31, 2010, or such later 18 date approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and 19 Urban Development, pursuant to the authority granted under 12 20 U.S.C., Section 5107. 21

B. A loan processor or underwriter who is an independent
contractor may not engage in the activities of a loan processor or
underwriter unless such independent contractor loan processor or

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underwriter obtains and maintains a license as required by the
 Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.
 Each independent contractor loan processor or underwriter licensed
 as a mortgage broker or mortgage loan originator must have and
 maintain a valid unique identifier issued by the Nationwide Mortgage
 Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

C. For the purposes of implementing an orderly and efficient 7 licensing process, the Administrator of Consumer Credit may 8 9 establish licensing rules, upon approval by the Commission on 10 Consumer Credit, and the Administrator may establish interim procedures for licensing and acceptance of applications. 11 For 12 previously registered or licensed entities or individuals, the Administrator may establish expedited review and licensing 13 procedures. 14

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.6, is 16 amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.6. A. Applicants for a license shall apply on aform as prescribed by the Administrator of Consumer Credit.

B. In order to fulfill the purposes of the Oklahoma Secure and
Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, the Administrator is
authorized to establish relationships or contracts with the
Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry or
other entities designated by the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate
Licensing System and Registry to collect and maintain records and

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process transaction fees or other fees related to licensees or other
 entities or individuals subject to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
 Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.

C. In connection with an application for licensing as a
mortgage loan originator, the applicant shall, at a minimum, furnish
to the Nationwide Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry
information concerning the applicant's identity including:

8 1. Fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of 9 Investigation and any governmental agency or entity authorized to 10 receive such information for a state, national and international 11 criminal history background check; and

12 2. Personal history and experience in a form prescribed by the 13 Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry and the 14 Administrator to obtain:

a. an independent credit report obtained from a consumer
reporting agency defined in 15 U.S.C., Section
1681a(p), and

b. information related to any administrative, civil or
 criminal findings by any governmental jurisdiction.

D. In connection with an application for licensing as a mortgage broker or mortgage lender, the applicant shall, at a minimum, furnish to the Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry information concerning each owner, officer, director or partner, as applicable including:

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Fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of
 Investigation and any governmental agency or entity authorized to
 receive such information for a state, national and international
 criminal history background check; and

5 2. Personal history and experience in a form prescribed by the
6 Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry and the
7 Administrator to obtain:

a. an independent credit report obtained from a consumer
reporting agency described in 15 U.S.C., Section
1681a(p), and

information related to any administrative, civil or 11 b. criminal findings by any governmental jurisdiction. 12 For purposes of this section and in order to reduce points 13 Ε. of contact which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to 14 maintain for purposes of paragraph 1 and subparagraph b of paragraph 15 2 of subsection D of this section, the Administrator may use the 16 Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry as a 17 channeling agent for requesting information from and distributing 18 information to the United States Department of Justice or any 19 governmental agency. 20

F. For the purposes of this section and in order to reduce the points of contact which the Administrator may have to maintain for purposes of subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 2 of subsection D of this section, the Administrator may use the Nationwide Mortgage

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Multistate Licensing System and Registry as a channeling agent for requesting and distributing information to and from any source so directed by the Administrator.

G. A license issued under the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act shall be valid for a period
of one (1) year, unless otherwise revoked or suspended by the
Administrator as provided in the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.

9 H. The Administrator, on determining that the applicant is 10 qualified and upon payment of the fees by the applicant, shall issue 11 a license to the applicant. An applicant who has been denied a 12 license may not reapply for the license for sixty (60) days from the 13 date of the previous application. A new license issued on or after 14 November 1 shall be effective through December 31 of the following 15 calendar year.

I. A licensee shall pay the renewal fee on or before December 16 1. If the license is not renewed by December 1, the licensee shall 17 pay a late renewal fee as prescribed by rule of the Commission on 18 Consumer Credit. Licenses not renewed by December 31 shall expire 19 and the licensee shall not act as a mortgage broker, mortgage lender 20 or mortgage loan originator until a new license is issued pursuant 21 to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing 22 Act. A license shall not be granted to the holder of an expired 23 license except as provided in the Oklahoma Secure and Fair 24

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Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act for the issuance of an
 original license.

J. A licensee shall prominently display the mortgage broker, mortgage lender or mortgage loan originator license in the office principal place of business of the mortgage broker, mortgage lender or mortgage loan originator and any branch office of the mortgage broker or mortgage lender.

K. 1. Initial and renewal license fees shall be as prescribed
by rule of the Commission on Consumer Credit An applicant for a
mortgage broker or mortgage lender license shall pay a fee of One
Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00). This fee shall cover the
application fee and examination fee for all registered locations,
including any changes of address.

14 2. <u>Mortgage broker or mortgage lender licenses may be renewed</u> 15 <u>by submitting an annual assessment fee</u>. The annual assessment fee 16 shall:

17	<u>a.</u>	be based on the dollar volume of loans originated for
18		residential real property located in Oklahoma during
19		the twelve-month period ending June 30,
20	b.	be based on the dollar volume of loans serviced for
21		residential real property located in Oklahoma as
22		reported on the Q2 mortgage call report for the period
23		ending on June 30,

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1	<u>c.</u>	be determined by applying a factor of eight-
2		thousandths of a percent (0.008%) of the dollar volume
3		of loans originated and the dollar volume of loans
4		serviced in Oklahoma, and
5	<u>d.</u>	cover:
6		(1) the renewal fee for the principal office and any
7		branches, and
8		(2) any examination-related costs incurred by the
9		Department of Consumer Credit.
10	<u>3. Begir</u>	nning November 1, 2024, the annual assessment fee shall
11	<u>not be:</u>	
12	<u>a.</u>	less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
13	<u>b.</u>	more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the
14		portion of the assessment calculated according to
15		subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this subsection, nor
16	<u>C.</u>	more than Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
17		(\$17,500.00) for the portion of the assessment
18		calculated according to subparagraph b of paragraph 2
19		of this subsection.
20	<u>4. Begir</u>	nning November 1, 2025, the annual assessment fee shall
21	<u>not be:</u>	
22	<u>a.</u>	less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
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1	b.	more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the
2		portion of the assessment calculated according to
3		subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this subsection, nor
4	<u>C.</u>	more than Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
5		(\$27,500.00) for the portion of the assessment
6		calculated according to subparagraph b of paragraph 2
7		of this subsection.
8	<u>5. Begi</u> ı	nning November 1, 2026, the annual assessment fee shall
9	<u>not be:</u>	
10	<u>a.</u>	less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
11	<u>b.</u>	more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the
12		portion of the assessment calculated according to
13		subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this subsection, nor
14	<u>C.</u>	more than Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00)
15		for the portion of the assessment calculated according
16		to subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of this subsection.
17	<u>6. Begi</u> n	nning November 1, 2027, the annual assessment fee shall
18	<u>not be:</u>	
19	<u>a.</u>	less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
20	<u>b.</u>	more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the
21		portion of the assessment calculated according to
22		subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of this subsection, nor
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1 more than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the с. 2 portion of the assessment calculated according to subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of this subsection. 3 7. A late renewal fee shall be as prescribed by rule of the 4 5 Commission on Consumer Credit. 3. 8. Branch office fees offices shall be as prescribed by rule 6 of the Commission on Consumer Credit for each year registered with 7 the Department and shall be accompanied by an initial registration 8 9 fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). 4. 9. A fee as prescribed by rule of the Commission on Consumer 10 Credit shall be charged for each license change, duplicate license 11 12 or returned check. 5. 10. A fee as prescribed by rule of the Commission on 13 Consumer Credit shall be paid by applicants and licensees into the 14 Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and Mortgage Loan Originator Recovery Fund 15 as provided for in Section 2095.20 of this title for each initial 16 application and each renewal application. 17 6. An examination fee shall be as prescribed by rule of the 18 Commission on Consumer Credit. 19 7. An application fee shall be as prescribed by rule of the 20 Commission on Consumer Credit. 21 11. Each additional trade name used by a licensee shall be 22 registered with the Department and shall be accompanied by an 23 initial registration fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). 24

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1	12. The Administrator of Consumer Credit may reinstate a
2	license within thirty-one (31) days of the expiration of the license
3	if the licensee pays the assessment fees and a reinstatement fee of
4	Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). A licensee shall not be reinstated
5	when the renewal application, fees, or any required information is
6	received on or after February 1 of the following year that the
7	renewal application was due.
8	13. The Administrator may reduce annual assessment fees on a
9	pro rata basis for a specific renewal period by reducing the factor
10	applied to the dollar volume of loans originated and serviced. The
11	Administrator shall notify licensees of an annual assessment fee
12	reduction prior to November 1 of the specific license renewal
13	period. An annual assessment fee does not include an initial
14	license fee for purposes of this subsection.
15	L. 1. An applicant for an initial mortgage loan originator
16	license shall pay a fee of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00).
17	2. An applicant renewing a mortgage loan originator license
18	shall pay a fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).
19	3. A late renewal fee shall be as prescribed by rule of the
20	Commission on Consumer Credit.
21	4. A fee as prescribed by rule of the Commission shall be paid
22	by applicants and licensees into the Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and
23	Mortgage Loan Originator Recovery Fund, as provided in Section
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1 2095.20 of this title, for each initial application and each renewal
2 application.

3 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.7, is 4 amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.7. A. The Administrator of Consumer Credit shall
not issue a mortgage loan originator license unless the
Administrator makes at a minimum the following findings:

8 1. The applicant has never had a mortgage loan originator 9 license revoked in any governmental jurisdiction, except that a 10 subsequent formal vacation of such revocation shall not be deemed a 11 revocation;

2. The applicant has not been convicted of, or pled guilty or 12 nolo contendere to a felony crime that substantially relates to the 13 occupation of a mortgage loan originator and poses a reasonable 14 threat to public safety in a domestic, foreign or military court: 15 during the seven-year period preceding the date of the 16 a. application for licensing and registration, or 17 at any time preceding such date of application, if b. 18 such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty, a 19 breach of trust or money laundering. 20 Provided, that any pardon of a conviction shall not be a 21 conviction for purposes of this paragraph; 22

3. The applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility andgeneral fitness such as to command the confidence of the community

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1 and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly and efficiently within the purposes of 2 the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. 3 For purposes of this paragraph, an individual has shown that he or 4 5 she is not financially responsible when he or she has shown a disregard in the management of his or her own financial condition. 6 A determination that an individual has not shown financial 7 responsibility may include, but not be limited to: 8 9 a. current outstanding judgments, except judgments solely as a result of medical expenses, 10 current outstanding tax liens or other government 11 b. 12 liens and filings, с. foreclosures within the past three (3) years, or 13 pattern of seriously delinquent accounts within the d. 14 past three (3) years; 15 The applicant has completed the prelicensing education 16 4. requirement described in Section 2095.8 of this title; 17 5. The applicant has passed a written test that meets the test 18 requirement described in Section 2095.9 of this title; 19 The applicant has paid into the Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and 20 6. Mortgage Loan Originator Recovery Fund as required by paragraph  $\frac{5}{2}$  10 21 of subsection K of Section 2095.6 of this title; and 22 7. The applicant is sponsored by a licensed mortgage broker or 23 mortgage lender. The Administrator of Consumer Credit may authorize 24

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an entity exempt from the requirements of this act the Oklahoma
<u>Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act</u> to sponsor an
applicant that is an independent contractor of the exempt entity.
The Administrator of Consumer Credit may promulgate administrative
rules, subject to approval of the Commission on Consumer Credit, to
implement sponsorship procedures and requirements.

B. As used in this section:

8 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct 9 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the 10 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or 11 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

12 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal 13 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat 14 of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability 15 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

16 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.8, is 17 amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.8. A. In order to meet the prelicensing education requirement referred to in Section 2095.7 of this title, an individual shall complete at least twenty (20) hours of education approved in accordance with subsection B of this section, which shall include at least:

23 1. Three (3) hours of federal law and regulations;

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2. Three (3) hours of ethics, which shall include instruction
 on fraud, consumer protection and fair lending issues;

3 3. Two (2) hours of training related to lending standards for4 the nontraditional mortgage product marketplace; and

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4. One (1) hour of Oklahoma law and regulations.

B. For purposes of subsection A of this section, prelicensing
education courses shall be reviewed and approved by the Nationwide
Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry based upon
reasonable standards. Review and approval of a prelicensing
education course shall include review and approval of the course
provider.

C. Nothing in this section shall preclude any prelicensing education course as approved by the Nationwide Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry that is provided by the employer of the applicant or an entity which is affiliated with the applicant by an agency contract or any subsidiary or affiliate of such employer or entity.

D. Prelicensing education may be offered either in a classroom,
online or by any other means approved by the Nationwide Mortgage
Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

E. The prelicensing education requirements approved by the Nationwide Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry in paragraph 1 of subsection A and subsections B and C of this section

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for any state shall be accepted as credit towards completion of
 prelicensing education requirements in this state.

F. An individual previously licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, subsequent to July 1, 2009, and applying to be licensed again, must prove completion of all of the continuing education requirements for the year in which the license was last held.

8 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.9, is 9 amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.9. A. In order to meet the written test 10 requirement referred to in Section 10 of this act 2095.7 of this 11 12 title, an individual shall pass, in accordance with standards established under this section, a qualified written test developed 13 by the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry 14 and administered by a test provider approved by the Nationwide 15 Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry based upon 16 reasonable standards. 17

B. A written test shall not be treated as a qualified written
test for purposes of subsection A of this section unless the test
adequately measures the applicant's knowledge and comprehension in
appropriate subject areas, including:

22 1. Ethics;

23 2. Federal law and regulations pertaining to mortgage24 origination;

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3. State law and regulation pertaining to mortgage origination;
 and

4. Federal and state law and regulation, including instruction
on fraud, consumer protection, the nontraditional mortgage
marketplace and fair lending issues.

6 C. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a test provider 7 approved by the Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System and 8 Registry from providing a test at the location of the employer of 9 the applicant or the location of any subsidiary or affiliate of the 10 employer of the applicant or the location of any entity with which 11 the applicant holds an exclusive arrangement to conduct the business 12 of a mortgage loan originator.

D. 1. An individual shall not be considered to have passed a qualified written test unless the individual achieves a test score of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) correct answers to questions.

2. An individual may retake a test three consecutive times with
each consecutive taking occurring at least thirty (30) days after
the preceding test.

3. After failing three consecutive tests, an individual shall
wait at least six (6) months before taking the test again.

4. A licensed mortgage loan originator who fails to maintain anactive and valid license for a period of five (5) years or longer

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1 shall retake the test, not taking into account any time during which 2 such individual is a registered mortgage loan originator. SECTION 8. 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.10, is 3 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 4 5 Section 2095.10. A. The minimum standards for license renewal for mortgage loan originators shall include the following: 6 The mortgage loan originator continues to meet the minimum 7 1. standards for license issuance under Section 10 of this act 2095.7 8 9 of this title; The mortgage loan originator has satisfied the annual 2. 10 continuing education requirements described in Section 24 of this 11 12 act 2095.21 of this title; and The mortgage loan originator has paid all required fees for 13 3. renewal of the license. 14 The license of a mortgage loan originator failing to satisfy 15 Β. the minimum standards for license renewal shall expire. 16 The Administrator of Consumer Credit may adopt procedures in addition to 17 the requirements of Section 9 of this act 2095.6 of this title for 18 the reinstatement of expired licenses consistent with the standards 19 established by the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System 20 and Registry. 21 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.11, is SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 22 amended to read as follows: 23 24

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Section 2095.11. A. The Administrator of Consumer Credit shall
 not issue a mortgage broker license unless the Administrator makes
 at a minimum the following findings:

The applicant or any owner, officer, director or partner has 4 1. 5 never had a mortgage broker or mortgage loan originator license revoked in any governmental jurisdiction, except that a subsequent 6 formal vacation of such revocation shall not be deemed a revocation; 7 2. Any owner, officer, director or partner of the applicant has 8 9 not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony crime that substantially relates to the occupation of a 10 mortgage broker and poses a reasonable threat to public safety in a 11 12 domestic, foreign or military court:

a. during the seven-year period preceding the date of the
application for licensing and registration, or
b. at any time preceding such date of application, if
such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty, a
breach of trust or money laundering.

Provided, that any pardon of a conviction shall not be a conviction for purposes of this paragraph;

3. The applicant's owners, officers, directors or partners have demonstrated financial responsibility and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage broker will operate honestly, fairly and efficiently within the purposes of this act the Oklahoma Secure

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and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. For purposes of this paragraph, an applicant's owners, officers, directors or partners have shown they are not financially responsible when they have shown a disregard in the management of their own financial condition. A determination that an owner, officer, director or partner has not shown financial responsibility may include, but not be limited to:

- 8 a. current outstanding judgments, except judgments solely
  9 as a result of medical expenses,
- b. current outstanding tax liens or other government
  liens and filings,
- 12 c. foreclosures within the past three (3) years, or
  13 d. a pattern of seriously delinquent accounts within the
  14 past three (3) years;

4. The applicant has paid into the Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and Mortgage Loan Originator Recovery Fund as required by paragraph  $\frac{5}{10}$ of subsection K of Section 2095.6 of this title; and

18 5. The applicant has paid all required fees for issuance of the19 license.

B. Each mortgage broker applicant shall designate and maintain
a principal place of business for the transaction of business. The
applicant shall specify the address of the principal place of
business and designate a licensed mortgage loan originator to
oversee the operations of the principal place of business. If an

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applicant wishes to maintain one or more locations branch offices 1 for the transaction of business in addition to a principal place of 2 business, the applicant shall first obtain a register the branch 3 office license from location with the Administrator and designate a 4 5 licensed mortgage loan originator for each branch office to oversee the operations of that branch office. The applicant shall submit a 6 fee as set forth in paragraph 3 8 of subsection K of Section 2095.6 7 of this title for each branch office license issued. If the 8 9 Administrator of Consumer Credit determines that the applicant is 10 qualified, the Administrator shall issue a branch office license 11 indicating the address of the branch office registered. If the 12 address of the principal place of business or of any branch office is changed, the licensee shall immediately notify the Administrator 13 of the change and the Administrator shall endorse the change of 14 address on the license for a fee as prescribed in paragraph 4 6 of 15 subsection K of Section 2095.6 of this title. 16

17 C. As used in this section:

18 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct
 19 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the
 20 fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
 21 responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and

22 2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal23 conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat

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of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
 to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.

3 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.11.1, 4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2095.11.1. The Administrator of Consumer Credit shall 6 not issue a mortgage lender license unless the Administrator makes 7 at a minimum the following findings:

8 1. The applicant or any owner, officer, director or partner has 9 never had a mortgage lender, mortgage broker or mortgage loan 10 originator license revoked in any governmental jurisdiction, except 11 that a subsequent formal vacation of such revocation shall not be 12 deemed a revocation;

13 2. Any owner, officer, director or partner of the applicant has 14 not been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, a 15 felony crime that substantially relates to the occupation of a 16 mortgage lender and poses a reasonable threat to public safety in a 17 domestic, foreign or military court:

during the seven-year period preceding the date of the 18 a. application for licensing and registration, or 19 b. at any time preceding such date of application, if 20 such felony involved an act of fraud, dishonesty, a 21 breach of trust or money laundering. 22 Provided, that any pardon of a conviction shall not be a 23 conviction for purposes of this paragraph; 24

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1 3. The applicant and the applicant's owners, officers, 2 directors or partners have demonstrated financial responsibility and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community 3 and to warrant a determination that the mortgage lender will operate 4 5 honestly, fairly and efficiently within the purposes of this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. 6 For purposes of this paragraph, an applicant's owners, officers, 7 directors or partners have shown they are not financially 8 9 responsible when they have shown a disregard in the management of their own financial condition. A determination that an owner, 10 officer, director or partner has not shown financial responsibility 11 12 may include, but not be limited to: current outstanding judgments, except judgments solely 13 a. as a result of medical expenses, 14 current outstanding tax liens or other government 15 b. liens and filings, 16

17 c. foreclosures within the past three (3) years, or
18 d. a pattern of seriously delinquent accounts within the
19 past three (3) years;

4. The applicant has filed a bond in the amount of One Hundred
Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) securing the applicant's or
licensee's faithful performance of all duties and obligations of a
licensee. The bond shall meet the following requirements:

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1 the bond shall be in a form acceptable to the a. 2 Administrator, the bond shall be issued by an insurance company 3 b. authorized to conduct business in the State of 4 5 Oklahoma this state, the bond shall be payable to the Oklahoma Department 6 с. of Consumer Credit, 7 d. the bond is continuous in nature and shall be 8 9 maintained at all times as a condition of licensure, the bond may not be terminated without thirty (30) 10 e. days days' prior written notice to the Administrator 11 12 and approval of the Administrator, 13 f. the bond shall be available for the recovery of expenses, civil penalties and fees assessed pursuant 14 to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for 15 Mortgage Licensing Act and for losses or damages which 16 17 are determined by the Administrator to have been incurred by any borrower or consumer as a result of 18 the applicant's or licensee's failure to comply with 19 the requirements of the Oklahoma Secure and Fair 20 Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, 21 when an action is commenced on a licensee's bond, the 22 q. Administrator may require the filing of a new bond, 23 and 24

1 h. whenever the principal sum of the bond is reduced by 2 one or more recoveries or payments thereon, the licensee shall furnish a new or additional bond so 3 that the total or aggregate principal sum of such bond 4 5 or such bonds shall equal One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or shall furnish an endorsement duly 6 executed by the corporate surety reinstating the bond 7 to the required principal sum; 8

9 5. The applicant has a net worth of at least Twenty-five
10 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as reflected by an audited financial
11 statement prepared by a certified public accountant in accordance
12 with generally accepted accounting principles that is accompanied by
13 an opinion acceptable to the Administrator and is dated within
14 fifteen (15) months of the date of application;

15 6. The applicant has paid all required fees for issuance of the
16 license. The license fees for a mortgage lender shall be in the
17 same amount as license fees applicable to a mortgage broker;

Each mortgage lender applicant shall designate and maintain 7. 18 a principal place of business for the transaction of business. 19 Ιf the mortgage lender applicant engages in activity that satisfies the 20 definition of a mortgage broker, the mortgage lender shall designate 21 a licensed mortgage loan originator to oversee the mortgage loan 22 origination operations of the principal place of business and any 23 branch office location where the mortgage lender applicant engages 24

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1 in activity that satisfies the definition of a mortgage broker. If 2 an applicant wishes to maintain one or more locations branch offices for the transaction of business in addition to a principal place of 3 business, the applicant shall first obtain a register the branch 4 5 office license from location with the Administrator. The applicant shall submit a fee as set forth in paragraph  $\frac{3}{2}$  8 of subsection K of 6 Section 2095.6 of this title for each branch office license issued. 7 If the Administrator of Consumer Credit determines that the 8 9 applicant is qualified, the Administrator shall issue a branch 10 office license indicating the address of the branch office registered. If the address of the principal place of business or of 11 12 any branch office is changed, the licensee shall immediately notify the Administrator of the change and the Administrator shall endorse 13 the change of address on the license for a fee as prescribed in 14 paragraph 4 9 of subsection K of Section 2095.6 of this title; and 15 8. A separate mortgage broker license is not required for a 16 mortgage lender that engages in activity that satisfies the 17 definition of a mortgage broker as provided in the Oklahoma Secure 18 and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. A mortgage lender 19 that engages in activity that satisfies the definition of a mortgage 20 broker shall comply with all requirements of the Oklahoma Secure and 21 Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act regarding mortgage 22 brokers. 23

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1SECTION 11.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.12, is2amended to read as follows:

3 Section 2095.12. A. The minimum standards for license renewal4 for mortgage brokers shall include the following:

5 1. The mortgage broker continues to meet the minimum standards
6 for license issuance under Section 14 of this act 2095.11 of this
7 title; and

8 2. The mortgage broker has paid all required fees for renewal9 of the license.

The license of a mortgage broker failing to satisfy the 10 Β. minimum standards for license renewal shall expire. The 11 12 Administrator of Consumer Credit may adopt procedures in addition to 13 the requirements of Section 9 of this act paragraph 12 of subsection K of Section 2095.6 of this title for the reinstatement of expired 14 licenses consistent with the standards established by the Nationwide 15 Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry. 16

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.12.1,
is amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.12.1. A. The minimum standards for license renewal for mortgage lenders shall include the following:

The mortgage lender continues to meet the minimum standards
 for license issuance under this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
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2. The mortgage lender has paid all required fees for renewal
 of the license.

The license of a mortgage lender failing to satisfy the 3 Β. minimum standards for license renewal shall expire. 4 The 5 Administrator of Consumer Credit may adopt procedures in addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph 12 of subsection K of 6 Section 2095.6 of this title for the reinstatement of expired 7 licenses consistent with the standards established by the Nationwide 8 9 Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry. SECTION 13. 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.13, is 10 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 11 Section 2095.13. In addition to any other duties imposed upon 12 the Administrator of Consumer Credit by law, the Administrator shall 13 require mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders and mortgage loan 14 originators to be licensed and registered through the Nationwide 15 Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry. In order to 16 carry out this requirement, the Administrator is authorized to 17 participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System 18 and Registry. For this purpose, the Administrator, upon approval of 19 the Commission on Consumer Credit, may establish requirements by 20 rule as necessary and consistent with this act the Oklahoma Secure 21 and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, including but not 22 limited to: 23

24 1. Background checks for:

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1	a. criminal history through fingerprint or other
2	databases,
3	b. civil or administrative records,
4	c. credit history, or
5	d. any other information as deemed necessary by the
6	Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and
7	Registry;
8	2. The payment of fees to apply for or renew licenses through
9	the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry;
10	3. The setting or resetting as necessary of renewal or
11	reporting dates; and
12	4. Requirements for amending or surrendering a license or any
13	other such activities as the Administrator deems necessary for
14	participation in the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System
15	and Registry.
16	SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.14,
17	is amended to read as follows:
18	Section 2095.14. The Administrator of Consumer Credit shall,
19	upon approval by the Commission on Consumer Credit, establish by
20	rule a process whereby mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders and
21	mortgage loan originators may challenge information entered into the
22	Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry by the
23	Administrator.
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1SECTION 15.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.18, is2amended to read as follows:

3 Section 2095.18. It is a violation of this act the Oklahoma
4 <u>Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act</u> for an entity
5 or individual subject to this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
6 Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act to:

7 1. Directly or indirectly employ any scheme, device, or
8 artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or lenders or to defraud
9 any entity or individual;

Engage in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any entity
 or individual;

12 3. Obtain property by fraud or misrepresentation;

4. Solicit or enter into a contract with a borrower that
provides in substance that the entity or individual subject to this
act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing
<u>Act</u> may earn a fee or commission through "best efforts" to obtain or
modify a loan even though a loan is not actually obtained or
modified for the borrower;

19 5. Solicit, advertise or enter into a contract for specific 20 interest rates, points or other financing terms unless the terms are 21 actually available at the time of soliciting, advertising or 22 contracting;

23 6. Conduct any business covered by this act the Oklahoma Secure
24 and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act without holding a

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valid license as required under this act the Oklahoma Secure and
<u>Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act</u> or assist or aide and
abet any entity or individual in the conduct of business under this
act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing
<u>Act</u> without a valid license as required under this act the Oklahoma
Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act;

7 7. Fail to make disclosures as required by this act the
8 Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act and
9 any other applicable state or federal law including regulations
10 thereunder;

8. Fail to comply with this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act or rules promulgated under
this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage
Licensing Act or fail to comply with any other state or federal law,
including any rules thereunder, applicable to any business
authorized or conducted under this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair
Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act;

9. Make, in any manner, any false or deceptive statement or
 representation, including, with regard to the rates, points, or
 other financing terms or conditions for a residential mortgage loan
 or engage in bait and switch advertising;

10. Negligently make any false statement or knowingly and willfully make any omission of material fact in connection with any information or reports filed with a governmental agency or the

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Nationwide Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry or in
 connection with any investigation conducted by the Administrator of
 Consumer Credit or another governmental agency;

11. Make any payment, threat or promise, directly or
indirectly, to any entity or individual for the purposes of
influencing the independent judgment of the entity or individual in
connection with a residential mortgage loan or make any payment,
threat or promise, directly or indirectly, to any appraiser of a
property, for the purposes of influencing the independent judgment
of the appraiser with respect to the value of the property;

11 12. Collect, charge, attempt to collect or charge or use or 12 propose any agreement purporting to collect or charge any fee 13 prohibited by this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for 14 Mortgage Licensing Act;

15 13. Cause or require a borrower to obtain property insurance 16 coverage in an amount that exceeds the replacement cost of the 17 improvements as established by the property insurer; or

18 14. Fail to truthfully account for monies belonging to a party19 to a residential mortgage loan transaction.

20 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.20, is 21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 2095.20. A. 1. There is hereby created in the State 23 Treasury a revolving fund for the Commission on Consumer Credit to 24 be designated the "Oklahoma Mortgage Broker and Mortgage Loan

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Originator Recovery Fund". The fund shall consist of fees received
 by the Administrator of Consumer Credit as required by paragraph 6
 of subsection M of Section 2095.6 of this title to be paid into the
 fund.

5 2. The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the administrative 6 direction of the Administrator. Monies accruing to the credit of 7 this fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended 8 9 by the Commission, pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission, for the purposes specified in subsection B of this section. 10 The provisions of this paragraph shall have retroactive and prospective 11 12 application.

3. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
 Services for approval and payment.

Β. 1. Subject to the limitations of this subsection, monies in 17 the fund shall be used to reimburse any entity or individual in an 18 amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) Ten Thousand 19 Dollars (\$10,000.00) who has been adjudged by a court of competent 20 jurisdiction to have suffered monetary damages by an entity or 21 individual required to have a license under the Oklahoma Secure and 22 Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act in any transaction or 23 series of transactions for which a license is required under the 24

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 because of the acquisition of money or property by fraud,
 misrepresentation, deceit, false pretenses, artifice, trickery, or
 by any other act which would constitute a violation of the Oklahoma
 Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act.

2. Payments for claims based on judgments against any one
person required to have a license under this act the Oklahoma Secure
and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act shall not exceed in
the aggregate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) Sixty Thousand
Dollars (\$60,000.00).

3. Payments for claims may only be made for a cause of action which has accrued on or after November 1, 1997, and which has accrued not more than two (2) years prior to filing the action in district court.

15 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.21, is 16 amended to read as follows:

Section 2095.21. A. In order to meet the annual continuing education requirements as provided in subsection A of Section 2095.10 of this title, a licensed mortgage loan originator shall complete at least eight (8) hours of education approved as provided in subsection B of this section, which shall include at least: 1. Three (3) hours of federal law and regulations;

23 2. Two (2) hours of ethics, which shall include instruction on24 fraud, consumer protection and fair lending issues; and

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Two (2) hours of training related to lending standards for
 the nontraditional mortgage product marketplace.

B. For purposes of subsection A of this section, continuing
education courses shall be reviewed and approved by the Nationwide
Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry based upon
reasonable standards. Review and approval of a continuing education
course shall include review and approval of the course provider.

8 C. Nothing in this section shall preclude any education course 9 as approved by the Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System 10 and Registry that is provided by the employer of the mortgage loan 11 originator or an entity which is affiliated with the mortgage loan 12 originator by an agency contract or any subsidiary or affiliate of 13 such employer or entity.

D. Continuing education may be offered either in a classroom,
online or by any other means approved by the Nationwide Mortgage
Multistate Licensing System and Registry.

E. A licensed mortgage loan originator, except as provided in subsection B of Section 2095.10 of this title and subsection I of this section:

May only receive credit for a continuing education course in
 the year in which the course is taken; and

22 2. May not take the same approved course in the same or
23 successive years to meet the annual requirements for continuing
24 education.

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F. A licensed mortgage loan originator who is an approved instructor of an approved continuing education course may receive credit for the licensed mortgage loan originator's own annual continuing education requirement at the rate of two (2) hours credit for every one (1) hour taught.

G. An individual having successfully completed the education
requirements approved by the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate
Licensing System and Registry in paragraph 1 of subsection A and
subsections B and C of this section for any state shall be accepted
as credit towards completion of continuing education requirements in
this state.

H. A licensed mortgage loan originator who subsequently becomes unlicensed must complete the continuing education requirements for the last year in which the license was held prior to issuance of a new or renewed license.

I. An individual meeting the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 2095.10 of this title may make up any deficiency in continuing education as established by rule.

19SECTION 18.AMENDATORY59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.22, is20amended to read as follows:

21 Section 2095.22. In order to promote more effective regulation 22 and reduce regulatory burden through supervisory information 23 sharing:

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1 1. Except as otherwise provided in 12 U.S.C., Section 5111, the 2 requirements under federal or Oklahoma law, regarding the privacy or confidentiality of any information or material provided to the 3 Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry and any 4 5 privilege arising under federal or state law, including the rules of any federal or state court, with respect to such information or 6 material, shall continue to apply to such information or material 7 after the information or material has been disclosed to the 8 9 Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and Registry. Such information and material may be shared with all state and federal 10 regulatory officials with mortgage industry oversight authority 11 without the loss of privilege or the loss of confidentiality 12 13 protections provided by federal or Oklahoma law.

For these purposes, the Administrator of Consumer Credit is
 authorized to enter into agreements or sharing arrangements with
 other governmental agencies, the Conference of State Bank
 Supervisors, the American Association of Residential Mortgage
 Regulators or other associations representing governmental agencies.

Information or material that is subject to a privilege or
 confidentiality under paragraph 1 of this section shall not be
 subject to:

a. disclosure under any federal or state law governing
 the disclosure to the public of information held by an

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officer or an agency of the federal government or the respective state, or

b. subpoena or discovery, or admission into evidence, in 3 any private civil action or administrative process, 4 5 unless with respect to any privilege held by the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing System and 6 Registry with respect to such information or material, 7 the entity or individual to whom such information or 8 9 material pertains waives, in whole or in part, in the discretion of such entity or individual, that 10 privilege. 11

4. Any provision of Oklahoma law relating to the disclosure of confidential supervisory information or any information or material described in paragraph 1 of this section that is inconsistent with paragraph 1 of this section shall be superseded by the requirements of this section.

5. This section shall not apply with respect to the information or material relating to the employment history of and publicly adjudicated disciplinary and enforcement actions against mortgage brokers and mortgage loan originators that is included in the Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry for access by the public.

23 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.23, is 24 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 2095.23. A. In addition to any authority allowed under the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, 2 the Administrator of Consumer Credit shall have the authority to 3 conduct investigations and examinations of the following: 4 5 1. Criminal, civil and administrative history information, including nonconviction data; 6 Personal history and experience information including 7 2. independent credit reports obtained from a consumer reporting agency 8 9 described in 15 U.S.C., Section 1681a(p); The financial condition and internal management policies and 10 3. procedures of any entity licensed or required to be licensed as a 11 12 mortgage lender for purposes of determining that the entity is operating honestly, fairly and efficiently within the purposes of 13 this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage 14 Licensing Act; and 15 Any other documents, information or evidence the 16 4. Administrator deems relevant to the inquiry or investigation 17 regardless of the location, possession, control or custody of such 18 documents, information or evidence. 19 For the purposes of investigating violations or complaints 20 Β. arising under the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage 21 Licensing Act or for the purposes of examination, the Administrator 22 may review, investigate or examine any licensee or entity or 23

24 individual subject to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for

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1 Mortgage Licensing Act, as often as necessary in order to carry out 2 the purposes of the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. The Administrator may direct, subpoena or 3 order the attendance of and examine under oath all individuals whose 4 5 testimony may be required about the loans or the business or subject matter of any such examination or investigation and may direct, 6 subpoena or order such individual to produce books, accounts, 7 records, files and any other documents the Administrator deems 8 9 relevant to the inquiry. Any examination or investigation report and any information obtained during an examination or investigation 10 shall not be subject to disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records 11 12 Act. However, any examination or investigation report and any information obtained during an examination or investigation shall be 13 subject to disclosure pursuant to a court order and may also be 14 disclosed in an individual proceeding and any order issued pursuant 15 to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing 16 17 Act.

C. The Administrator may require payment of an examination fee either at the time of initial application, renewal of the license or after an examination has been conducted. The examination fee shall be prescribed by rule of the Commission on Consumer Credit. The Administrator shall require a licensee or an entity or individual subject to the requirements of this act to pay travel costs for

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1 conducting examinations or investigations outside of the State of
2 Oklahoma.

D. Each licensee or entities entity or individuals individual 3 subject to the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage 4 5 Licensing Act shall make available to the Administrator, upon request, any books and records relating to the requirements of the 6 Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. 7 The Administrator shall have access to such books and records and 8 9 interview the officers, principals, mortgage loan originators, employees, independent contractors, agents and customers of the 10 licensee, entity entities or individual subject to the Oklahoma 11 12 Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act concerning 13 the requirements of the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act. Books and records shall be maintained for a 14 period of time required by rule of the Administrator. 15

16 E. D. Each licensee or entity or individual subject to the
17 Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act
18 shall make or compile reports or prepare other information as
19 directed by the Administrator in order to carry out the purposes of
20 this section including, but not limited to:

1. Accounting compilations;

22 2. Information lists and data concerning loan transactions in a23 format prescribed by the Administrator; or

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Such other information deemed necessary to carry out the
 purposes of this section.

F. E. In making any examination or investigation authorized by 3 the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, 4 5 the Administrator may control access to any documents and records of the licensee or entity or individual under examination or 6 investigation. The Administrator may take possession of the 7 documents and records or place an entity or individual in exclusive 8 9 charge of the documents and records in the place where they are usually kept. During the period of control, no entity or individual 10 shall remove or attempt to remove any of the documents and records 11 except pursuant to a court order or with the consent of the 12 Administrator. Unless the Administrator has reasonable grounds to 13 believe the documents or records of the licensee have been, or are 14 at risk of being, altered or destroyed for purposes of concealing a 15 violation of the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage 16 Licensing Act, the licensee or owner of the documents and records 17 shall have access to the documents or records as necessary to 18 conduct its ordinary business affairs. 19

20 G. F. In order to carry out the purposes of this section, the 21 Administrator may:

Retain attorneys, accountants, or other professionals and
 specialists as examiners, auditors or investigators to conduct or
 assist in the conduct of examinations or investigations;

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2. Enter into agreements or relationships with other government
 officials or regulatory associations in order to improve
 efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by sharing resources,
 standardized or uniform methods or procedures and documents,
 records, information or evidence obtained under this section;

3. Use, hire, contract or employ public or privately available
analytical systems, methods or software to examine or investigate
the licensee, entity or individual subject to the Oklahoma Secure
and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act;

Accept and rely on examination or investigation reports made
 by other government officials, within or without this state;

12 5. Accept audit reports made by an independent certified public 13 accountant for the licensee or entity or individual subject to the 14 Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act in 15 the course of that part of the examination covering the same general 16 subject matter as the audit and may incorporate the audit report in 17 the report of the examination, report of investigation or other 18 writing of the Administrator; or

Participate in multistate mortgage examinations as scheduled
 by the <u>Multi-State Multistate</u> Mortgage Committee established by the
 Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of
 Residential Mortgage Regulators.

H. G. The authority of this section shall remain in effect,
whether such a licensee or entity or individual subject to the

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 or claims to act under any licensing or registration law of this
 state or claims to act without such authority.

4 <del>I.</del> <u>H.</u> No licensee or entity or individual subject to
5 investigation or examination under this section may knowingly
6 withhold, abstract, remove, mutilate, destroy or secrete any books,
7 records, computer records or other information.

8 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.24, is 9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 2095.24. Each licensee shall submit to the Nationwide 11 Mortgage <u>Multistate</u> Licensing System and Registry reports of 12 condition, which shall be in such form and shall contain such 13 information as the Nationwide <u>Mortgage Multistate</u> Licensing System 14 and Registry may require.

15 SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 2095.25, is 16 amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding or subject to state privacy law, the
Administrator of Consumer Credit is required to regularly report
violations of this act the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for
Mortgage Licensing Act as well as enforcement actions and other
relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Multistate Licensing
System and Registry subject to the provisions contained in Section
25 of this act Section 2095.22 of this title.

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1 SECTION 22. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2095.27 of Title 59, unless 2 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 3 A licensee may permit its employees or independent contractors 4 5 to work at remote locations in compliance with the licensee's written policies and procedures subject to the following conditions: 6 The licensee has written policies and procedures for 7 1. supervision of employees and independent contractors working from 8 9 remote locations; 2. Access to a licensee's platforms and customer information 10 shall be in accordance with the licensee's comprehensive written 11 12 information security plan; 3. No in-person customer interaction shall occur at an 13 employee's or independent contractor's residence unless such 14 residence is a licensed or registered location; 15 4. Physical records shall not be maintained at a remote 16 location; 17 Interactions with and conversations about consumers shall be 5. 18 in compliance with federal and state information security 19 requirements, including applicable provisions under the Gramm-Leach-20 Bliley Act and the Safequards Rule established under the Federal 21 Trade Commission, set forth in 16 CFR Part 314, as such may be 22 amended from time to time;

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1 6. Employees or independent contractors working at a remote 2 location shall have access to the licensee's secure systems, including a cloud-based system, directly from any out-of-office 3 device that such employee or independent contractor may use 4 5 including, but not limited to, a laptop, mobile phone, desktop computer, or tablet, via a virtual private network, or comparable 6 system, that ensures secure connectivity and requires passwords or 7 forms of authentication to access; 8

9 7. The licensee shall ensure that appropriate security updates, 10 patches, or other alterations to the security of all devices used at 11 remote locations are installed and maintained;

12 8. The licensee shall have an ability to remotely lock or erase 13 company-related contents of any device or other otherwise remotely 14 limit all access to the licensee's secure systems; and

The Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry 15 9. record of a mortgage loan originator that works from a remote 16 17 location shall designate the principal place of business as his or her registered location unless such mortgage loan originator elects 18 to choose a licensed branch office as a registered location. 19 SECTION 23. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024. 20 21 2/23/2024 9:46:46 AM 59-2-3493 MR 22 23

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