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Introduction and first reading

Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

04/30/2020 Comm report: To pass as amended

Joint rule 2.03, referred to Rules and Administration

Comm report: Adopt previous comm report Jt. rule 2.03 suspended

Second reading

A bill for an act 1.1

relating to commerce; making technical changes to various provisions governing 1 2 or administered by the Department of Commerce; amending Minnesota Statutes 1.3 2018, sections 48A.11; 53A.01, by adding a subdivision; 53A.03; 53C.01, 1.4 subdivision 12; 53C.02; 58.02, subdivision 21; 58A.02, subdivision 13; 58A.13; 1.5 60A.07, subdivision 1d; 60A.131; 60A.16, subdivisions 1, 2; 82.68, subdivision 1.6 2; 82C.02, subdivision 8; 82C.10; 82C.12; 82C.14; 82C.17, subdivision 4; 332.54, 1.7 subdivision 4; 332.57, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 1.8 53B.27, subdivisions 3, 4; 60A.07, subdivision 1a; 72B.14. 1.9

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 48A.11, is amended to read:

## 48A.11 NATIONAL BANKS AS FIDUCIARIES.

A national bank in this state granted a special permit to act in a fiduciary capacity by either the Federal Reserve Board under subsection K of section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended by the act of September 26, 1918, or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency under the provisions of United States Code, title 12, section 92a, may without oath or security assign, transfer to, and deposit with the commissioner, the kinds and amounts of authorized securities required by section 48A.03 of a bank or trust company in a city in which the national bank is located. If the national bank has a capital of \$500,000 or more, it is not required to deposit these securities for more than the lesser of \$1,000,000 or ten percent of this capital or \$1,000,000 the amount of assets the bank is acting in a fiduciary capacity for at offices located in Minnesota. The securities so deposited must be held and maintained as a guaranty fund for the national bank for the performance of its duties in this fiduciary capacity.

Section 1. 1 When a national bank has complied with section 48A.03, no oath or security is required of it to accept and perform the trust, as provided in section 48A.07, subdivision 4.

- For purposes of this section, "bank" and "trust company" have the meanings given in section 48A.09.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 53A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 3. Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry. "Nationwide Multistate
   Licensing System and Registry" means a multistate licensing system developed and
   maintained by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors for the licensing and registration
   of licensees or other persons subject to this chapter.
  - Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 53A.03, is amended to read:

#### 53A.03 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE; FEES.

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- Subdivision 1. Application form. (a) An application for a license must be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed and furnished by the commissioner and must contain the following:
- (1) the full name and address (both of residence and place of business) of the applicant, and if the applicant is a partnership or association, of every member, and the name and business address if the applicant is a corporation;
- (2) the county and municipality, with street and number, if any, of all currency exchange locations operated by the applicant; and
- (3) the applicant's occupation or profession, for the ten years immediately preceding the application; present or previous connection with any other currency exchange in this or any other state; whether the applicant has ever been convicted of any crime; and the nature of the applicant's occupancy of the premises to be licensed; and if the applicant is a partnership or a corporation, the information specified in this paragraph must be supplied for each partner and each officer and director of the corporation. If the applicant is a partnership or a nonpublicly held corporation, the information specified in this paragraph must be required of each partner and each officer, director, and stockholders owning in excess of ten percent of the corporate stock of the corporation.
- (b) The application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1,000 for the review of the initial application. Upon approval by the commissioner, an additional license fee of \$500 must be paid by the applicant as an annual license fee for the remainder of the calendar

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year. An annual license fee of \$500 is due for each subsequent calendar year of operation upon submission of a license renewal application on or before September 1. Fees must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund. Upon payment of the required annual license fee, the commissioner shall issue a license for the year beginning January 1.

- (c) The commissioner shall require the applicant to submit to a background investigation conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as a condition of licensure. As part of the background investigation, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall conduct criminal history checks of Minnesota records and is authorized to exchange fingerprints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of a criminal background check of the national files. The cost of the investigation must be paid by the applicant.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "applicant" includes an employee who exercises management or policy control over the company, a director, an officer, a limited or general partner, a manager, or a shareholder holding more than ten percent of the outstanding stock of the corporation.
- Subd. 2. Commissioner may establish relationships or contracts. The commissioner is authorized to establish relationships or contracts with the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry or other entities designated by the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry to collect and maintain records and to process transaction fees or other fees related to licensees or other persons subject to this chapter.
- Subd. 3. Waive or modify requirements. The commissioner is authorized to: (1) waive or modify, in whole or in part, any or all of the requirements of this chapter; and (2) establish new requirements as are reasonably necessary to participate in the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry. Any waiver, modification, or establishment of requirements under this subdivision must be adopted by rule or order.
  - Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 53C.01, subdivision 12, is amended to read:
- Subd. 12. **Sales finance company.** "Sales finance company" means a person engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of purchasing retail installment contracts <u>entered into in</u> this state from one or more retail sellers. The term includes a bank, trust company, or industrial loan and thrift company, if so engaged. The term also includes a retail seller engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of creating and holding retail installment contracts. The term does not include the pledges of an aggregate number of the contracts to secure a bona fide loan thereon.

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Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 53C.02, is amended to read:

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## 53C.02 SALES FINANCE COMPANY; LICENSE, FEES, REFUND.

- (a) No person shall engage in the business of a sales finance company in this state without a license therefor as provided in sections 53C.01 to 53C.14 provided, however, that no bank, trust company, savings bank, savings association, or credit union, whether state or federally chartered, industrial loan and thrift company, or licensee under the Minnesota Regulated Loan Act authorized to do business in this state shall be required to obtain a license under sections 53C.01 to 53C.14.
- (b) The application for a license shall be in writing, under oath and in the form prescribed by the commissioner. The application shall contain the name of the applicant; date of incorporation, if incorporated; the address where the business is or is to be conducted and similar information as to any branch office of the applicant; the name and resident address of the owner or partners, or, if a corporation or association, of the directors, trustees and principal officers, and other pertinent information the commissioner requires.
- (c) The licensee fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year, or any part thereof shall be the sum of \$250 for the principal place of business of the licensee, and the sum of \$125 for each branch of the licensee, maintained in this state. Any licensee who proves to the satisfaction of the commissioner, by affidavit or other proof satisfactory to the commissioner, that during the 12 calendar months of the immediately preceding fiscal year, for which the license has been paid that the licensee has not held retail installment contracts exceeding \$15,000 in amount, shall be entitled to a refund of that portion of each license fee paid in excess of \$25. The commissioner shall certify to the commissioner of management and budget that the licensee is entitled to a refund, and payment thereof shall be made by the commissioner of management and budget. The amount necessary to pay for the refundment of the license fee is appropriated out of the general fund. All license fees received by the commissioner under sections 53C.01 to 53C.14 shall be deposited with the commissioner of management and budget.
- (d) Each license shall specify the location of the office or branch and must be conspicuously displayed there. In case the location be changed, the commissioner shall endorse the change of location on the license.
- (e) Upon the filing of such application, and the payment of the fee, the commissioner shall issue a license to the applicant to engage in the business of a sales finance company under and in accordance with the provisions of sections 53C.01 to 53C.14 for a period which shall expire the last day of June next following the date of its issuance. The license shall

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not be transferable or assignable. No licensee shall transact any business provided for by sections 53C.01 to 53C.14 under any other name.

- Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 58.02, subdivision 21, is amended to read:
- Subd. 21. Residential real property; residential real estate. "Residential real property" or "residential real estate" means real property improved or intended to be improved by a structure designed principally for the occupancy of from one to four families, whether or not the owner occupies the real property. "Residential real estate" means real property located in Minnesota upon which a dwelling is constructed or is intended to be constructed, whether or not the owner occupies the real property.
- 5.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 58A.02, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
  - Subd. 13. **Residential mortgage loan.** "Residential mortgage loan" means a loan primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling, as defined in United States Code, title 15, section 1602(v)(w), or residential real estate upon which a dwelling is constructed or intended to be constructed.
  - Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 58A.13, is amended to read:

## **58A.13 SURETY BOND REQUIRED.**

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- Subdivision 1. **Coverage, form, and rules.** (a) Each mortgage loan originator must be covered by a surety bond meeting the requirements of this section 58.08. In the event that the mortgage loan originator is an employee or exclusive agent of a person subject to this chapter, the surety bond of the person subject to this chapter can be used in lieu of the mortgage loan originator's surety bond requirement.
- (b) The surety bond shall provide coverage for each mortgage loan originator in anamount as prescribed in subdivision 2.
  - (c) The surety bond must be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner.
- 5.26 Subd. 2. **Penal sum of surety bond.** The penal sum of the surety bond must be maintained in an the amount that reflects the dollar amount of loans originated as determined by the commissioner under section 58.08, subdivision 1a, paragraph (c).
- 5.29 Subd. 3. **Action on bond.** When an action is commenced on a licensee's <u>residential</u>
  5.30 mortgage originator bond, the commissioner may require the filing of a new bond.

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Subd. 4. **New bond.** Immediately upon recovery upon any action on the bond, the <del>licensee</del> residential mortgage originator shall file a new bond.

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Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 60A.07, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

Subd. 1d. Certificate of incorporation; amendments. The certificate of incorporation of an insurance corporation organized and existing under the laws of this state may be amended in the manner set forth in section 302A.135. Amendments must be filed with the secretary of state in the manner set forth in section 302A.151, except the secretary of state may not accept a certificate of filing unless the certificate also contains the endorsement of the commissioner of commerce. Amendments are effective upon the commissioner's approval.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 60A.131, is amended to read:

## 60A.131 OTHER BUSINESS AND INSURANCE INTERESTS, DISCLOSURE.

- (a) If requested by the commissioner, an insurance company authorized to do business in this state shall disclose to the commissioner any changes in the principal management and directors of the company from that listed on page one of the annual statement within ten days of such change. All domestic insurance companies must disclose to the commissioner any changes in principal management or directors of the company within ten days of the date a change is made. Biographical information must be provided for any new officer or director on the applicable forms required by the commissioner. Foreign insurers are not required to provide notification under this paragraph unless specifically requested.
- (b) Every insurance company authorized to do business in this state shall notify the commissioner within ten days after receipt of notice of any acquisition by any person, association or corporation of stock or other equity security in said insurer where such transaction, directly or indirectly, either involves five percent or more of any class of any equity security of said insurer, or such acquisition results in ownership of five percent or more of any equity security of said insurer.
- (c) All principal management and directors of the company as listed on page one of its annual statement, and any person, association or corporation or any person or persons managing such company under a management contract, who are directly or indirectly the beneficial owners of more than five percent of any class of any equity security of a stock insurer or guaranty fund of a mutual insurer, shall disclose all other interests in excess of five percent which they may have in insurance agencies, other insurance companies, premium finance companies and any other companies whose principal business relates directly to the writing of insurance or the handling of claims, within 30 days following May 21, 1967.

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Any such interests acquired after May 21, 1967, shall be reported to the commissioner within 30 days.

- Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 60A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Scope.** (1) **Domestic insurance corporations.** Any two or more domestic insurance corporations, formed for any of the purposes for which stock, mutual, or stock and mutual insurance corporations, or reciprocal or interinsurance contract exchanges might be formed under the laws of this state, may be
- (a) merged into one of such domestic insurance corporations, or

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- 7.9 (b) consolidated into a new insurance corporation to be formed under the laws of this state.
  - (2) **Domestic and foreign insurance corporations.** Any such domestic insurance corporations and any foreign insurance corporations formed to carry on any insurance business for the conduct of which an insurance corporation might be organized under the laws of this state, may be
  - (a) merged into one of such domestic insurance corporations, or
    - (b) merged into one of such foreign insurance corporations, or
  - (c) consolidated into a new insurance corporation to be formed under the laws of this state, or
    - (d) consolidated into a new insurance corporation to be formed under the laws of the government under which one of such foreign insurance corporations was formed, provided that each of such foreign insurance corporations is authorized by the laws of the government under which it was formed to effect such merger or consolidation.
- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 60A.16, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Procedure to be followed.** (1) **Plan of merger.** The merger or consolidation of insurance corporations can be effected only as a result of a plan of merger adopted, approved, and filed as follows:
  - (a) A resolution containing the plan of merger shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of the board of each constituent corporation. The plan of merger shall prescribe the terms and conditions of merger or consolidation, and the mode of carrying the same into effect, with such other details and provisions as are deemed necessary. In the case of merging or consolidating stock insurance corporations or stock and mutual insurance

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corporations, such plan of merger may prescribe that stock of one or more of such corporations shall be converted, in whole or in part, into stock or other securities of a corporation which is not a merging or consolidating corporation or into cash.

- (b) The plan of merger, or a summary of the plan approved by the commissioner, shall be submitted to the respective shareholders or members, as the case may be, of each constituent corporation, for consideration at a regular meeting or at a special meeting duly called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the plan. Written notice of the meeting, which shall state that the purpose of the meeting is to consider the proposed plan of merger, shall be given to each shareholder or member entitled to vote upon the plan of merger not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the meeting. The plan of merger must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the voting power of the shareholders or members present or represented at the meeting of each constituent corporation; provided, however, that in the case of a merger, except one in which any shares of the surviving insurance corporation are to be converted into shares or other securities of another corporation or into cash, the agreement need not be submitted to the shareholders or members of that one of the insurance corporations into which it has been agreed the others shall be merged. Upon receiving the approval of the shareholders or members of each constituent corporation, articles of merger shall be prepared that contain the plan of merger and a statement that the plan has been approved by each corporation under this section.
- (c) The articles of merger and plan of merger shall be delivered to the commissioner of commerce, who, if the plan of merger is reasonable and if the provisions thereof providing for any transfer of assets and assumption of liabilities are fair and equitable to the claimants and policyholders, shall place a certificate of approval on the articles of issue an order approving the merger and shall file the articles in the commissioner's office, and. Copies of the articles of merger, certified by the commissioner of commerce, shall be filed for record in the Office of the Secretary of State and delivered to the surviving corporation or its legal representative.
- (2) Articles of incorporation of new company. (a) If the plan of merger is for a consolidation into a new insurance corporation to be formed under any law or laws of this state, articles of incorporation for such new insurance corporation shall be prepared and delivered to the commissioner of commerce together with the articles of merger as provided in clause (1) hereof.
- (b) Such articles shall be prepared, executed, approved, filed and recorded in the form and manner prescribed in, or applicable to, the particular law or laws under which the new insurance corporation is to be formed.

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(3) **Abandonment.** A proposed merger or consolidation may be abandoned at any time prior to approval by the commissioner under the provision for abandonment, if any, set forth in the plan of merger.

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- (4) **Mutual insurance holding companies.** In the case of a merger of two mutual insurance holding companies under section 66A.40, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), the procedures set forth in subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 shall apply, subject to the following:
- (a) the plan of merger must be fair and reasonable to the members of each constituent corporation;
- (b) no member of either constituent corporation on the effective date of the merger shall lose membership solely on account of the merger;
- (c) membership and voting rights in each respective constituent corporation for purposes of the meeting of the members held to consider the plan of merger shall be determined in accordance with the articles and bylaws of that constituent corporation as of a record date established in the plan of merger; and
- (d) the commissioner may require changes to the plan or require certain undertakings from the surviving corporation to assure compliance with this clause.
- Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82.68, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2. **Financial interests disclosure; licensee.** (a) Before the negotiation or consummation of any transaction, a licensee shall affirmatively disclose to the owner of real property that the licensee is a real estate broker or agent salesperson, and in what capacity the licensee is acting, if the licensee directly, or indirectly through a third party, purchases for himself or herself or acquires, or intends to acquire, any interest in, or any option to purchase, the owner's property.
- (b) When a principal in the transaction is a licensee or a relative or business associate of the licensee, that fact must be disclosed in writing before negotiating or consummating any transaction.
- Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82C.02, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- Subd. 8. **Appraisal review.** "Appraisal review" means the act of developing and communicating an opinion about the quality of another appraiser's work that was performed as part of an appraisal assignment, except that an examination of an appraisal for grammatical, typographical, or other similar errors that do not make a substantive valuation change shall not be an appraisal review.

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Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82C.10, is amended to read:

## 82C.10 EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS.

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An employee of the appraisal management company that has the responsibility to review the work complete appraisal reviews of employed and independent appraisers where the subject properties are located within this state, which include the reviewer's opinion of value or concurrence with the original appraiser's value, must be licensed according to chapter 82B and perform the appraisal review assignments in compliance with USPAP and chapter 82B. This requirement does not apply to employees who review appraisals for completeness and compliance in connection with an appraisal management company's internal quality control processes, but who do not perform appraisal reviews that are subject to Standard 3 of USPAP.

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82C.12, is amended to read:

#### 82C.12 ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS.

An appraisal management company must have a system in place to review the work of all employed and independent appraisers that are performing real estate appraisal assignments for the appraisal management company on a periodic basis to verify that the real estate appraisal services are being conducted in accordance with USPAP and chapter 82B. The appraisal reviews must be completed subject to Standards 3 and 4 of USPAP. Appraisal reviews in an appraisal management company's system must include the reviewer's opinion of value or concur with the original appraiser's value. Reviewers must be licensed appraisers under chapter 82B. An appraisal management company is required to make referrals directly to state appraiser regulatory authorities when a state licensed or certified appraiser violates USPAP, applicable state law, or engages in other unethical or unprofessional conduct.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82C.14, is amended to read:

## 82C.14 APPRAISER INDEPENDENCE; PROHIBITIONS.

- (a) It is unlawful for any employee, director, officer, or agent of an appraisal management company licensed in this state pursuant to this chapter to influence or attempt to influence the development, reporting, or review of an appraisal through coercion, extortion, collusion, compensation, inducement, intimidation, or bribery, including but not limited to: through any and all influences, including:
- (1) withholding or threatening to withhold timely payment for an appraisal;

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(2) withholding or threatening to withhold future business or assignments for an employed or independent appraiser, or demoting or terminating or threatening to demote or terminate an employed or independent appraiser;

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- (3) expressly or impliedly promising future business, assignments, promotions, or increased compensation for an employed or independent appraiser;
- (4) conditioning the request for an appraisal assignment on the payment of an appraisal fee or salary or bonus on the opinion, conclusion, or valuation to be reached, or on a preliminary estimate or opinion requested from an employed or independent appraiser;
- (5) requesting that an employed or independent appraiser provide an estimated, predetermined, or desired valuation in an appraisal report, or provide estimated values or comparable sales at any time prior to the completion of an appraisal assignment;
- (6) providing to an employed or independent appraiser an anticipated, estimated, encouraged, or desired value for a subject property or a proposed or target amount to be loaned to the borrower, except that a copy of the sales contract for purchase transactions may be provided;
- (7) providing to an employed or independent appraiser, or any entity or person related to the appraiser, stock, or other financial or nonfinancial benefits;
- (8) allowing the removal of an employed or independent appraiser from a list of qualified appraisers used by any entity, without prior written notice to the appraiser, which notice must include documented evidence of the appraiser's violation of USPAP, chapter 82B, substandard performance, or otherwise improper or unprofessional behavior;
- (9) request or require any employed or independent appraiser to provide the appraisal management company or any of its employees, or any of its clients, with the appraiser's digital signature;
- (10) alter, amend, or change an appraisal report submitted by an appraiser, to include removing or applying a signature, adding or deleting information from the appraisal report;
  - (11) require the appraiser to collect the fee from a borrower, homeowner, or other person;
- (12) require an appraiser to sign any indemnification agreement that would require the appraiser to defend and hold harmless the appraisal management company or any of its agents, or employees for any liability, damage, losses, or claims arising out of the services performed by the appraisal management company or its agents, employees, or independent contractors and not the services performed by the appraiser;

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(13) use an appraiser directly selected or referred by any member of a loan production 12.1 staff for an individual assignment; or 12.2 (14) any other act or practice that impairs or attempts to impair an appraiser's 12.3 independence, objectivity, or impartiality. 12.4 12.5 (b) Nothing in paragraph (a) prohibits the appraisal management company from requesting that an independent appraiser: 12.6 12.7 (1) consider additional appropriate property information; (2) provide further detail, substantiation, or explanation for the appraiser's value 12.8 conclusion; or 12.9 (3) correct objective factual errors in an appraisal report. 12.10 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 82C.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 12.11 Subd. 4. Timely payment. Except in the case of breach of contract or an appraisal that 12.12 contains one or more documented errors of law, regulation, appraisal standards, or reasonable 12.13 requirements of the appraisal management company that have not been corrected by an 12.14 12.15 appraiser, an appraisal management company shall pay an independent contractor appraiser for the completion of an appraisal or appraisal review: 12.16 12.17 (1) within 30 calendar days of the appraiser providing the appraisal report to the appraisal management company or within 30 calendar days of the date the appraisal report is 12.18 transmitted to the client by an appraisal management company, whichever is sooner; or 12.19 (2) in accordance with a payment schedule agreed to in writing by the appraiser and the 12.20 appraisal management company. 12.21 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 332.54, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 12.22 12.23 Subd. 4. Update of information. The credit services organization must update the registration statement required under this section not later than 90 30 days after the date 12.24 12.25 from which a change in the information required in the statement occurs. Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 332.57, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 12.26 Subd. 2. Contents. The disclosure statement required under subdivision 1 must be printed 12.27

in boldface and in at least 10-point type and must include the following statement:

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You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit report from a credit bureau. You may be charged a reasonable fee. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance, or a rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding 30 days. The credit bureau must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the credit bureau directly. However, neither you nor any "credit repair" company or credit services organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit bureau report. Under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the credit bureau must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old. Bankruptey can be reported for ten years.

You have a right to sue a credit repair company that violates Minnesota's Credit Services

Organization Act. This law prohibits deceptive practices by credit repair companies and
gives you a right to cancel your contract for any reason within five working days from the
date you signed it.

Credit bureaus are required to follow reasonable procedures to ensure that creditors report information accurately. However, mistakes may occur.

You may, on your own, notify a credit bureau in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your credit file. The credit bureau must then reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The credit bureau may not charge any fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of any documents you have concerning an error should be given to the credit bureau.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a brief statement to the credit bureau to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The credit bureau must include your statement about disputed information with any reports it issues about you."

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information in your credit report by contacting the credit bureau directly. However, neither you nor any 'credit repair' company or credit repair organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit report. The credit bureau must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old. Bankruptcy information can be reported for ten years.

You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit report from a credit bureau. You may be charged a reasonable fee. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for

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Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 53B.27, subdivisions 3 and 4; 60A.07, subdivision

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# 53B.27 MONEY TRANSMITTERS; COOPERATION REQUIRED IN COMBATTING FRAUD.

- Subd. 3. **No transmit list.** (a) The commissioner shall create and maintain an electronic list of individuals for whom money transmitters may not make money transmissions. The commissioner may contract with a third-party vendor to create and maintain the list. The electronic list must include sufficient identifying information about individuals on the list to allow for money transmitters to match names on the "No Transmit List" with the names of individuals seeking to utilize the money transmitter's services to make money transmissions.
  - (b) The "No Transmit List" shall be populated in the following ways:
- (1) an individual may request that the commissioner put the individual's name on the "No Transmit List;"
- (2) persons with the legal authority to act on behalf of an individual may request that the commissioner put the individual's name on the "No Transmit List;"
- (3) money transmitters shall request that the commissioner put the names of individuals on the "No Transmit List" that the money transmitter, their employees, their authorized delegates, or their authorized delegates' employees have detected are victims of a scheme to defraud and the names of individuals they have detected are participants in a scheme to defraud individuals residing in Minnesota;
- (4) state and local law enforcement agencies and departments may request that the commissioner put the names of individuals residing in Minnesota who have been victims of a scheme to defraud on the "No Transmit List"; and
- (5) money transmitters shall request that the commissioner put the names of individuals on the "No Transmit List" who have made a request directly to the money transmitter to be prohibited from making or receiving money transmissions.
- (c) An individual on the "No Transmit List" shall remain on the list for a minimum of one year. After the expiration of one year, the individual may at any time request that his or her name be removed from the "No Transmit List," otherwise the name will remain on the list. An individual whose name was put on the "No Transmit List" by a person authorized to act on an individual's behalf shall remain on the list for a minimum of one year. After the expiration of one year, the person authorized to act on the individual's behalf may at any time request that the commissioner remove the individual's name from the "No Transmit List," otherwise the name will remain on the list.
- (d) An individual who requests that the individual's name be put on the "No Transmit List" may indicate at the time of the request that the name shall not be removed from the "No Transmit List" unless both the individual and at least one of two designated individuals requests the individual's name be removed from the list.
- (e) The commissioner shall create request forms and establish procedures for submission of requests under this subdivision. The commissioner's forms and procedures shall include necessary requirements for verifying the identity and authority of individuals submitting requests. All requests must be submitted to the commissioner on the forms created by the commissioner and in accordance with the procedures established by the commissioner.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, data on individuals in the "No Transmit List" and in requests to have names put on or removed from the list are private data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12. The name of an individual on the "No Transmit List" may be provided to the individual or a person authorized to act on the individual's behalf and shall be provided to a money transmitter through a matching process for the purpose of determining whether it may initiate a money transmission. Data classified under this paragraph may be disclosed to requesting law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes or to other government agencies for purposes related to the regulation of money transmissions.
- Subd. 4. **Suspicious activity report.** Each time a money transmitter requests that the commissioner put the name of an individual on the "No Transmit List" pursuant to subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause (3), the money transmitter shall also submit a suspicious activity report pursuant to the federal Bank Secrecy Act.

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## 60A.07 AUTHORIZATION AND REQUIREMENTS.

Subd. 1a. **Filing.** The certificate of an insurance corporation must be filed for record with the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds that it conforms to law and that the required fee has been paid, the secretary of state must record it and certify that fact on it. The secretary of state may not accept a certificate for filing unless the certificate also contains the endorsement of the commissioner of commerce.

#### 72B.14 VIOLATIONS.

A person who violates sections 72B.01 to 72B.14, or the terms of any license or permit under sections 72B.01 to 72B.14, or any lawful order of the commissioner in accordance with sections 72B.01 to 72B.14, shall be subject to a fine imposed by the commissioner, not in excess of \$500, which may be imposed in addition to the penalties prescribed in the provisions dealing with the suspension or revocation of licenses or permits.