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03/11/2026	6595	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection
04/20/2026		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to consumer protection; modifying various consumer protections for

1.3 insurance and financial products; prohibiting virtual-currency kiosks; adding certain

1.4 student loan borrower protections; providing for mortgage loan servicing standards;

1.5 requiring certain notices to the commissioner of commerce; providing mortgage

1.6 protections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 53B.69, subdivision 10,

1.7 by adding a subdivision; 58.14, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision;

1.8 58.18, subdivision 4; 58B.02, by adding subdivisions; 58B.03, subdivisions 10,

1.9 11; 58B.06, subdivisions 4, 6; 72A.18, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions;

1.10 72A.20, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 80G.01, subdivision 5a; 332.32;

1.11 582.043, subdivisions 1, 5; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, sections 58B.02,

1.12 subdivision 8a; 582.043, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.13 Statutes, chapters 53B; 58; 82B; 82C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

1.14 53B.75.

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

1.16 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 53B.69, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.17 to read:

1.18 Subd. 3d. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, general partnership, limited partnership,

1.19 limited liability company, corporation, trust, association, joint stock corporation, or other

1.20 corporate entity identified by the commissioner.

1.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 53B.69, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.22 Subd. 10. **Virtual currency kiosk.** "Virtual currency kiosk" means an automated and

1.23 unstaffed electronic terminal acting as a mechanical agent of the virtual currency kiosk

1.24 operator to enable the virtual currency kiosk operator to facilitate the exchange of virtual

1.25 currency for money, bank credit, or other virtual currency, including but not limited to by

1.26 (1) connecting directly to a separate virtual currency exchanger that performs the actual

2.1 virtual currency transmission, or (2) drawing upon the virtual currency in the possession of  
2.2 the electronic terminal's operator.

2.3 **Sec. 3. [53B.751] VIRTUAL-CURRENCY KIOSKS; PROHIBITION.**

2.4 **Subdivision 1. Virtual-currency kiosks prohibited.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, a  
2.5 person is prohibited from installing, operating, maintaining, or making available for use a  
2.6 virtual-currency kiosk.

2.7 (b) On or before December 31, 2026, a virtual-currency kiosk operator operating a  
2.8 virtual-currency kiosk in Minnesota must remove the virtual-currency kiosk from any  
2.9 location where the virtual-currency kiosk is visible or accessible to the public.

2.10 (c) A person that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day  
2.11 the virtual-currency kiosk is not removed.

2.12 **Subd. 2. Consumer refunds.** (a) On or before December 31, 2026, a virtual-currency  
2.13 kiosk operator that conducts virtual-currency transactions exclusively through  
2.14 virtual-currency kiosks must issue refunds to each of the virtual-currency kiosk operator's  
2.15 new and existing customers. The refund must consist of any money or virtual currency held  
2.16 or owed to the virtual-currency kiosk operator's customers as a result of virtual-currency  
2.17 kiosk transactions.

2.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a virtual-currency kiosk operator that maintains other  
2.19 lawful means for new and existing customers to access, transfer, redeem, or otherwise  
2.20 transact with the customer's virtual-currency holdings is not required to provide refunds  
2.21 under this subdivision if the alternative means to access, transfer, redeem, or otherwise  
2.22 transact with virtual-currency holdings is available to customers at all times.

2.23 (c) A new or existing customer may elect to receive a refund under this section: (1) in  
2.24 United States dollars, in an amount equal to the market value of the customer's virtual  
2.25 currency; or (2) to a virtual-currency wallet address designated by the customer. A new or  
2.26 existing customer may make an election under this paragraph at any time before December  
2.27 31, 2026.

2.28 (d) A virtual-currency kiosk operator must make a refund under this section in the manner  
2.29 elected by the new or existing customer under paragraph (c). If the new or existing customer  
2.30 elects the option under paragraph (c), clause (2), the virtual-currency kiosk operator must  
2.31 transfer the full amount of the virtual currency being held or owed to the new or existing  
2.32 customer to the customer's designated virtual-currency wallet address within 30 days of the  
2.33 date the customer submits the refund request.

3.1 (e) A refund made to a new or existing customer must be recorded on the applicable  
3.2 blockchain. The virtual-currency kiosk operator must retain proof the transfer was made  
3.3 and must make the retained proof available to the commissioner upon request.

3.4 **Sec. 4. [58.131] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN SERVICING STANDARDS.**

3.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
3.6 the meanings given.

3.7 (b) "Authorized representative" means a person, including but not limited to an attorney,  
3.8 employee, or agent of a government agency, not-for-profit housing counseling organization,  
3.9 or legal services organization, designated by a borrower in a written authorization signed  
3.10 by the borrower or in any other form of verifiable authorization to share information and  
3.11 communicate with a servicer on behalf of the borrower.

3.12 (c) "Clearly and conspicuously" means the statement, representation, or term being  
3.13 disclosed is displayed in a size, color, and contrast and is presented in a manner that makes  
3.14 the statement readily noticed and understood by an ordinary consumer.

3.15 (d) "Government-sponsored enterprise" means the Federal National Mortgage Association  
3.16 and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

3.17 (e) "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act" or "RESPA" means the Real Estate  
3.18 Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, United States Code, title 12, section 2601, et seq., and  
3.19 regulations adopted pursuant to RESPA, also known as Regulation X, Code of Federal  
3.20 Regulations, title 12, part 1024, as amended.

3.21 (f) "Third-party provider" means any person or entity retained by or on behalf of the  
3.22 servicer, including but not limited to foreclosure firms, law firms, foreclosure trustees, other  
3.23 agents, independent contractors, subsidiaries, and affiliates, that provides insurance,  
3.24 foreclosure, bankruptcy, mortgage servicing including loss mitigation, or other products or  
3.25 services in connection with servicing a mortgage loan.

3.26 (g) "Transferee servicer" means a servicer that has agreed to obtain the right to service  
3.27 a mortgage loan pursuant to an agreement or understanding.

3.28 (h) "Transferor servicer" means a servicer that has agreed to, or been informed that the  
3.29 servicer must, transfer the right to service a mortgage loan to another servicer.

3.30 Subd. 2. **General requirements.** (a) A violation of an applicable state law or  
3.31 administrative rule, a federal law or regulation, or a state or federal program is a violation  
3.32 of this section.

- 4.1 (b) In addition to complying with this section, a servicer must comply with:
- 4.2 (1) other applicable sections of this chapter;
- 4.3 (2) other applicable state law, including but not limited to chapters 46A, 47, 580, 581,
- 4.4 and 582;
- 4.5 (3) applicable sections of RESPA;
- 4.6 (4) the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, United States Code, title 50, section
- 4.7 501, et seq.; and
- 4.8 (5) other applicable federal laws and implementing regulations, as amended, including
- 4.9 but not limited to:
- 4.10 (i) the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Public Law 106-102;
- 4.11 (ii) the Truth-in-Lending Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1601, et seq.; and
- 4.12 (iii) the Fair Credit Reporting Act, United States Code, title 15, sections 1681 to 1681x.
- 4.13 Subd. 3. **Servicing and ownership transfers or sales.** (a) When acquiring servicing
- 4.14 rights from a transferor servicer, a transferee servicer must:
- 4.15 (1) continue processing loan modification requests and honoring trial and permanent
- 4.16 modifications; and
- 4.17 (2) designate the homeowner as a third-party intended beneficiary in any subsequent
- 4.18 contract for transfer or sale, unless doing so violates another state law or a
- 4.19 government-sponsored enterprise's modification program requirements.
- 4.20 (b) When transferring or selling loan servicing with pending modification requests or
- 4.21 trial or permanent modifications, a transferor servicer must:
- 4.22 (1) inform the transferee servicer if a loan modification is pending;
- 4.23 (2) obligate the transferee servicer to (i) accept and continue processing loan modification
- 4.24 requests, and (ii) honor trial and permanent loan modification agreements; and
- 4.25 (3) designate the homeowner as a third-party intended beneficiary in any contract for
- 4.26 transfer or sale, unless doing so violates state law or a government-sponsored enterprise's
- 4.27 modification program requirements.
- 4.28 Subd. 4. **Payment processing and fees.** (a) A servicer must comply with section 47.59,
- 4.29 subdivision 9a, regarding prompt crediting of payments, if the borrower has provided
- 4.30 sufficient information to credit the account. A servicer must apply the payment as specified
- 4.31 in the loan documents.

5.1 (b) A servicer may enter into a written contract with the borrower that allows the servicer  
5.2 to hold certain types of money, or money sent by a certain method, for a period of time until  
5.3 the money is available before crediting the money to the borrower's account.

5.4 (c) A servicer must notify the borrower if a payment is received, not credited, and placed  
5.5 in a suspense account. The servicer must send the notification to the borrower within ten  
5.6 business days by United States mail to the borrower's last known address. The notification  
5.7 must identify (1) the reason the payment was not credited or treated as credited to the  
5.8 account, and (2) any actions the borrower must take to make the residential mortgage loan  
5.9 current. If a servicer provides monthly or more frequent statements that include the  
5.10 information under this paragraph, the servicer is not required to provide the information in  
5.11 an additional notice. If this paragraph conflicts with the requirements of an applicable  
5.12 bankruptcy court order, compliance with the bankruptcy court requirements constitutes  
5.13 compliance with this paragraph or paragraph (d).

5.14 (d) When a suspense account contains enough money to make a full payment, a servicer  
5.15 must apply the payment to the mortgage on the date the full amount became available in  
5.16 the suspense account.

5.17 (e) A servicer must assess an incurred fee to a borrower's account within 45 days of the  
5.18 date the fee was incurred. A servicer must clearly and conspicuously explain the fee in a  
5.19 statement mailed to the borrower at the borrower's last known address no more than 30 days  
5.20 after the date the fee is assessed. If a servicer provides monthly or more frequent statements  
5.21 that include the information under this paragraph, the servicer is not required to provide the  
5.22 information in an additional notice.

5.23 Subd. 5. **Contracting with third-party providers.** A servicer must adopt written policies  
5.24 and procedures governing the oversight of third-party providers, including but not limited  
5.25 to foreclosure trustees, foreclosure firms, subservicers, agents, subsidiaries, and affiliates.  
5.26 A servicer must maintain the policies and procedures as part of the servicer's books and  
5.27 records and must provide the policies and procedures to the commissioner upon request.

5.28 Subd. 6. **Maintenance of the escrow account.** (a) If a servicer collects escrow amounts  
5.29 held for the borrower to pay insurance, taxes, or other charges with respect to the property,  
5.30 the servicer must collect and make all payments from the escrow account. To the extent the  
5.31 servicer has control, the servicer must ensure that no late penalties are assessed or other  
5.32 negative consequences result for the borrower.

5.33 (b) At least annually or upon the borrower's request, a servicer must inform the borrower  
5.34 in writing regarding the amount of reserve required in an escrow account. The notice must

6.1 advise the borrower of any fees the borrower incurs (1) for not maintaining the reserve  
6.2 amount, or (2) if the servicer advances escrow amounts on the borrower's behalf and  
6.3 subsequently collects the escrow amounts from the borrower.

6.4 (c) A servicer may enter into a written agreement with the borrower that specifies the  
6.5 servicer is not required to make escrow payments unless money is available in the escrow  
6.6 account. An agreement under this paragraph must include language that provides notice to  
6.7 the borrower that the borrower is responsible to pay the escrow amounts if an amount  
6.8 sufficient to pay the escrow amounts is not maintained in the escrow account.

6.9 (d) A servicer must notify the borrower within ten business days of the date a change is  
6.10 made to the escrow account that modifies the borrower's escrow payment amount. A change  
6.11 requiring notification includes but is not limited to hazard insurance premiums, a reduction  
6.12 in the required reserve amount for the account, or a change in the property's tax assessment.  
6.13 A change resulting from a borrower's regularly scheduled payment is not a change requiring  
6.14 notification.

6.15 Subd. 7. **Borrower requests for information.** (a) A servicer must make a reasonable  
6.16 attempt to comply with a borrower's request for information, including a request for  
6.17 information about loss mitigation, regarding the residential mortgage loan account and must  
6.18 respond to a dispute initiated by the borrower about the loan account. A reasonable attempt  
6.19 under this subdivision includes but is not limited to:

6.20 (1) maintaining written or electronic records of each written request for information  
6.21 involving the borrower's account until the residential mortgage loan is paid in full, sold, or  
6.22 otherwise satisfied; and

6.23 (2) providing a written statement to the borrower within 30 business days of the date a  
6.24 written request is received from the borrower or by following the response timelines provided  
6.25 by a loss mitigation program. A borrower's request must include the borrower's name and  
6.26 account number, if any, a statement that the account is or may be in error, and sufficient  
6.27 detail regarding the information sought by the borrower to permit the servicer to comply.

6.28 (b) At a minimum, a servicer must provide the following information in response to a  
6.29 borrower request received under this subdivision:

6.30 (1) whether the account is current or, if the account is not current, an explanation  
6.31 regarding the default and the date the account entered default;

6.32 (2) the current balance due on the residential mortgage loan, including the principal due;  
6.33 the amount of money, if any, held in a suspense account; the amount of the escrow balance

7.1 known to the servicer, if any; and whether any escrow deficiencies or shortages are known  
7.2 to the servicer;

7.3 (3) the identity, address, and other relevant information about the current holder, owner,  
7.4 or assignee of the residential mortgage loan; and

7.5 (4) the telephone number and mailing address of an individual servicer representative  
7.6 with the information and authority to answer questions and resolve disputes.

7.7 (c) A servicer must promptly correct errors and refund fees assessed to the borrower  
7.8 resulting from an error the servicer made.

7.9 (d) If the content of a servicer's response meets the requirements under RESPA for a  
7.10 response to a qualified written request, the servicer has complied with this subdivision. A  
7.11 servicer deemed compliant with this subdivision under this paragraph must separately  
7.12 comply with paragraph (c).

7.13 (e) In addition to the statement described under paragraph (a), clause (2), a borrower  
7.14 may request more detailed information from a servicer. A servicer that receives a request  
7.15 under this paragraph must provide the information to the borrower within 15 business days  
7.16 of the date a written request from the borrower is received. A borrower's request must  
7.17 include the borrower's name and account number, if any, a statement that the account is or  
7.18 may be in error, and sufficient detail to the servicer regarding information sought by the  
7.19 borrower. If requested by the borrower, a statement provided under this paragraph must  
7.20 also include:

7.21 (1) a copy of the original note or, if the original note is unavailable, an affidavit of lost  
7.22 note that includes all endorsements; and

7.23 (2) a statement that (i) identifies and itemizes all fees and charges assessed under the  
7.24 loan servicing transaction, (ii) provides a full payment history that identifies in a clear and  
7.25 conspicuous manner all the debits, credits, applications, and disbursements of all payments  
7.26 received from or for the benefit of the borrower, and (iii) identifies other activity on the  
7.27 residential mortgage loan, including escrow account activity and suspense account activity,  
7.28 if any.

7.29 (f) For purposes of a borrower request made under paragraph (e) the account history  
7.30 period must cover, at a minimum, the two-year period before the date the request for  
7.31 information is received. If the servicer has not serviced the residential mortgage loan for  
7.32 the entire two-year period, the servicer must provide the information back to the date on  
7.33 which the servicer began servicing the residential mortgage loan and must identify the

8.1 previous servicer, if known. If a servicer claims delinquent or outstanding sums are owed  
8.2 on the residential mortgage loan prior to the two-year period or the period during which the  
8.3 servicer has serviced the residential mortgage loan, the servicer must provide an account  
8.4 history beginning with the month that the servicer claims any outstanding sums are owed  
8.5 on the residential mortgage loan up to the date the request for the information is received.

8.6 (g) If the borrower requests a statement under paragraph (e), a servicer must provide the  
8.7 statement free of charge. A borrower is entitled to only one free statement annually under  
8.8 this paragraph. If a borrower requests more than one statement annually, a servicer may  
8.9 charge \$30 for the second and each subsequent statement.

8.10 Subd. 8. **Borrower complaints and inquiries.** (a) A servicer must establish and maintain:

8.11 (1) procedures and systems to respond to and resolve borrower complaints and inquiries  
8.12 in a manner that complies with this section;

8.13 (2) a customer service department staffed by trained personnel to whom a borrower may  
8.14 direct complaints and inquiries; and

8.15 (3) a toll-free telephone number or collect calling service that enables a borrower to  
8.16 speak, during regular business hours, with a live person trained to answer inquiries and  
8.17 instruct borrowers how to file written complaints.

8.18 (b) Each welcome packet, periodic statement, including as applicable either the monthly  
8.19 mortgage statement or annual coupon book that is provided to a borrower, and website  
8.20 maintained by a servicer must clearly and conspicuously state:

8.21 (1) an address to which borrowers may direct complaints and inquiries;

8.22 (2) the toll-free telephone number or collect calling services provided by the servicer;

8.23 (3) whether the servicer is licensed with the commissioner; and

8.24 (4) that a borrower may file a complaint and obtain information about the servicer by  
8.25 contacting the Department of Commerce. The information provided under this clause must  
8.26 include the department's current telephone contact information and website.

8.27 (c) A servicer must establish and maintain a process that enables borrowers to escalate  
8.28 complaints or pending loss mitigation matters for a supervisory-level review.

8.29 Subd. 9. **Servicing prohibitions; fair dealing duty.** (a) In addition to the prohibitions  
8.30 and standards of conduct under sections 58.12, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), and 58.13,  
8.31 subdivision 1, a servicer is prohibited from:

9.1 (1) engaging in unfair, deceptive, or abusive business practices, or misrepresenting or  
9.2 omitting any material information, in connection with servicing a mortgage loan, including  
9.3 but not limited to misrepresenting the amount, nature, or terms of a fee, payment due, or  
9.4 payment claimed due on the loan, the servicing agreement's terms and conditions, or the  
9.5 borrower's obligations under the loan;

9.6 (2) requiring money to be remitted by a method that is more costly to the borrower than  
9.7 a bank, certified check, or attorney's check from an attorney's account; or

9.8 (3) refusing to communicate with the borrower's authorized representative if the  
9.9 authorized representative provides the servicer with a written authorization, including by  
9.10 electronic transmission, signed by the borrower that affirms the authorized representative  
9.11 may act on behalf of the borrower. A servicer may adopt procedures, excluding collecting  
9.12 the representative's Social Security number, that are reasonably related to verifying that the  
9.13 representative is in fact authorized to act on behalf of the borrower.

9.14 (b) A servicer must act in good faith and deal fairly in the servicer's dealings with a  
9.15 borrower in connection with servicing a borrower's mortgage loan. For purposes of this  
9.16 paragraph, acting in good faith and dealing fairly includes but is not limited to the duty to:

9.17 (1) safeguard and account for any payment made by the borrower or any money belonging  
9.18 to the borrower;

9.19 (2) follow reasonable and lawful instructions from the borrower that are consistent with  
9.20 the underlying note and mortgage;

9.21 (3) act with reasonable skill, care, and diligence;

9.22 (4) consider alternatives to foreclosure when a borrower (i) demonstrates that the borrower  
9.23 is in imminent risk of delinquency on the mortgage loan as a result of a financial hardship,  
9.24 or (ii) has experienced a financial hardship and is unable to maintain the payment at the  
9.25 current payment amount required under the mortgage loan or make delinquent payments;  
9.26 and

9.27 (5) structure loan modifications to result in payment that are reasonably affordable and  
9.28 sustainable for the borrower at the time the modification is made.

9.29 Subd. 10. **Notices; mailings; evidence of receipt.** (a) A notification, mailing, or other  
9.30 correspondence from a mortgage servicer or third-party provider to a borrower must be  
9.31 provided via first class mail and email if the borrower has provided an email address for  
9.32 notice or communication purposes.

10.1 (b) A servicer must provide a mailing address, facsimile number, email address, and a  
10.2 method to facilitate file transfers via the Internet to produce documents requested from the  
10.3 borrower. An option to transfer files via the Internet must allow both the borrower and  
10.4 servicer to view the documents sent and confirm the date the documents were sent for 60  
10.5 months after the date the documents were produced to the servicer.

10.6 (c) A servicer must provide a detailed description of all items received and the items'  
10.7 expiration dates from a borrower within five business days of the date an item was received  
10.8 via any medium described under this subdivision.

10.9 (d) A servicer is prohibited from rejecting documentation from a borrower or potential  
10.10 borrower as incomplete without providing the borrower with details regarding which specific  
10.11 portion of the documentation is incomplete.

10.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

10.13 Subd. 3. **Documentation and resolution of complaints.** A licensee or exempt person  
10.14 must investigate and attempt to resolve complaints made regarding acts or practices subject  
10.15 to the provisions of this chapter. A servicer must comply with section 58.131, subdivisions  
10.16 6 and 7. If a complaint is received in writing, the licensee or exempt person must maintain  
10.17 a file containing all materials relating to the complaint and subsequent investigation for a  
10.18 period of 60 months.

10.19 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58.14, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

10.20 Subd. 4. **Trust account records for mortgage originators.** A residential mortgage  
10.21 originator or servicer shall keep and maintain for 60 months a record of all trust funds,  
10.22 sufficient to identify the transaction, date and source of receipt, and date and identification  
10.23 of disbursement.

10.24 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58.14, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

10.25 Subd. 5. **Record retention.** A licensee or exempt person must keep and maintain for 60  
10.26 months the business records, including email communications, telephone recordings,  
10.27 incomplete documentation, and advertisements, regarding residential mortgage loans applied  
10.28 for, originated, or serviced in the course of its business.

11.1 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
11.2 read:

11.3 Subd. 6. Telephone recordings. A person acting as a residential mortgage loan servicer  
11.4 that services at least 500 residential mortgage loans secured by property in Minnesota must:

11.5 (1) record a telephone conversation with a borrower and a borrower's representatives;  
11.6 and

11.7 (2) maintain the recording of the conversation for 60 months after the date the recording  
11.8 is made, as provided under subdivision 5.

11.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58.18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

11.10 Subd. 4. **Exemption.** This section does not apply to a residential mortgage loan originated  
11.11 by a federal or state chartered bank, savings bank, or credit union, unless the residential  
11.12 mortgage loan originated by a federal or state chartered bank, savings bank, or credit union  
11.13 is serviced by a residential mortgage servicer, as defined under section 58.02, subdivision  
11.14 20.

11.15 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
11.16 read:

11.17 Subd. 4a. **Income-driven repayment program.** "Income-driven repayment program"  
11.18 means the Income-Contingent Repayment Plan, the Income-Based Repayment Plan, the  
11.19 Income-Sensitive Repayment Plan, the Pay As You Earn Plan, the Revised Pay As You  
11.20 Earn Plan, and any other state, federal, or private student loan repayment plan that is  
11.21 calculated based on a borrower's income and for which a borrower's income may include  
11.22 the borrower's household income for purposes of evaluating eligibility under section 58B.06,  
11.23 subdivision 5.

11.24 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 58B.02, subdivision 8a, is amended  
11.25 to read:

11.26 Subd. 8a. **Lender.** "Lender" means an entity engaged in the business of securing, making,  
11.27 or extending student loans. Lender does not include, ~~to the extent that state regulation is~~  
11.28 ~~preempted by federal law:~~

11.29 (1) a bank, savings banks, savings and loan association, or credit union;

11.30 (2) a wholly owned subsidiary of a bank or credit union;

12.1 (3) an operating subsidiary where each owner is wholly owned by the same bank or  
12.2 credit union;

12.3 (4) the United States government, through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
12.4 as amended, and administered by the United States Department of Education;

12.5 (5) an agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of Minnesota;

12.6 (6) a regulated lender organized under chapter 56, except that a regulated lender must  
12.7 file the annual report required for lenders under section 58B.03, subdivision 10; or

12.8 (7) a person who is not in the business of making student loans and who makes no more  
12.9 than three student loans, with the person's own funds, during any 12-month period.

12.10 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
12.11 read:

12.12 Subd. 10. **Written communication.** "Written communication" means a written  
12.13 correspondence that is made by a borrower and is transmitted by mail, facsimile, or  
12.14 electronically through an email address or Internet website that the student loan servicer  
12.15 designates to receive communications from a borrower and enables the student loan servicer  
12.16 to identify the borrower's name and account. Written communication does not include a  
12.17 notice on a payment medium supplied by a student loan servicer.

12.18 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.03, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

12.19 Subd. 10. **Annual report.** (a) ~~Beginning~~ On or before March 15, 2025 each year, a  
12.20 student loan lender that secures, makes, or extends student loans in Minnesota must submit  
12.21 a report to the commissioner on the form the commissioner provides. The report must include  
12.22 for the previous calendar year:

12.23 (1) a list of all schools attended by borrowers who received a student loan from the  
12.24 student loan lender and resided within Minnesota at the time of the transaction and whose  
12.25 debt is still outstanding, including student loans used to refinance an existing debt;

12.26 (2) the total outstanding dollar amount owed by borrowers residing in Minnesota who  
12.27 received student loans from the student loan lender;

12.28 (3) the total number of student loans owed by borrowers residing in Minnesota who  
12.29 received student loans from the student loan lender;

12.30 (4) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers  
12.31 who reside in Minnesota, associated with each school identified under clause (1);

13.1 (5) the total dollar amount of student loans provided by the student loan lender to  
13.2 borrowers who resided in Minnesota in the prior calendar year;

13.3 (6) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers  
13.4 who resided in Minnesota, associated with each school identified under clause (1), that were  
13.5 provided in the prior calendar year;

13.6 (7) the rate of default for borrowers residing in Minnesota who obtained student loans  
13.7 from the student loan lender, if applicable;

13.8 (8) the rate of default for borrowers residing in Minnesota who obtained student loans  
13.9 from the student loan lender associated with each school identified under clause (1), if  
13.10 applicable;

13.11 (9) the range of initial interest rates for student loans provided by the student loan lender  
13.12 to borrowers who resided in Minnesota in the prior calendar year;

13.13 (10) the total number of borrowers who received student loans identified under clause  
13.14 (9), and the percentage of borrowers who received each rate identified under clause (9);

13.15 (11) the total dollar amount and number of student loans provided in the prior calendar  
13.16 year by the student loan lender to borrowers who resided in Minnesota at the time of the  
13.17 transaction and had a cosigner for the student loans;

13.18 (12) the total dollar amount and number of student loans provided by the student loan  
13.19 lender to borrowers residing in Minnesota used to refinance a prior student loan or federal  
13.20 student loan in the prior calendar year;

13.21 (13) the total dollar amount and number of student loans for which the student loan  
13.22 lender had sued to collect from a borrower residing in Minnesota in the prior calendar year;

13.23 (14) a copy of any model promissory note, agreement, contract, or other instrument used  
13.24 by the student loan lender in the previous year to substantiate that a borrower owes a new  
13.25 debt to the student loan lender; and

13.26 (15) any other information considered necessary by the commissioner to assess the total  
13.27 size and status of the student loan market and well-being of borrowers in Minnesota.

13.28 (b) In addition to annual reports, the commissioner may require additional regular or  
13.29 special reports as the commissioner deems necessary to properly supervise student loan  
13.30 lenders under this chapter.

13.31 (c) The commissioner of commerce must share data collected under this subdivision  
13.32 with the commissioner of higher education.

14.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.03, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

14.2 Subd. 11. **Annual report from student loan servicers.** (a) ~~Beginning~~ On or before  
14.3 March 15, 2025 ~~each year~~, a student loan servicer that services student loans in Minnesota  
14.4 must submit a report to the commissioner on the form the commissioner provides. The  
14.5 report must include for the previous calendar year:

14.6 (1) a list of any outstanding student loans owed by borrowers who reside in Minnesota  
14.7 that are serviced by the student loan servicer;

14.8 (2) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans that are serviced by  
14.9 the student loan servicer and owed by borrowers who reside in Minnesota;

14.10 (3) the total dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers who resided  
14.11 in Minnesota that were serviced by the student loan servicer in the prior calendar year;

14.12 (4) the rate of default for student loans owed by borrowers who reside in Minnesota that  
14.13 are serviced by the student loan servicer, if applicable;

14.14 (5) the range of interest rates for student loans serviced by the student loan servicers to  
14.15 borrowers who resided in Minnesota in the prior calendar year;

14.16 (6) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans that were serviced  
14.17 by the student loan servicer and owed by borrowers residing in Minnesota to refinance a  
14.18 prior student loan or federal student loan; and

14.19 (7) any other information considered necessary by the commissioner to assess the total  
14.20 size and status of the student loan market and well-being of borrowers in Minnesota.

14.21 (b) In addition to annual reports, the commissioner may require additional regular or  
14.22 special reports as the commissioner deems necessary to properly supervise student loan  
14.23 servicers under this chapter.

14.24 (c) The commissioner of commerce must share data collected under this subdivision  
14.25 with the commissioner of higher education.

14.26 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

14.27 Subd. 4. **Transfer of student loan.** (a) If a borrower's student loan servicer changes  
14.28 pursuant to the sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing, the original student loan servicer  
14.29 must: protect the borrower from negative consequences resulting from the sale, assignment,  
14.30 transfer, system conversion, or payment the borrower makes to the original loan servicer  
14.31 consistent with the original student loan servicer's policy. For purposes of this paragraph,  
14.32 "negative consequences" includes but is not limited to: (1) negative credit reporting; (2)

15.1 imposing late fees that are not required by the promissory note; or (3) eligibility loss or  
15.2 denial for a benefit or protection established under federal law or included in the loan  
15.3 contract.

15.4 ~~(1) require the new student loan servicer to honor all benefits that were made available,~~  
15.5 ~~or which may have become available, to a borrower from the original student loan servicer~~  
15.6 ~~or are authorized under the student loan contract, including any benefits for which the student~~  
15.7 ~~loan borrower has not yet qualified unless that benefit is no longer available under the federal~~  
15.8 ~~or state laws and regulations; and~~

15.9 ~~(2) transfer to the new student loan servicer all information regarding the borrower, the~~  
15.10 ~~account of the borrower, and the borrower's student loan, including but not limited to the~~  
15.11 ~~repayment status of the student loan and the benefits described in clause (1).~~

15.12 ~~(b) The student loan servicer must complete the transfer under paragraph (a), clause (2),~~  
15.13 ~~less than 45 days from the date of the sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing.~~

15.14 ~~(c) A sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing must be completed no less than seven~~  
15.15 ~~days from the date the next payment is due on the student loan.~~

15.16 ~~(d) A new student loan servicer must adopt policies and procedures to verify that the~~  
15.17 ~~original student loan servicer has met the requirements of paragraph (a).~~

15.18 (b) If a borrower's student loan servicer changes pursuant to the sale, assignment, or  
15.19 transfer of the servicing, the original and new student loan servicer must provide a written  
15.20 notice to the borrower subject to the transfer. The notice must be provided no less than 15  
15.21 calendar days before the transfer's effective date and must include:

15.22 (1) the sale, assignment, or transfer's effective date;

15.23 (2) the name, address, website, and toll-free telephone number for the original student  
15.24 loan servicer's designated point of contact for the borrower to contact in order to obtain  
15.25 answers to servicing inquiries;

15.26 (3) the name, address, website, and toll-free telephone number for the new student loan  
15.27 servicer's designated point of contact for the borrower to contact in order to obtain answers  
15.28 to servicing inquiries;

15.29 (4) the date the original student loan servicer stops accepting payments on the borrower's  
15.30 student loan;

15.31 (5) the date the new student loan servicer begins accepting payments on the borrower's  
15.32 student loan;

16.1 (6) information that indicates whether the borrower's authorization for recurring electronic  
 16.2 funds transfers, if applicable, is transferred to the new servicer. If a recurring electronic  
 16.3 funds transfer is not transferred, the transferee must provide information that explains how  
 16.4 the borrower may establish a new recurring electronic funds transfer with the new servicer;  
 16.5 and

16.6 (7) a statement that indicates the current loan balance, including the current unpaid  
 16.7 amount of principal, interest, and fees.

16.8 (c) If a borrower's student loan servicer changes pursuant to the sale, assignment, or  
 16.9 transfer of the servicing, the original student loan servicer must ensure all necessary  
 16.10 information regarding a borrower, a borrower's account, and a borrower's student loan  
 16.11 accompanies a loan when the loan is transferred to a new student loan servicer. The transfer  
 16.12 of necessary information must occur within 45 calendar days of the sale, assignment, or  
 16.13 transfer's effective date. For purposes of this subdivision, "necessary information" includes  
 16.14 but is not limited to:

16.15 (1) a schedule of all transactions credited or debited to the student loan account;

16.16 (2) a copy of the promissory note for the student loan;

16.17 (3) notes created by the student loan servicer's personnel that reflect communications  
 16.18 with the borrower regarding the student loan account;

16.19 (4) a report of the data fields relating to the borrower's student loan account created by  
 16.20 the student loan servicer's electronic systems in connection with servicing practices;

16.21 (5) copies or electronic records of information or documents the borrower provided to  
 16.22 the student loan servicer;

16.23 (6) if applicable, usable data fields that contain information necessary to assess the  
 16.24 borrower's eligibility for forgiveness, including public service loan forgiveness; and

16.25 (7) information necessary to compile a payment history.

16.26 (d) A new student loan servicer must adopt and implement policies and procedures to  
 16.27 verify that the original student loan servicer meets the requirements of paragraph (c).

16.28 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 58B.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

16.29 Subd. 6. **Records.** A student loan servicer must maintain ~~adequate~~ complete and accurate  
 16.30 records, including of all written communication and telephone recordings, for each student  
 16.31 loan. The records must be maintained for ~~not less than~~ at least two years following the final  
 16.32 payment on the student loan or the sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing.

17.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

17.2 Subd. 2. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, corporation, association, partnership,  
17.3 reciprocal exchange, interinsurer, Lloyds insurer, fraternal benefit society, or any other legal  
17.4 entity, engaged in the business of insurance, including an agent, a solicitor, ~~or~~ an adjuster  
17.5 ~~and~~, or an insurance lead generator. For the purposes of sections 72A.31 and 72A.32 "person"  
17.6 shall in addition mean any person, firm or corporation even though not engaged in the  
17.7 business of insurance.

17.8 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.9 read:

17.10 Subd. 3. **Insurance lead generator.** "Insurance lead generator" means a person that  
17.11 uses a lead-generating device to:

17.12 (1) publicize the availability of what is or what purports to be an insurance product or  
17.13 service that the person is not licensed to sell directly to a customer;

17.14 (2) identify a customer who may be interested in learning more about an insurance  
17.15 product; or

17.16 (3) sell or transmit customer information to an insurer or producer for the purposes of  
17.17 subsequent contact or sales activity.

17.18 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.19 read:

17.20 Subd. 4. **Lead-generating device.** "Lead-generating device" means communication  
17.21 directed to the public that, regardless of the communication's form, content, or stated purpose,  
17.22 is intended to result in compiling or qualifying a list containing names and other personal  
17.23 information to solicit Minnesota residents to purchase what is or what purports to be an  
17.24 insurance product or service.

17.25 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.26 read:

17.27 Subd. 5. **Recording.** "Recording" means documenting a sale or verifying a call, including  
17.28 a virtual technology call, to market an insurance product or service.

18.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

18.2 Subd. 2. **False information and advertising generally.** Making, publishing,  
 18.3 disseminating, circulating, or placing before the public, or causing, directly or indirectly,  
 18.4 to be made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public, in a newspaper,  
 18.5 magazine, email, Internet advertisement or posting, or other publication, or in the form of  
 18.6 a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter, electronic posting of any kind, or poster, or over any  
 18.7 radio station, or using the Internet or other electronic means, or in any other way, an  
 18.8 advertisement, announcement, or statement, containing any assertion, representation, or  
 18.9 statement with respect to the business of insurance, or with respect to any person in the  
 18.10 conduct of the person's insurance business, which is untrue, deceptive, or misleading, shall  
 18.11 constitute an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice.

18.12 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 18.13 read:

18.14 Subd. 2a. **Failure to maintain certain records.** A person must maintain books, records,  
 18.15 documents, and other business records in a manner that ensures data regarding complaints  
 18.16 and marketing are accessible and retrievable for examination by the insurance commissioner.  
 18.17 A person must maintain data under this subdivision for at least the current calendar year  
 18.18 and the two preceding years.

18.19 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 80G.01, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

18.20 Subd. 5a. **Minnesota transaction.** "Minnesota transaction" means a bullion product  
 18.21 transaction conducted:

18.22 (1) by a dealer ~~that is incorporated, registered, domiciled, or otherwise located in~~  
 18.23 Minnesota;

18.24 (2) by a dealer representative at a location in Minnesota;

18.25 (3) between a dealer and a consumer ~~who lives in~~ Minnesota; or

18.26 (4) between a dealer and a Minnesota consumer when the transaction involves:

18.27 (i) delivering or shipping a bullion product to an address in Minnesota; or

18.28 ~~(ii) delivering to or shipping from a precious metal depository on behalf of a Minnesota~~  
 18.29 ~~resident; or~~

19.1 ~~(iii)~~ (ii) making payment to a consumer or receiving a payment from a consumer at an  
19.2 address in Minnesota, unless the transaction occurs when the consumer is at a business  
19.3 location outside of Minnesota.

19.4 Sec. 24. **[82B.081] NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER.**

19.5 Subdivision 1. **Change of application information.** A licensee must provide notice to  
19.6 the commissioner if the information in the license application filed with the commissioner  
19.7 changes. The notice must be provided in writing or another format prescribed by the  
19.8 commissioner within ten days of the date the change occurs. For purposes of this subdivision,  
19.9 an information change requiring notice includes but is not limited to a change with respect  
19.10 to the licensee's personal name, trade name, address, or business location.

19.11 Subd. 2. **Civil judgment.** The licensee must notify the commissioner of a final adverse  
19.12 decision or court order, whether or not the decision or order is appealed, resulting from a  
19.13 proceeding in which the licensee was named as a defendant and the final adverse decision  
19.14 relates to fraud or misrepresentation. The notice must be provided in writing or another  
19.15 format prescribed by the commissioner within ten days of the date the final adverse decision  
19.16 or court order is issued.

19.17 Subd. 3. **Disciplinary action.** The licensee must notify the commissioner of a disciplinary  
19.18 action involving the licensee, including but not limited to a suspension or revocation of the  
19.19 licensee's real property appraiser license or another occupational license issued by Minnesota  
19.20 or another jurisdiction. The notice must be provided in writing or another format prescribed  
19.21 by the commissioner within ten days of the date the disciplinary action occurs.

19.22 Subd. 4. **Criminal offense.** The licensee must notify the commissioner if the licensee  
19.23 is charged with, is adjudged guilty of, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a  
19.24 felony charge or a gross misdemeanor charge that alleges fraud, misrepresentation, or a  
19.25 similar violation of a real property appraiser licensing law. The notice must be provided in  
19.26 writing or another format prescribed by the commissioner within ten days of the date the  
19.27 charge, judgment, or plea occurs.

19.28 Sec. 25. **[82C.031] NOTICE TO COMMISSIONER.**

19.29 Subdivision 1. **Change of application information.** A licensee must provide notice to  
19.30 the commissioner if the information in the license application filed with the commissioner  
19.31 changes. The notice must be provided in writing or another format prescribed by the  
19.32 commissioner within ten days of the date the change occurs. For purposes of this subdivision,

20.1 an information change requiring notice includes but is not limited to a change with respect  
 20.2 to the licensee's personal name, trade name, address, or business location.

20.3 Subd. 2. **Civil judgment.** The licensee must notify the commissioner of a final adverse  
 20.4 decision or court order, whether or not the decision or order is appealed, resulting from a  
 20.5 proceeding in which the licensee was named as a defendant and the final adverse decision  
 20.6 relates to fraud or misrepresentation. The notice must be provided in writing or another  
 20.7 format prescribed by the commissioner within ten days of the date the final adverse decision  
 20.8 or court order is issued.

20.9 Subd. 3. **Disciplinary action.** The licensee must notify the commissioner of a disciplinary  
 20.10 action involving the licensee, including but not limited to a suspension or revocation of the  
 20.11 licensee's real property appraisal management company license issued by another jurisdiction.  
 20.12 The notice must be provided in writing or another format prescribed by the commissioner  
 20.13 within ten days of the date the disciplinary action occurs.

20.14 Subd. 4. **Criminal offense.** The licensee must notify the commissioner if the licensee  
 20.15 is charged with, is adjudged guilty of, or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a  
 20.16 felony charge or a gross misdemeanor charge that alleges fraud, misrepresentation, or a  
 20.17 similar violation of a real property appraisal management company licensing law. The notice  
 20.18 must be provided in writing or another format prescribed by the commissioner within ten  
 20.19 days of the date the charge, judgment, or plea occurs.

20.20 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 332.32, is amended to read:

20.21 **332.32 EXCLUSIONS.**

20.22 (a) The term "collection agency" does not include banks when collecting accounts owed  
 20.23 to the banks and when the bank will sustain any loss arising from uncollectible accounts,  
 20.24 abstract companies doing an escrow business, real estate brokers, public officers, persons  
 20.25 acting under order of a court, lawyers, trust companies, insurance companies, credit unions,  
 20.26 savings associations, loan or finance companies unless they are engaged in asserting,  
 20.27 enforcing or prosecuting unsecured claims which have been purchased from any person,  
 20.28 firm, or association when there is recourse to the seller for all or part of the claim if the  
 20.29 claim is not collected.

20.30 (b) The term "collection agency" ~~shall~~ does not include a trade association performing  
 20.31 services authorized by section 604.15, subdivision 4a, but the trade association in performing  
 20.32 the services may not engage in any conduct that would be prohibited for a collection agency  
 20.33 under section 332.37.

21.1 (c) The term "collection agency" does not include a residential mortgage servicer licensed  
 21.2 under chapter 58 or a student loan servicer licensed under chapter 58B if the residential  
 21.3 mortgage servicer or student loan servicer is engaging in activities subject to licensure under  
 21.4 chapter 58 or 58B, as applicable.

21.5 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 582.043, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

21.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this  
 21.7 subdivision have the meanings given ~~them~~.

21.8 (b) "Complete loss mitigation application" means a loss mitigation application for which  
 21.9 a servicer has received the information and documentation the servicer requested in writing  
 21.10 from the mortgagor in order to evaluate the loss mitigation options available to the mortgagor.

21.11 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Foreclosure sale date" means either:

21.12 (1) the date of the foreclosure sale contained in the notice that has been either served or  
 21.13 published as required under section 580.03, or 550.18 and 550.19; or

21.14 (2) the date to which the foreclosure sale is postponed by the borrower under section  
 21.15 580.07, subdivision 2,

21.16 whichever is later.

21.17 (d) "Loss mitigation application" means an oral or written request, occurring through a  
 21.18 usual or customary method for mortgage servicing communications, for a loss mitigation  
 21.19 option.

21.20 ~~(e)~~ (e) "Loss mitigation option" means a temporary or permanent loan modification, a  
 21.21 forbearance agreement, a repayment agreement, a principal reduction, capitalizing arrears,  
 21.22 or any other relief intended to allow a mortgagor to retain ownership of the property.

21.23 ~~(d)~~ (f) "Mortgagor" means a person who is liable on the promissory note secured by the  
 21.24 mortgage, except that the mortgagor does not include a person who has surrendered the  
 21.25 mortgaged property, as evidenced by either a letter or other written notice confirming the  
 21.26 surrender or by delivery of the keys to the property to the servicer or authorized agent.

21.27 (g) "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act" or "RESPA" means the Real Estate  
 21.28 Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, United States Code, title 12, section 2601, et seq., and  
 21.29 regulations adopted pursuant to RESPA, also known as Regulation X, Code of Federal  
 21.30 Regulations, title 12, part 1024, as amended.

21.31 ~~(e)~~ (h) "Servicer" means a residential mortgage servicer as defined in section 58.02,  
 21.32 subdivision 20.

22.1 ~~(f)~~ (i) "Small servicer" means a servicer that is either:

22.2 (1) a small servicer, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 12, section 1026.41,  
22.3 paragraph (e), clause (4);

22.4 (2) a Housing Finance Agency, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 24,  
22.5 section 266.5; or

22.6 (3) a servicer that has conducted 125 or fewer foreclosure sales during the preceding 12  
22.7 months.

22.8 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 582.043, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

22.9 Subd. 5. **Loss mitigation.** A servicer must:

22.10 (1) notify a mortgagor in writing of available loss mitigation options offered by the  
22.11 servicer that are applicable to the mortgagor's loan before referring the mortgage loan to an  
22.12 attorney for foreclosure;

22.13 (2) provide at no cost to the mortgagor a method other than mail for the mortgagor to  
22.14 submit and receive loss mitigation documents, including loss mitigation options provided  
22.15 to the mortgagor;

22.16 ~~(2)~~ (3) after receiving a request for a loan modification or other loss mitigation option,  
22.17 exercise reasonable diligence in obtaining documents and information from the mortgagor  
22.18 to complete a loss mitigation application, facilitate the submission and review of loss  
22.19 mitigation applications, provide written notice of the documents necessary to complete the  
22.20 loss mitigation application, and give the mortgagor a reasonable amount of time at least 30  
22.21 days to provide the required documents;

22.22 ~~(3)~~ (4) upon the timely receipt of a loss mitigation application; (i) provide written notice  
22.23 that the loss mitigation application is complete or incomplete; (ii) provide written notice  
22.24 that identifies the documents received and the documents' expiration dates; (iii) provide  
22.25 written notice that identifies the documents necessary to complete the loss mitigation  
22.26 application; (iv) allow the mortgagor no less than 30 days to provide the required documents;  
22.27 and (v) evaluate the mortgagor for all available loss mitigation options prior to referring a  
22.28 mortgage loan to an attorney for foreclosure;

22.29 ~~(4)~~ (5) after review of the loss mitigation application and within 45 days of the date the  
22.30 loss mitigation application is received, timely offer the mortgagor a loan modification if  
22.31 the mortgagor is eligible or, if not, timely offer the mortgagor any other loss mitigation  
22.32 option for which the mortgagor is eligible; and

23.1 ~~(5) comply with any applicable appeal period and procedures applicable to the specific~~  
 23.2 ~~loss mitigation option.~~

23.3 (6) allow the mortgagor at least 30 days to accept any loss mitigation option;

23.4 (7) respond to qualified written requests, as defined in RESPA, from the mortgagor for  
 23.5 information concerning a loss mitigation application, offer, option, or decision within 14  
 23.6 days of the date the qualified written request is received;

23.7 (8) if the mortgagor does not qualify for a loan modification, provide the mortgagor (i)  
 23.8 a loan modification denial notice that lists reasons for denial, and (ii) an opportunity to  
 23.9 appeal the denial within 30 days. If the denial is due to the terms of an agreement between  
 23.10 a servicer and an investor, the servicer must provide the name of the investor and a summary  
 23.11 that explains the reason for the denial. If the denial is based on a net present value model,  
 23.12 the servicer must provide the data inputs used to determine the net present value;

23.13 (9) notify and provide the mortgagor an opportunity to obtain a full appraisal that contests  
 23.14 the appraisal data used in a denial based on net present value;

23.15 (10) evaluate a mortgagor's appeal of a loss mitigation application denial if the servicer  
 23.16 receives the appeal before midnight of the eleventh day before the date of a foreclosure sale  
 23.17 or before the date the servicer commences a foreclosure action against a mortgagor. An  
 23.18 appeal must be reviewed by different personnel than the personnel responsible for evaluating  
 23.19 the mortgagor's complete loss mitigation application. The determination of an appeal under  
 23.20 this clause must be provided to the mortgagor within 30 days of the date the appeal is  
 23.21 received. A servicer's determination under this clause is not subject to additional appeal;

23.22 (11) provide a copy of the loan modification to the mortgagor within 30 days of the date  
 23.23 the loan modification is executed;

23.24 (12) not require a homeowner to waive legal claims and defenses as a condition of a  
 23.25 loan modification, reinstatement, forbearance, repayment plan, or other loss mitigation  
 23.26 option; and

23.27 (13) comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including but not limited  
 23.28 to RESPA, related to loss mitigation.

23.29 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 582.043, subdivision 6, is amended  
 23.30 to read:

23.31 Subd. 6. **Dual tracking.** (a) If the servicer has received a partial or complete loss  
 23.32 mitigation application, or an appeal to a loss mitigation application denial, and the subject

24.1 mortgage loan has not already been referred to an attorney for foreclosure, a servicer shall  
 24.2 not refer the subject mortgage loan to an attorney for foreclosure while the mortgagor's  
 24.3 application is pending, unless:

24.4 (1) the servicer determines that the mortgagor is not eligible for any loss mitigation  
 24.5 option, the servicer informs the mortgagor of the determination in writing, and the applicable  
 24.6 appeal period has expired without an appeal or the appeal has been properly denied;

24.7 (2) where a written offer is made and a written acceptance is required, the mortgagor  
 24.8 fails to accept the loss mitigation offer within the time frame specified in the offer or within  
 24.9 14 days after the date of the offer, whichever is longer; or

24.10 (3) the mortgagor declines the loss mitigation offer in writing.

24.11 (b) If the servicer receives a partial or complete loss mitigation application, or an appeal  
 24.12 to a loss mitigation application denial, after the subject mortgage loan has been referred to  
 24.13 an attorney for foreclosure, but before a foreclosure sale has been scheduled, a servicer shall  
 24.14 not move for an order of foreclosure, seek a foreclosure judgment, ~~or schedule a foreclosure~~  
 24.15 sale, conduct a foreclosure sale, or conduct an activity, except to preserve the property or  
 24.16 determine the property is abandoned, that would lead to a charge, fee, penalty, or other  
 24.17 incumbrance being imposed on the mortgagor unless:

24.18 (1) the servicer determines that the mortgagor is not eligible for a loss mitigation option,  
 24.19 the servicer informs the mortgagor of this determination in writing, and the applicable appeal  
 24.20 period has expired without an appeal or the appeal has been properly denied;

24.21 (2) where a written offer is made and a written acceptance is required, the mortgagor  
 24.22 fails to accept the loss mitigation offer within the time frame specified in the offer or within  
 24.23 14 days after the date of the offer, whichever is longer; or

24.24 (3) the mortgagor declines a loss mitigation offer in writing.

24.25 (c) If the servicer receives a partial or complete loss mitigation application, or an appeal  
 24.26 to a loss mitigation application denial, after the foreclosure sale has been scheduled, but  
 24.27 before midnight of the ~~seventh~~ eighth business day prior to the foreclosure sale date, the  
 24.28 servicer must halt the foreclosure sale and evaluate the application. If required to halt the  
 24.29 foreclosure sale and evaluate the application, the servicer ~~may~~ must not ~~cancel or postpone~~  
 24.30 ~~the foreclosure sale or postpone the foreclosure sale under section 580.07, subdivision 1,~~  
 24.31 ~~but~~ for at least 45 days and must not move for an order of foreclosure, seek a foreclosure  
 24.32 judgment, ~~or~~ conduct a foreclosure sale, or conduct an activity, except to preserve the  
 24.33 property or determine the property is abandoned, that would lead to a charge, fee, penalty,

25.1 or other incumbrance being imposed on the mortgagor unless 60 days have passed since  
25.2 the occurrence of one of the following, whichever is applicable:

25.3 (1) the servicer determines that the mortgagor is not eligible for a loss mitigation option,  
25.4 the servicer informs the mortgagor of this determination in writing, and the applicable appeal  
25.5 period has expired without an appeal or the appeal has been properly denied;

25.6 (2) where a written offer is made and a written acceptance is required, the mortgagor  
25.7 fails to accept the loss mitigation offer within the time frame specified in the offer or within  
25.8 14 days after the date of the offer, whichever is longer; or

25.9 (3) the mortgagor declines a loss mitigation offer in writing.

25.10 (d) A servicer shall not move for an order of foreclosure, schedule a foreclosure sale,  
25.11 or conduct a foreclosure sale under any of the following circumstances:

25.12 (1) the mortgagor is in compliance with the terms of a trial or permanent loan  
25.13 modification, forbearance, or other loss mitigation option; or

25.14 (2) a short sale has been approved by all necessary parties and proof of funds or financing  
25.15 has been provided to the servicer.

25.16 Sec. 30. **REPEALER.**

25.17 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 53B.75, is repealed.

**53B.75 VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS.**

Subdivision 1. **Disclosures on material risks.** (a) Before entering into an initial virtual currency transaction for, on behalf of, or with a person, the virtual currency kiosk operator must disclose in a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable manner all material risks generally associated with virtual currency. The disclosures must be displayed on the screen of the virtual currency kiosk with the ability for a person to acknowledge the receipt of the disclosures. The disclosures must include at least the following information:

(1) virtual currency is not legal tender, backed or insured by the government, and accounts and value balances are not subject to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Administration, or Securities Investor Protection Corporation protections;

(2) some virtual currency transactions are deemed to be made when recorded on a public ledger, which may not be the date or time when the person initiates the transaction;

(3) virtual currency's value may be derived from market participants' continued willingness to exchange fiat currency for virtual currency, which may result in the permanent and total loss of a particular virtual currency's value if the market for virtual currency disappears;

(4) a person who accepts a virtual currency as payment today is not required to accept and might not accept virtual currency in the future;

(5) the volatility and unpredictability of the price of virtual currency relative to fiat currency may result in a significant loss over a short period;

(6) the nature of virtual currency means that any technological difficulties experienced by virtual currency kiosk operators may prevent access to or use of a person's virtual currency; and

(7) any bond maintained by the virtual currency kiosk operator for the benefit of a person may not cover all losses a person incurs.

(b) The virtual currency kiosk operator must provide an additional disclosure, which must be acknowledged by the person, written prominently and in bold type, and provided separately from the disclosures above, stating: "WARNING: LOSSES DUE TO FRAUDULENT OR ACCIDENTAL TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT RECOVERABLE AND TRANSACTIONS IN VIRTUAL CURRENCY ARE IRREVERSIBLE. VIRTUAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS MAY BE USED BY SCAMMERS IMPERSONATING LOVED ONES, THREATENING JAIL TIME, AND INSISTING YOU WITHDRAW MONEY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE VIRTUAL CURRENCY."

Subd. 2. **Disclosures.** (a) A virtual currency kiosk operator must disclose all relevant terms and conditions generally associated with the products, services, and activities of the virtual currency kiosk operator and virtual currency. A virtual currency kiosk operator must make the disclosures in a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable manner. The disclosures under this subdivision must address at least the following:

(1) the person's liability for unauthorized virtual currency transactions;

(2) the person's right to:

(i) stop payment of a virtual currency transfer and the procedure to stop payment;

(ii) receive a receipt, trade ticket, or other evidence of a transaction at the time of the transaction; and

(iii) prior notice of a change in the virtual currency kiosk operator's rules or policies;

(3) under what circumstances the virtual currency kiosk operator, without a court or government order, discloses a person's account information to third parties; and

(4) other disclosures that are customarily provided in connection with opening a person's account.

(b) Before each virtual currency transaction for, on behalf of, or with a person, a virtual currency kiosk operator must disclose the transaction's terms and conditions in a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable manner. The disclosures under this subdivision must address at least the following:

(1) the amount of the transaction;

(2) any fees, expenses, and charges, including applicable exchange rates;

(3) the type and nature of the transaction;

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- (4) a warning that once completed, the transaction may not be reversed;
- (5) a daily virtual currency transaction limit of no more than \$2,000;
- (6) the difference in the virtual currency's sale price compared to the current market price; and
- (7) other disclosures that are customarily given in connection with a virtual currency transaction.

Subd. 3. **Acknowledgment of disclosures.** Before completing a transaction, a virtual currency kiosk operator must ensure that each person who engages in a virtual currency transaction using the virtual currency operator's kiosk acknowledges receipt of all disclosures required under this section via confirmation of consent. Additionally, upon a transaction's completion, the virtual currency kiosk operator must provide a person with a physical receipt, or a virtual receipt sent to the person's email address or SMS number, containing the following information:

- (1) the virtual currency kiosk operator's name and contact information, including a telephone number to answer questions and register complaints;
- (2) the type, value, date, and precise time of the transaction, transaction hash, and each virtual currency address;
- (3) the fees charged;
- (4) the exchange rate;
- (5) a statement of the virtual currency kiosk operator's liability for nondelivery or delayed delivery;
- (6) a statement of the virtual currency kiosk operator's refund policy; and
- (7) any additional information the commissioner of commerce may require.

Subd. 4. **Refunds for new customers.** A virtual currency kiosk operator must issue a refund to a new customer for the full amount of all transactions made within the 72-hour new customer time period, as described in section 53B.69, subdivision 3b, upon request of the customer. In order to receive a refund under this subdivision, a customer must:

- (1) have been fraudulently induced to engage in the virtual currency transactions; and
- (2) within 14 days of the last transaction to occur during the 72-hour new customer time period, contact the virtual currency kiosk operator and a government or law enforcement agency to inform them of the fraudulent nature of the transaction.

Subd. 5. **Transaction limits.** (a) There is an established maximum daily transaction limit of \$2,000 for each new customer of a virtual currency kiosk.

(b) The maximum daily transaction limit of an existing customer shall be decided by each virtual currency kiosk operator in compliance with federal law.