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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 258**

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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to finance; to amend sections 8-209, 8-218, 2 8-346, 44-915, and 76-2,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 3 sections 8-135, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-167.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 4 8-318, 8-355, 8-602, 21-17,115, 45-702, and 81-885.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, and section 4A-108, Uniform 5 6 Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to 7 change provisions relating to the Nebraska Banking Act, the Nebraska Trust Company Act, building and loan associations, the Credit Union 8 9 Act, the Privacy of Insurance Consumer Information Act, Residential Mortgage Licensing Act, real estate closing agents, the 10 Nebraska Real Estate License Act, and the Uniform Commercial Code, 11 12 funds transfers; to update references to certain federal provisions; 13 to revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan 14 associations, and credit unions; to change executive officer's and 15 loan officer's license fees; to eliminate and replace obsolete references to the Office of Thrift Supervision; to repeal the 16 original sections; and to declare an emergency. 17

18 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 8-135, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2018, is amended to read:
- 3 8-135 (1) All persons, regardless of age, may become depositors in
- 4 any bank and shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities
- 5 respecting their deposits. Whenever a deposit is accepted by any bank in
- 6 the name of any person, regardless of age, the deposit may be withdrawn
- 7 by the depositor by any of the following methods:
- 8 (a) Check or other instrument in writing. The check or other
- 9 instrument in writing constitutes a receipt or acquittance if the check
- 10 or other instrument in writing is signed by the depositor and constitutes
- 11 a valid release and discharge to the bank for all payments so made; or
- 12 (b) Electronic means through:
- (i) Preauthorized direct withdrawal;
- 14 (ii) An automatic teller machine;
- 15 (iii) A debit card;
- 16 (iv) A transfer by telephone;
- 17 (v) A network, including the Internet; or
- 18 (vi) Any electronic terminal, computer, magnetic tape, or other
- 19 electronic means.
- 20 (2) All persons, individually or with others and regardless of age,
- 21 may enter into an agreement with a bank for the lease of a safe deposit
- 22 box and shall be bound by the terms of the agreement.
- 23 (3) This section shall not be construed to affect the rights,
- 24 liabilities, or responsibilities of participants in an electronic fund
- 25 transfer under the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693
- 26 et seq., as the act existed on January 1, 2019 2018, and shall not affect
- 27 the legal relationships between a minor and any person other than the
- 28 bank.
- 29 Sec. 2. Section 8-143.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 30 2018, is amended to read:
- 31 8-143.01 (1) No bank shall extend credit to any of its executive

- 1 officers, directors, or principal shareholders or to any related interest
- 2 of such persons in an amount that, when aggregated with the amount of all
- 3 other extensions of credit by the bank to that person and to all related
- 4 interests of that person, exceeds the higher of twenty-five thousand
- 5 dollars or five percent of the bank's unimpaired capital and unimpaired
- 6 surplus unless (a) the extension of credit has been approved in advance
- 7 by a majority vote of the entire board of directors of the bank, a record
- 8 of which shall be made and kept as a part of the records of such bank,
- 9 and (b) the interested party has abstained from participating directly or
- 10 indirectly in such vote.
- 11 (2) No bank shall extend credit to any of its executive officers,
- 12 directors, or principal shareholders or to any related interest of such
- 13 persons in an amount that, when aggregated with the amount of all other
- 14 extensions of credit by the bank to that person and to all related
- 15 interests of that person, exceeds five hundred thousand dollars except by
- 16 complying with the requirements of subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this
- 17 section.
- 18 (3) No bank shall extend credit to any of its executive officers,
- 19 and no such executive officer shall borrow from or otherwise become
- 20 indebted to his or her bank, except in the amounts and for the purposes
- 21 set forth in subsection (4) of this section.
- 22 (4) A bank shall be authorized to extend credit to any of its
- 23 executive officers:
- 24 (a) In any amount to finance the education of such executive
- 25 officer's children;
- 26 (b)(i) In any amount to finance or refinance the purchase,
- 27 construction, maintenance, or improvement of a residence of such
- 28 executive officer if the extension of credit is secured by a first lien
- 29 on the residence and the residence is owned or is expected to be owned
- 30 after the extension of credit by the executive officer and (ii) in the
- 31 case of a refinancing, only the amount of the refinancing used to repay

- 1 the original extension of credit, together with the closing costs of the
- 2 refinancing, and any additional amount thereof used for any of the
- 3 purposes enumerated in this subdivision are included within this category
- 4 of credit;
- 5 (c) In any amount if the extension of credit is (i) secured by a
- 6 perfected security interest in bonds, notes, certificates of
- 7 indebtedness, or Treasury Bills of the United States or in other such
- 8 obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United
- 9 States, (ii) secured by unconditional takeout commitments or guarantees
- 10 of any department, agency, bureau, board, commission, or establishment of
- 11 the United States or any corporation wholly owned directly or indirectly
- 12 by the United States, or (iii) secured by a perfected security interest
- in a segregated deposit account in the lending bank; or
- (d) For any other purpose not specified in subdivisions (a), (b),
- 15 and (c) of this subsection if the aggregate amount of such other
- 16 extensions of credit to such executive officer does not exceed, at any
- 17 one time, the greater of two and one-half percent of the bank's
- 18 unimpaired capital and unimpaired surplus or twenty-five thousand
- 19 dollars, but in no event greater than one hundred thousand dollars or the
- 20 amount of the bank's lending limit as prescribed in section 8-141,
- 21 whichever is less.
- 22 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) or (c) of this
- 23 subsection, any executive officer shall make, on an annual basis, a
- 24 written report to the board of directors of the bank of which he or she
- 25 is an executive officer stating the date and amount of all loans or
- 26 indebtedness on which he or she is a borrower, cosigner, or guarantor,
- 27 the security therefor, and the purpose for which the proceeds have been
- 28 or are to be used.
- 29 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this subsection, in
- 30 lieu of the reports required by subdivision (a) of this subsection, the
- 31 board of directors of a bank may obtain a credit report from a recognized

1 credit agency, on an annual basis, for any or all of its executive 2 officers.

- 3 (c) Subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection do not apply to any
  4 executive officer if such officer is excluded by a resolution of the
  5 board of directors or by the bylaws of the bank from participating in the
  6 major policymaking functions of the bank and does not actually
  7 participate in the major policymaking functions of the bank.
- 8 (6) No bank shall extend credit to any of its executive officers,
  9 directors, or principal shareholders or to any related interest of such
  10 persons in an amount that, when aggregated with the amount of all other
  11 extensions of credit by the bank to that person and to all related
  12 interests of that person, exceeds the lending limit of the bank as
  13 prescribed in section 8-141.
- (7)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, no 14 bank shall extend credit to any of its executive officers, directors, or 15 principal shareholders or to any related interest of such persons unless 16 17 the extension of credit (i) is made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as, and following credit-18 19 underwriting procedures that are not less stringent than, those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions by the bank with other 20 persons that are not covered by this section and who are not employed by 21 22 the bank and (ii) does not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features. 23
- (b) Nothing in subdivision (a) of this subsection shall prohibit any extension of credit made by a bank pursuant to a benefit or compensation program under the provisions of 12 C.F.R. 215.4(a)(2), as the regulation existed on January 1, 2019.
- 28 (8) For purposes of this section:
- (a) Executive officer means a person who participates or has authority to participate, other than in the capacity of director, in the major policymaking functions of the bank, whether or not the officer has

- 1 an official title, the title designates such officer as an assistant, or
- 2 such officer is serving without salary or other compensation. Executive
- 3 officer includes the chairperson of the board of directors, the
- 4 president, all vice presidents, the cashier, the corporate secretary, and
- 5 the treasurer, unless the executive officer is excluded by a resolution
- 6 of the board of directors or by the bylaws of the bank from
- 7 participating, other than in the capacity of director, in the major
- 8 policymaking functions of the bank, and the executive officer does not
- 9 actually participate in such functions. A manager or assistant manager of
- 10 a branch of a bank shall not be considered to be an executive officer
- 11 unless such individual participates or is authorized to participate in
- 12 the major policymaking functions of the bank; and
- 13 (b) Unimpaired capital and unimpaired surplus means the sum of:
- 14 (i) The total equity capital of the bank reported on its most recent
- 15 consolidated report of condition filed under section 8-166;
- 16 (ii) Any subordinated notes and debentures approved as an addition
- 17 to the bank's capital structure by the appropriate federal banking
- 18 agency; and
- 19 (iii) Any valuation reserves created by charges to the bank's income
- 20 reported on its most recent consolidated report of condition filed under
- 21 section 8-166.
- 22 (9) Any executive officer, director, or principal shareholder of a
- 23 bank or any other person who intentionally violates this section or who
- 24 aids, abets, or assists in a violation of this section is guilty of a
- 25 Class IV felony.
- 26 (10) The Director of Banking and Finance may adopt and promulgate
- 27 rules and regulations to carry out this section, including rules and
- 28 regulations defining or further defining terms used in this section,
- 29 consistent with the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 84 and implementing
- 30 Regulation O as such section and regulation existed on January 1, 2019
- $31 \frac{2018}{}$

- 1 Sec. 3. Section 8-157.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2018, is amended to read:
- 3 8-157.01 (1) Any establishing financial institution may establish
- 4 and maintain any number of automatic teller machines at which all banking
- 5 transactions, defined as receiving deposits of every kind and nature and
- 6 crediting such to customer accounts, cashing checks and cash withdrawals,
- 7 transferring funds from checking accounts to savings accounts,
- 8 transferring funds from savings accounts to checking accounts,
- 9 transferring funds from either checking accounts and savings accounts to
- 10 accounts of other customers, transferring payments from customer accounts
- 11 into accounts maintained by other customers of the financial institution
- 12 or the financial institution, including preauthorized draft authority,
- 13 preauthorized loans, and credit transactions, receiving payments payable
- 14 at the financial institution or otherwise, account balance inquiry, and
- 15 any other transaction incidental to the business of the financial
- 16 institution or which will provide a benefit to the financial
- 17 institution's customers or the general public, may be conducted. Any
- 18 automatic teller machine owned by a nonfinancial institution third party
- 19 shall be sponsored by an establishing financial institution. Neither such
- 20 automatic teller machines nor the transactions conducted thereat shall be
- 21 construed as the establishment of a branch or as branch banking.
- 22 (2) Any financial institution may become a user financial
- 23 institution by agreeing to pay the establishing financial institution the
- 24 automatic teller machine usage fee. Such agreement shall be implied by
- 25 the use of such automatic teller machines.
- 26 (3)(a)(i) All automatic teller machines shall be made available on a
- 27 nondiscriminating basis for use by Nebraska customers of a user financial
- 28 institution and (ii) all Nebraska automatic teller machine transactions
- 29 initiated by Nebraska customers of a user financial institution shall be
- 30 made on a nondiscriminating basis.
- 31 (b) It shall not be deemed discrimination if (i) an automatic teller

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machine does not offer the same transaction services as other automatic 1 2 teller machines, (ii) there are no automatic teller machine usage fees charged between affiliate financial institutions for the use of automatic 3 4 teller machines, (iii) the automatic teller machine usage fees of an 5 establishing financial institution that authorizes and directly or indirectly routes Nebraska automatic teller machine transactions to 6 7 multiple switches, all of which comply with the requirements of subdivision (3)(d) of this section, differ solely upon the fact that the 8 9 automatic teller machine usage fee schedules of such switches differ from 10 one another, (iv) automatic teller machine usage fees differ based upon whether the transaction initiated at an automatic teller machine is 11 subject to a surcharge or provided on a surcharge-free basis, (v) the 12 13 manner in which an establishing financial institution authorizes and indirectly routes Nebraska automatic teller 14 directly or transactions results in the same automatic teller machine usage fees for 15 16 all user financial institutions for essentially the same service routed 17 over the same switch, or (vi) the automatic teller machines established or sponsored by an establishing financial institution are made available 18 for use by Nebraska customers of any user financial institution which 19 agrees to pay the automatic teller machine usage fee and which conforms 20 to the operating rules and technical standards established by the switch 21 22 to which a Nebraska automatic teller machine transaction is directly or indirectly routed. 23

- (c) The director, upon notice and after a hearing, may terminate or suspend the use of any automatic teller machine if he or she determines that the automatic teller machine is not made available on a nondiscriminating basis or that Nebraska automatic teller machine transactions initiated at such automatic teller machine are not made on a nondiscriminating basis.
- 30 (d) A switch (i) shall provide to all financial institutions that 31 have a main office or approved branch located in the State of Nebraska

- 1 and that conform to the operating rules and technical standards
- 2 established by the switch an equal opportunity to participate in the
- 3 switch for the use of and access thereto; (ii) shall implement the same
- 4 automatic teller machine usage fee for all user financial institutions
- 5 for essentially the same service; (iii) shall be capable of operating to
- 6 accept and route Nebraska automatic teller machine transactions, whether
- 7 receiving data from an automatic teller machine, an establishing
- 8 financial institution, or a data processing center; and (iv) shall be
- 9 capable of being directly or indirectly connected to every data
- 10 processing center for any automatic teller machine.
- 11 (e) The director, upon notice and after a hearing, may terminate or
- 12 suspend the operation of any switch with respect to all Nebraska
- 13 automatic teller machine transactions if he or she determines that the
- switch is not being operated in the manner required under subdivision (3)
- 15 (d) of this section.
- 16 (f) Subject to the requirement for a financial institution to comply
- 17 with this subsection, no user financial institution or establishing
- 18 financial institution shall be required to become a member of any
- 19 particular switch.
- 20 (4) Any consumer initiating an electronic funds transfer at an
- 21 automatic teller machine for which an automatic teller machine surcharge
- 22 will be imposed shall receive notice in accordance with the provisions of
- 23 15 U.S.C. 1693b(d)(3)(A) and (B), as such section existed on January 1,
- 24 <u>2019</u> <del>2018</del>. Such notice shall appear on the screen of the automatic teller
- 25 machine or appear on a paper notice issued from such machine after the
- 26 transaction is initiated and before the consumer is irrevocably committed
- 27 to completing the transaction.
- 28 (5) A point-of-sale terminal may be established at any point within
- 29 this state by a financial institution, a group of two or more financial
- 30 institutions, or a combination of a financial institution or financial
- 31 institutions and a third party or parties. Such parties may contract with

1 a seller of goods and services or any other third party for the operation

- 2 of point-of-sale terminals.
- 3 (6) A seller of goods and services or any other third party on whose
- 4 premises one or more point-of-sale terminals are established shall not
- 5 be, solely by virtue of such establishment, a financial institution and
- 6 shall not be subject to the laws governing, or other requirements imposed
- 7 on, financial institutions, except for the requirement that it faithfully
- 8 perform its obligations in connection with any transaction originated at
- 9 any point-of-sale terminal on its premises.
- 10 (7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit nonbank
- 11 employees from assisting in transactions originated at automatic teller
- 12 machines or point-of-sale terminals, and such assistance shall not be
- 13 deemed to be engaging in the business of banking.
- 14 (8)(a) Annually by September 1, any entity operating as a switch in
- 15 Nebraska shall file a notice with the department setting forth its name,
- 16 address, and contact information for an officer authorized to answer
- 17 inquiries related to its operations in Nebraska.
- 18 (b) Any entity intending to operate in Nebraska as a switch shall
- 19 file a notice with the department setting forth its name, address, and
- 20 contact information for an officer authorized to answer inquiries related
- 21 to its operations in Nebraska. Such notice shall be filed at least thirty
- 22 days prior to the date on which the switch commences operations, and
- 23 thereafter annually by September 1.
- 24 (9) Nothing in this section prohibits ordinary clearinghouse
- 25 transactions between financial institutions.
- 26 (10) Nothing in this section shall prevent any financial institution
- 27 which has a main chartered office or an approved branch located in the
- 28 State of Nebraska from participating in a national automatic teller
- 29 machine program to allow its customers to use automatic teller machines
- 30 located outside of the State of Nebraska which are established by out-of-
- 31 state financial institutions or foreign financial institutions or to

- 1 allow customers of out-of-state financial institutions or foreign
- 2 financial institutions to use its automatic teller machines. Such
- 3 participation and any automatic teller machine usage fees charged or
- 4 received pursuant to the national automatic teller machine program or
- 5 usage fees charged for the use of its automatic teller machines by
- 6 customers of out-of-state financial institutions or foreign financial
- 7 institutions shall not be considered for purposes of determining (a) if
- 8 an automatic teller machine has been made available or Nebraska automatic
- 9 teller machine transactions have been made on a nondiscriminating basis
- 10 for use by Nebraska customers of a user financial institution or (b) if a
- 11 switch complies with subdivision (3)(d) of this section.
- 12 (11) An agreement to operate or share an automatic teller machine
- 13 may not prohibit, limit, or restrict the right of the operator or owner
- 14 of the automatic teller machine to charge a customer conducting a
- 15 transaction using an account from a foreign financial institution an
- 16 access fee or surcharge not otherwise prohibited under state or federal
- 17 law.
- 18 (12) Switch fees shall not be subject to this section or be
- 19 regulated by the department.
- 20 (13) Nothing in this section shall prevent a group of two or more
- 21 credit unions, each of which has a main chartered office or an approved
- 22 branch located in the State of Nebraska, from participating in a credit
- 23 union service organization organized on or before January 1, 2015, for
- 24 the purpose of owning automatic teller machines, provided that all
- 25 participating credit unions have an ownership interest in the credit
- 26 union service organization and that the credit union service organization
- 27 has an ownership interest in each of the participating credit unions'
- 28 automatic teller machines. Such participation and any automatic teller
- 29 machine usage fees associated with Nebraska automatic teller machine
- 30 transactions initiated by customers of participating credit unions at
- 31 such automatic teller machines shall not be considered for purposes of

- 1 determining if such automatic teller machines have been made available on
- 2 a nondiscriminating basis or if Nebraska automatic teller machine
- 3 transactions initiated at such automatic teller machines have been made
- 4 on a nondiscriminating basis, provided that all Nebraska automatic teller
- 5 machine transactions initiated by customers of participating credit
- 6 unions result in the same automatic teller machine usage fees for
- 7 essentially the same service routed over the same switch.
- 8 (14) Nebraska automatic teller machine usage fees and any agreements
- 9 relating to Nebraska automatic teller machine usage fees shall comply
- 10 with subsection (3) of this section.
- 11 (15) For purposes of this section:
- 12 (a) Access means the ability to utilize an automatic teller machine
- 13 or a point-of-sale terminal to conduct permitted banking transactions or
- 14 purchase goods and services electronically;
- 15 (b) Account means a checking account, a savings account, a share
- 16 account, or any other customer asset account held by a financial
- 17 institution. Such an account may also include a line of credit which a
- 18 financial institution has agreed to extend to its customer;
- 19 (c) Affiliate financial institution means any financial institution
- 20 which is a subsidiary of the same bank holding company;
- 21 (d) Automatic teller machine usage fee means any per transaction fee
- 22 established by a switch or otherwise established on behalf of an
- 23 establishing financial institution and collected from the user financial
- 24 institution and paid to the establishing financial institution for the
- 25 use of the automatic teller machine. An automatic teller machine usage
- 26 fee shall not include switch fees;
- 27 (e) Electronic funds transfer means any transfer of funds, other
- 28 than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper
- 29 instrument, that is initiated through a point-of-sale terminal, an
- 30 automatic teller machine, or a personal terminal for the purpose of
- 31 ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or

- 1 credit an account;
- 2 (f) Essentially the same service means the same Nebraska automatic
- 3 teller machine transaction offered by an establishing financial
- 4 institution irrespective of the user financial institution, the Nebraska
- 5 customer of which initiates the Nebraska automatic teller machine
- 6 transaction. A Nebraska automatic teller machine transaction that is
- 7 subject to a surcharge is not essentially the same service as the same
- 8 banking transaction for which a surcharge is not imposed;
- 9 (g) Establishing financial institution means any financial
- 10 institution which has a main chartered office or approved branch located
- 11 in the State of Nebraska that establishes or sponsors an automatic teller
- 12 machine or any out-of-state financial institution that establishes or
- 13 sponsors an automatic teller machine;
- 14 (h) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and
- 15 loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, whether
- 16 chartered by the department, the United States, or a foreign state
- 17 agency; any other similar organization which is covered by federal
- 18 deposit insurance; or a subsidiary of any such entity;
- 19 (i) Foreign financial institution means a financial institution
- 20 located outside the United States;
- 21 (j) Nebraska automatic teller machine transaction means a banking
- 22 transaction as defined in subsection (1) of this section which is (i)
- 23 initiated at an automatic teller machine established in whole or in part
- 24 or sponsored by an establishing financial institution, (ii) for an
- 25 account of a Nebraska customer of a user financial institution, and (iii)
- 26 processed through a switch regardless of whether it is routed directly or
- 27 indirectly from an automatic teller machine;
- 28 (k) Personal terminal means a personal computer and telephone,
- 29 wherever located, operated by a customer of a financial institution for
- 30 the purpose of initiating a transaction affecting an account of the
- 31 customer;

- 1 (1) Sponsoring an automatic teller machine means the acceptance of
- 2 responsibility by an establishing financial institution for compliance
- 3 with all provisions of law governing automatic teller machines and
- 4 Nebraska automatic teller machine transactions in connection with an
- 5 automatic teller machine owned by a nonfinancial institution third party;
- 6 (m) Switch fee means a fee established by a switch and assessed to a
- 7 user financial institution or to an establishing financial institution
- 8 other than an automatic teller machine usage fee; and
- 9 (n) User financial institution means any financial institution which
- 10 has a main chartered office or approved branch located in the State of
- 11 Nebraska which avails itself of and provides its customers with automatic
- 12 teller machine services.
- 13 Sec. 4. Section 8-167.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 14 2018, is amended to read:
- 15 8-167.01 The publication requirements of section 8-167 shall not
- 16 apply to any bank that makes a disclosure statement available to any
- 17 member of the general public upon request in compliance with the
- 18 disclosure of financial information provisions of 12 C.F.R. part 350, as
- 19 such part existed on January 1, 2019 2018.
- Sec. 5. Section 8-183.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 21 2018, is amended to read:
- 22 8-183.04 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
- 23 Banking Act or any other Nebraska law, a state or federal savings
- 24 association which was formed and in operation as a mutual savings
- 25 association as of July 15, 1998, may elect to retain its mutual form of
- 26 corporate organization upon conversion to a state bank.
- 27 (2) All references to shareholders or stockholders for state banks
- 28 shall be deemed to be references to members for such a converted savings
- 29 association.
- 30 (3) The amount and type of capital required for such a converted
- 31 savings association shall be as required for federal mutual savings

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1 associations in 12 C.F.R. 5.21 part 567, as such regulation part existed

- 2 on January 1, 2019 2018, except that if at any time the department
- 3 determines that the capital of such a converted savings association is
- 4 impaired, the director may require the members to make up the capital
- 5 impairment.
- 6 (4) The director may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 7 governing such converted mutual savings associations. In adopting and
- 8 promulgating such rules and regulations, the director may consider the
- 9 provisions of sections 8-301 to 8-384 governing savings associations in
- 10 mutual form of corporate organization.
- 11 Sec. 6. Section 8-1,140, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2018, is amended to read:
- 13 8-1,140 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the Nebraska
- 14 Banking Act or any other Nebraska statute, any bank incorporated under
- 15 the laws of this state and organized under the provisions of the act, or
- 16 under the laws of this state as they existed prior to May 9, 1933, shall
- 17 directly, or indirectly through a subsidiary or subsidiaries, have all
- 18 the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities which may be
- 19 exercised as of January 1, 2019 2018, by a federally chartered bank doing
- 20 business in Nebraska, including the exercise of all powers and activities
- 21 that are permitted for a financial subsidiary of a federally chartered
- 22 bank. Such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities shall not
- 23 relieve such bank from payment of state taxes assessed under any
- 24 applicable laws of this state.
- 25 Sec. 7. Section 8-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 8-209 (1) Any corporation organized to do business as a trust
- 28 company under the Nebraska Trust Company Act shall make a pledge with the
- 29 Department of Banking and Finance of approved securities.
- 30 (2) The amount of securities required to be pledged shall be based
- 31 on the market value of trust assets held by the trust company as follows:

1 (a) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of less

- 2 than twenty-five million dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of
- 3 one hundred thousand dollars in par value;
- 4 (b) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at
- 5 least twenty-five million dollars but less than two hundred fifty million
- 6 dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of two hundred thousand
- 7 dollars in par value;
- 8 (c) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at
- 9 least two hundred fifty million dollars but less than two billion five
- 10 hundred million dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of three
- 11 hundred thousand dollars in par value;
- 12 (d) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of at
- 13 least two billion five hundred million dollars but less than five billion
- 14 dollars shall pledge securities in the amount of four hundred thousand
- 15 dollars in par value; and
- 16 (e) Trust companies with trust assets with a market value of five
- 17 billion dollars or more shall pledge securities in the amount of five
- 18 hundred thousand dollars in par value.
- 19 (3) A trust company shall determine the market value of its trust
- 20 assets at the end of each calendar year. If such valuation shows that the
- 21 pledge of securities is less than is required by subsection (2) of this
- 22 section, the trust company shall increase the amount of the securities
- 23 pledged with the department within sixty days following the end of the
- 24 calendar year.
- 25 (4) If at any time the market value of pledged assets is determined
- 26 to have depreciated to less than ninety percent of par value or the trust
- 27 company has trust funds deposited with itself or its supporting
- 28 commercial bank in excess of those deposits referred to by section 8-212,
- 29 the Director of Banking and Finance may require additional pledges in
- 30 amounts deemed necessary to fully secure pledging requirements or
- 31 excessive trust fund depository balances.

1 (5) Any national bank authorized by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to 2 act in a fiduciary capacity in this state, any out-of-state bank 3 4 authorized by its home state regulator to act in a fiduciary capacity in 5 this state, any federal savings association authorized by the Office of Thrift Supervision or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to 6 7 act in a fiduciary capacity in this state, any federally chartered trust 8 company, any out-of-state trust company authorized under the Interstate 9 Trust Company Office Act or otherwise doing business in this state, and any out-of-state entity acting in a fiduciary capacity in this state 10 shall make similar pledges with the department, and all such deposits 11 held by the department shall be considered as having been lawfully so 12 pledged and subject to the Nebraska Trust Company Act. 13

Sec. 8. Section 8-218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16 8-218 The Department of Banking and Finance or any duly appointed examiner authorized by it may make a full examination into all the books, 17 papers, and affairs of any trust company doing business under the 18 Nebraska Trust Company Act as often as deemed necessary. In so doing, the 19 department shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations and to 20 examine on oath or affirmation the officers, agents, and clerks of the 21 trust company, touching the matter which they may be authorized to 22 23 inquire into and examine, and to summon and by subpoena compel the 24 attendance of any person or persons in this state to testify under oath in relation to the affairs of the trust company. In lieu of any 25 examination authorized by the laws of this state, the Director of Banking 26 and Finance may accept, in his or her discretion, a report of an 27 28 examination made of a trust company by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Bank, or the Office of the Comptroller 29 of the Currency Thrift Supervision or he or she may examine any such 30 trust company jointly with any such federal agency. 31

- 1 Sec. 9. Section 8-318, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 8-318 (1)(a) Shares of stock in any association, or in any federal
- 4 savings and loan association incorporated under the provisions of the
- 5 federal Home Owners' Loan Act, with its principal office and place of
- 6 business in this state, may be subscribed for, held, transferred,
- 7 surrendered, withdrawn, and forfeited and payments thereon received and
- 8 receipted for by any person, regardless of age, in the same manner and
- 9 with the same binding effect as though such person were of the age of
- 10 majority, except that a minor or his or her estate shall not be bound on
- 11 his or her subscription to stock except to the extent of payments
- 12 actually made thereon.
- 13 (b) Whenever a share account is accepted by any building and loan
- 14 association in the name of any person, regardless of age, the deposit may
- 15 be withdrawn by the shareholder by any of the following methods:
- 16 (i) Check or other instrument in writing. The check or other
- 17 instrument in writing constitutes a receipt or acquittance if the check
- 18 or other instrument in writing is signed by the shareholder and
- 19 constitutes a valid release in discharge to the building and loan
- 20 association for all payments so made; or
- 21 (ii) Electronic means through:
- 22 (A) Preauthorized direct withdrawal;
- 23 (B) An automatic teller machine;
- 24 (C) A debit card;
- 25 (D) A transfer by telephone;
- 26 (E) A network, including the Internet; or
- 27 (F) Any electronic terminal, computer, magnetic tape, or other
- 28 electronic means.
- 29 (c) This section shall not be construed to affect the rights,
- 30 liabilities, or responsibilities of participants in an electronic fund
- 31 transfer under the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693

- 1 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2019 2018, and shall not affect the
- 2 legal relationships between a minor and any person other than the
- 3 building and loan association.
- 4 (2) All trustees, guardians, personal representatives,
- 5 administrators, and conservators appointed by the courts of this state
- 6 may invest and reinvest in, acquire, make withdrawals in whole or in
- 7 part, hold, transfer, or make new or additional investments in or
- 8 transfers of shares of stock in any (a) building and loan association
- 9 organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska or (b) federal savings
- 10 and loan association incorporated under the provisions of the federal
- 11 Home Owners' Loan Act, having its principal office and place of business
- in this state, without an order of approval from any court.
- 13 (3) Trustees created solely by the terms of a trust instrument may
- 14 invest in, acquire, hold, and transfer such shares, and make withdrawals,
- 15 in whole or in part, therefrom, without any order of court, unless
- 16 expressly limited, restricted, or prohibited therefrom by the terms of
- 17 such trust instrument.
- 18 (4) All building and loan associations referred to in this section
- 19 are qualified to act as trustee or custodian within the provisions of the
- 20 federal Self-Employed Individuals Tax Retirement Act of 1962, as amended,
- 21 or under the terms and provisions of section 408(a) of the Internal
- 22 Revenue Code, if the provisions of such retirement plan require the funds
- 23 of such trust or custodianship to be invested exclusively in shares or
- 24 accounts in the association or in other associations. If any such
- 25 retirement plan, within the judgment of the association, constitutes a
- 26 qualified plan under the federal Self-Employed Individuals Tax Retirement
- 27 Act of 1962, or under the terms and provisions of section 408(a) of the
- 28 Internal Revenue Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at the
- 29 time the trust was established and accepted by the association, is
- 30 subsequently determined not to be such a qualified plan or subsequently
- 31 ceases to be such a qualified plan, in whole or in part, the association

- 1 may continue to act as trustee of any deposits theretofore made under
- 2 such plan and to dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of
- 3 the member and beneficiaries thereof. No association, in respect to
- 4 savings made under this section, shall be required to segregate such
- 5 savings from other assets of the association. The association shall keep
- 6 appropriate records showing in proper detail all transactions engaged in
- 7 under the authority of this section.
- 8 Sec. 10. Section 8-346, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 8-346 (1) The Director of Banking and Finance, his or her deputy, or
- 11 any duly appointed examiner shall have power to make a thorough
- 12 examination into all the books, records, business, and affairs of every
- 13 building and loan association organized under the laws of this state as
- 14 often as deemed necessary. The director may accept in his or her
- 15 discretion, in lieu of any examination authorized by the laws of this
- 16 state, a report of an examination made of a building and loan association
- 17 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation—or the Office of Thrift
- 18 Supervision, or the director may examine any such association jointly
- 19 with that either of these federal agency agencies.
- 20 (2) The director may, at his or her discretion, make available to
- 21 the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Office of the
- 22 Comptroller of the Currency Thrift Supervision copies of reports of any
- 23 such examination or any information furnished to or obtained by him or
- 24 her in such examination. The rights, powers, duties, and privileges of
- 25 the director, his or her deputy, or any duly appointed examiner in
- 26 connection with such examinations shall be the same as is or may be
- 27 provided by law in reference to the examinations of banks.
- 28 Sec. 11. Section 8-355, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 29 2018, is amended to read:
- 30 8-355 Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Chapter 8, article 3,
- 31 or any other Nebraska statute, except as provided in section 8-345.02,

- 1 any association incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska and
- 2 organized under the provisions of such article shall have all the rights,
- 3 powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities which may be exercised as of
- 4 January 1, 2019 2018, by a federal savings and loan association doing
- 5 business in Nebraska. Such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and
- 6 immunities shall not relieve such association from payment of state taxes
- 7 assessed under any applicable laws of this state.
- 8 Sec. 12. Section 8-602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 9 2018, is amended to read:
- 10 8-602 The Director of Banking and Finance shall charge and collect
- 11 fees for certain services rendered by the Department of Banking and
- 12 Finance according to the following schedule:
- 13 (1) For filing and examining articles of incorporation, articles of
- 14 association, and bylaws, except credit unions, one hundred dollars, and
- 15 for credit unions, fifty dollars;
- 16 (2) For filing and examining an amendment to articles of
- 17 incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions,
- 18 fifty dollars, and for credit unions, fifteen dollars;
- 19 (3) For issuing to banks, credit card banks, trust companies, and
- 20 building and loan associations a charter, authority, or license to do
- 21 business in this state, a sum which shall be determined on the basis of
- 22 one dollar and fifty cents for each one thousand dollars of authorized
- 23 capital, except that the minimum fee in each case shall be two hundred
- 24 twenty-five dollars;
- 25 (4) For issuing an executive officer's or loan officer's license,
- 26 fifty dollars at the time of the initial license and fifteen dollars on
- 27 or before January 15 each year thereafter, except credit unions for which
- 28 the fee shall be twenty-five dollars at the time of the initial license
- 29 and fifteen dollars on or before January 15 each year thereafter;
- 30 (5) For affixing certificate and seal, five dollars;
- 31 (6) For making substitution of securities held by it and issuing a

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dollars;

- 1 receipt, fifteen dollars;
- 2 (7) For issuing a certificate of approval to a credit union, ten
- 4 (8) For investigating the applications required by sections 8-117,
- 5 8-120, 8-331, and 8-2402 and the documents required by section 8-201, the
- 6 cost of such examination, investigation, and inspection, including all
- 7 legal expenses and the cost of any hearing transcript, with a minimum fee
- 8 under (a) sections 8-117, 8-120, and 8-2402 of two thousand five hundred
- 9 dollars, (b) section 8-331 of two thousand dollars, and (c) section 8-201
- 10 of one thousand dollars. The department may require the applicant to
- 11 procure and give a surety bond in such principal amount as the department
- 12 may determine and conditioned for the payment of the fees provided in
- 13 this subdivision;
- 14 (9) For the handling of pledged securities as provided in sections
- 15 8-210 and 8-2727 at the time of the initial deposit of such securities,
- 16 one dollar and fifty cents for each thousand dollars of securities
- 17 deposited and a like amount on or before January 15 each year thereafter.
- 18 The fees shall be paid by the entity pledging the securities;
- 19 (10) For investigating an application to move its location within
- 20 the city or village limits of its original license or charter for banks,
- 21 trust companies, and building and loan associations, two hundred fifty
- 22 dollars;
- 23 (11) For investigating an application under subdivision (6) of
- 24 section 8-115.01, five hundred dollars;
- 25 (12) For investigating an application for approval to establish or
- 26 acquire a branch pursuant to section 8-157 or 8-2103 or to establish a
- 27 mobile branch pursuant to section 8-157, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 28 (13) For investigating a notice of acquisition of control under
- 29 subsection (1) of section 8-1502, five hundred dollars;
- 30 (14) For investigating an application for a cross-industry merger
- 31 under section 8-1510, five hundred dollars;

- 1 (15) For investigating an application for a merger of two state
- 2 banks, a merger of a state bank and a national bank in which the state
- 3 bank is the surviving entity, or an interstate merger application in
- 4 which the Nebraska state chartered bank is the resulting bank, five
- 5 hundred dollars;
- 6 (16) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a
- 7 branch trust office, five hundred dollars;
- 8 (17) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a
- 9 representative trust office, five hundred dollars;
- 10 (18) For investigating an application to establish a credit union
- 11 branch under section 21-1725.01, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 12 (19) For investigating an applicant under section 8-1513, five
- 13 thousand dollars; and
- 14 (20) For investigating a request to extend a conditional bank
- 15 charter under section 8-117, one thousand dollars.
- 16 Sec. 13. Section 21-17,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 17 2018, is amended to read:
- 18 21-17,115 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the Credit
- 19 Union Act or any other Nebraska statute, any credit union incorporated
- 20 under the laws of the State of Nebraska and organized under the
- 21 provisions of the act shall have all the rights, powers, privileges,
- 22 benefits, and immunities which may be exercised as of January 1, 2019
- 23 <del>2018</del>, by a federal credit union doing business in Nebraska on the
- 24 condition that such rights, powers, privileges, benefits, and immunities
- 25 shall not relieve such credit union from payment of state taxes assessed
- 26 under any applicable laws of this state.
- 27 Sec. 14. Section 44-915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 28 amended to read:
- 29 44-915 The requirements for initial notice to consumers in
- 30 subdivision (1)(b) of section 44-904, the opt out in sections 44-907 and
- 31 44-910, and service providers and joint marketing in section 44-913 do

1 not apply when a licensee discloses nonpublic personal financial

- 2 information:
- 3 (1) With the consent or at the direction of the consumer if the
- 4 consumer has not revoked the consent or direction;
- 5 (2)(a) To protect the confidentiality or security of a licensee's
- 6 records pertaining to the consumer, service, product, or transaction;
- 7 (b) To protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud or
- 8 unauthorized transactions;
- 9 (c) For required institutional risk control or for resolving
- 10 consumer disputes or inquiries;
- 11 (d) To persons holding a legal or beneficial interest relating to
- 12 the consumer; or
- (e) To persons acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity on
- 14 behalf of the consumer;
- 15 (3) To provide information to insurance rate advisory organizations,
- 16 guaranty funds or agencies, agencies that are rating a licensee, persons
- 17 that are assessing the licensee's compliance with industry standards, and
- 18 the licensee's attorneys, accountants, and auditors;
- 19 (4) To the extent specifically permitted or required under other
- 20 provisions of law and in accordance with 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq., as such
- 21 <u>sections</u> <del>federal law</del> existed on <u>January 1, 2019</u> <del>April 5, 2001</del>, to law
- 22 enforcement agencies, including the Federal Reserve Board, Office of the
- 23 Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- 24 Office of Thrift Supervision, National Credit Union Administration,
- 25 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Securities and Exchange
- 26 Commission, the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to 31 U.S.C.
- 27 Chapter 53, Subchapter II, and 12 U.S.C. Chapter 21, as such federal laws
- 28 existed on January 1, 2019 April 5, 2001, a state insurance authority, a
- 29 state banking and state securities authority, and the Federal Trade
- 30 Commission, to self-regulatory organizations, or for an investigation on
- 31 a matter related to public safety;

- 1 (5)(a) To a consumer reporting agency in accordance with 15 U.S.C.
- 2 1681 et seq., as such <u>sections</u> section existed on <u>January 1, 2019</u> April
- 3 <del>5, 2001</del>; or
- 4 (b) From a consumer report reported by a consumer reporting agency;
- 5 (6) In connection with a proposed or actual sale, merger, transfer,
- 6 or exchange of all or a portion of a business or operating unit if the
- 7 disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information concerns solely
- 8 consumers of the business or unit;
- 9 (7)(a) To comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, and
- 10 other applicable legal requirements;
- 11 (b) To comply with a properly authorized civil, criminal, or
- 12 regulatory investigation, or subpoena or summons by federal, state, or
- 13 local authorities;
- 14 (c) To respond to judicial process or government regulatory
- 15 authorities having jurisdiction over a licensee for examination,
- 16 compliance, or other purposes as authorized by law; or
- 17 (8) For purposes related to the replacement of a group benefit plan,
- 18 a group health plan, a group welfare plan, or a workers' compensation
- 19 plan.
- 20 Sec. 15. Section 45-702, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 21 2018, is amended to read:
- 22 45-702 For purposes of the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act:
- 23 (1) Borrower means the mortgagor or mortgagors under a real estate
- 24 mortgage or the trustor or trustors under a trust deed;
- 25 (2) Branch office means any location at which the business of a
- 26 mortgage banker or mortgage loan originator is to be conducted, including
- 27 (a) any offices physically located in Nebraska, (b) any offices that,
- 28 while not physically located in this state, intend to transact business
- 29 with Nebraska residents, and (c) any third-party or home-based locations
- 30 that mortgage loan originators, agents, and representatives intend to use
- 31 to transact business with Nebraska residents;

- 1 (3) Breach of security of the system means unauthorized acquisition 2 of data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of 3 the information maintained by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System 4 and Registry, its affiliates, or its subsidiaries;
- 5 (4) Clerical or support duties means tasks which occur subsequent to the receipt of a residential mortgage loan application including (a) the 6 receipt, collection, distribution, and analysis of information common for 7 the processing or underwriting of a residential mortgage loan or (b) 8 9 communication with a consumer to obtain the information necessary for the processing or underwriting of a residential mortgage loan, to the extent 10 that such communication does not include offering or negotiating loan 11 rates or terms or counseling consumers about residential mortgage loan 12 13 rates or terms;
- 14 (5) Control means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of a mortgage banking business, whether through 15 16 ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any person who (a) is 17 a director, a general partner, or an executive officer, including the president, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief 18 operating officer, chief legal officer, chief compliance officer, and any 19 individual with similar status and function, (b) directly or indirectly 20 has the right to vote ten percent or more of a class of voting security 21 or has the power to sell or direct the sale of ten percent or more of a 22 23 class of voting securities, (c) in the case of a limited liability 24 company, is a managing member, or (d) in the case of a partnership, has the right to receive, upon dissolution, or has contributed, ten percent 25 or more of the capital, is presumed to control that mortgage banking 26 business; 27
- 28 (6) Department means the Department of Banking and Finance;
- (7) Depository institution means any person (a) organized or chartered under the laws of this state, any other state, or the United States relating to banks, savings institutions, trust companies, savings

- 1 and loan associations, credit unions, or industrial banks or similar
- 2 depository institutions which the Board of Directors of the Federal
- 3 Deposit Insurance Corporation finds to be operating substantially in the
- 4 same manner as an industrial bank and (b) engaged in the business of
- 5 receiving deposits other than funds held in a fiduciary capacity,
- 6 including, but not limited to, funds held as trustee, executor,
- 7 administrator, guardian, or agent;
- 8 (8) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;
- 9 (9) Dwelling means a residential structure located or intended to be
- 10 located in this state that contains one to four units, whether or not
- 11 that structure is attached to real property, including an individual
- 12 condominium unit, cooperative unit, mobile home, or trailer, if it is
- 13 used as a residence;
- 14 (10) Federal banking agencies means the Board of Governors of the
- 15 Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,
- 16 the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau <del>Director of the Office of Thrift</del>
- 17 Supervision, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Federal
- 18 Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- 19 (11) Immediate family member means a spouse, child, sibling, parent,
- 20 grandparent, or grandchild, including stepparents, stepchildren,
- 21 stepsiblings, and adoptive relationships;
- 22 (12) Installment loan company means any person licensed pursuant to
- 23 the Nebraska Installment Loan Act;
- 24 (13) Licensee means any person licensed under the Residential
- 25 Mortgage Licensing Act as either a mortgage banker or mortgage loan
- 26 originator;
- 27 (14) Loan processor or underwriter means an individual who (a)
- 28 performs clerical or support duties as an employee at the direction of
- 29 and subject to the supervision and instruction of a person licensed, or
- 30 exempt from licensing, under the Residential Mortgage Licensing Act or
- 31 Nebraska Installment Loan Act and (b) does not represent to the public,

- 1 through advertising or other means of communicating or providing
- 2 information including the use of business cards, stationery, brochures,
- 3 signs, rate lists, or other promotional items, that such individual can
- 4 or will perform any of the activities of a mortgage loan originator;
- 5 (15) Mortgage banker or mortgage banking business means any person
- 6 (a) other than (i) a person exempt under section 45-703, (ii) an
- 7 individual who is a loan processor or underwriter, or (iii) an individual
- 8 who is licensed in this state as a mortgage loan originator and (b) who,
- 9 for compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or gain,
- 10 directly or indirectly makes, originates, services, negotiates, acquires,
- 11 sells, arranges for, or offers to make, originate, service, negotiate,
- 12 acquire, sell, or arrange for a residential mortgage loan;
- 13 (16)(a) Mortgage loan originator means an individual who for
- 14 compensation or gain or in the expectation of compensation or gain (i)
- 15 takes a residential mortgage loan application or (ii) offers or
- 16 negotiates terms of a residential mortgage loan.
- 17 (b) Mortgage loan originator does not include (i) an individual
- 18 engaged solely as a loan processor or underwriter except as otherwise
- 19 provided in section 45-727, (ii) a person or entity that only performs
- 20 real estate brokerage activities and is licensed or registered in
- 21 accordance with Nebraska law, unless the person or entity is compensated
- 22 by a lender, a mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan originator or by
- 23 any agent of such lender, mortgage broker, or other mortgage loan
- 24 originator, and (iii) a person solely involved in extensions of credit
- 25 relating to time-share programs as defined in section 76-1702;
- 26 (17) Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry means a
- 27 licensing system developed and maintained by the Conference of State Bank
- 28 Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage
- 29 Regulators for the licensing and registration of mortgage loan
- 30 originators, mortgage bankers, installment loan companies, and other
- 31 state-regulated financial services entities and industries;

- 1 (18) Nontraditional mortgage product means any residential mortgage
- 2 loan product other than a thirty-year fixed rate residential mortgage
- 3 loan;
- 4 (19) Offer means every attempt to provide, offer to provide, or
- 5 solicitation to provide a residential mortgage loan or any form of
- 6 mortgage banking business. Offer includes, but is not limited to, all
- 7 general and public advertising, whether made in print, through electronic
- 8 media, or by the Internet;
- 9 (20) Person means an association, joint venture, joint-stock
- 10 company, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company,
- 11 business corporation, nonprofit corporation, individual, or any group of
- 12 individuals however organized;
- 13 (21) Purchase-money mortgage means a mortgage issued to the borrower
- 14 by the seller of the property as part of the purchase transaction;
- 15 (22) Real estate brokerage activity means any activity that involves
- 16 offering or providing real estate brokerage services to the public,
- 17 including (a) acting as a real estate salesperson or real estate broker
- 18 for a buyer, seller, lessor, or lessee of real property, (b) bringing
- 19 together parties interested in the sale, purchase, lease, rental, or
- 20 exchange of real property, (c) negotiating, on behalf of any party, any
- 21 portion of a contract relating to the sale, purchase, lease, rental, or
- 22 exchange of real property, other than in connection with providing
- 23 financing with respect to any such transaction, (d) engaging in any
- 24 activity for which a person engaged in the activity is required to be
- 25 registered or licensed as a real estate salesperson or real estate broker
- 26 under any applicable law, and (e) offering to engage in any activity or
- 27 act in any capacity described in subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (d) of
- 28 this subdivision;
- 29 (23) Registered bank holding company means any bank holding company
- 30 registered with the department pursuant to the Nebraska Bank Holding
- 31 Company Act of 1995;

- 1 (24) Registered mortgage loan originator means any individual who
- 2 (a) meets the definition of mortgage loan originator and is an employee
- 3 of (i) a depository institution, (ii) a subsidiary that is (A) wholly
- 4 owned and controlled by a depository institution and (B) regulated by a
- 5 federal banking agency, or (iii) an institution regulated by the Farm
- 6 Credit Administration and (b) is registered with, and maintains a unique
- 7 identifier through, the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 8 Registry;
- 9 (25) Registrant means a person registered pursuant to section
- 10 45-704;
- 11 (26) Residential mortgage loan means any loan or extension of
- 12 credit, including a refinancing of a contract of sale or an assumption or
- 13 refinancing of a prior loan or extension of credit, which is primarily
- 14 for personal, family, or household use and is secured by a mortgage,
- 15 trust deed, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a
- 16 dwelling or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended
- 17 to be constructed a dwelling;
- 18 (27) Residential real estate means any real property located in this
- 19 state upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling;
- 20 (28) Reverse-mortgage loan means a loan made by a licensee which (a)
- 21 is secured by residential real estate, (b) is nonrecourse to the borrower
- 22 except in the event of fraud by the borrower or waste to the residential
- 23 real estate given as security for the loan, (c) provides cash advances to
- 24 the borrower based upon the equity in the borrower's owner-occupied
- 25 principal residence, (d) requires no payment of principal or interest
- 26 until the entire loan becomes due and payable, and (e) otherwise complies
- 27 with the terms of section 45-702.01;
- 28 (29) Service means accepting payments or maintenance of escrow
- 29 accounts in the regular course of business in connection with a
- 30 residential mortgage loan;
- 31 (30) State means any state of the United States, the District of

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1 Columbia, any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American

- 2 Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands, or
- 3 the Northern Mariana Islands; and
- 4 (31) Unique identifier means a number or other identifier assigned
- 5 by protocols established by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
- 6 Registry.
- 7 Sec. 16. Section 76-2,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 8 amended to read:
- 9 76-2,121 For purposes of sections 76-2,121 to 76-2,123:
- 10 (1) Federally insured financial institution shall mean an
- 11 institution in which the monetary deposits are insured by the Federal
- 12 Deposit Insurance Corporation or National Credit Union Administration;
- 13 (2) Good funds shall mean: (a) Lawful money of the United States;
- 14 (b) wired funds when unconditionally held by the real estate closing
- 15 agent or employee; (c) cashier's checks, certified checks, bank money
- 16 orders, or teller's checks issued by a federally insured financial
- 17 institution and unconditionally held by the real estate closing agent or
- 18 employee; or (d) United States treasury checks, federal reserve bank
- 19 checks, federal home loan bank checks, State of Nebraska warrants, and
- 20 warrants of a city of the metropolitan or primary class;
- 21 (3) Real estate closing agent shall mean a person who collects and
- 22 disburses funds on behalf of another in closing a real estate transaction
- 23 but shall not include a seller or buyer closing a real estate transaction
- 24 on his or her own behalf or a lender closing a real estate loan
- 25 transaction; and
- 26 (4) Regulating entity shall mean the:
- 27 (a) Department of Insurance;
- 28 (b) Supreme Court;
- 29 (c) State Real Estate Commission;
- 30 (d) Department of Banking and Finance;
- 31 (e) Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

1 (f) Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Federal Office of

- 2 Thrift Supervision;
- 3 (g) Consumer Financial Protection Bureau;
- 4 (h) (g) Federal Farm Credit Administration; or
- 5 <u>(i) (h)</u> National Credit Union Administration.
- 6 Sec. 17. Section 81-885.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2018, is amended to read:
- 8 81-885.01 For purposes of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act,
- 9 unless the context otherwise requires:
- 10 (1) Real estate means and includes condominiums and leaseholds, as
- 11 well as any other interest or estate in land, whether corporeal,
- 12 incorporeal, freehold, or nonfreehold, and whether the real estate is
- 13 situated in this state or elsewhere;
- 14 (2) Broker means any person who, for any form of compensation or
- 15 consideration or with the intent or expectation of receiving the same
- 16 from another, negotiates or attempts to negotiate the listing, sale,
- 17 purchase, exchange, rent, lease, or option for any real estate or
- 18 improvements thereon, or assists in procuring prospects or holds himself
- 19 or herself out as a referral agent for the purpose of securing prospects
- 20 for the listing, sale, purchase, exchange, renting, leasing, or optioning
- 21 of any real estate or collects rents or attempts to collect rents, gives
- 22 a broker's price opinion or comparative market analysis, or holds himself
- 23 or herself out as engaged in any of the foregoing. Broker also includes
- 24 any person: (a) Employed, by or on behalf of the owner or owners of lots
- 25 or other parcels of real estate, for any form of compensation or
- 26 consideration to sell such real estate or any part thereof in lots or
- 27 parcels or make other disposition thereof; (b) who auctions, offers,
- 28 attempts, or agrees to auction real estate; or (c) who buys or offers to
- 29 buy or sell or otherwise deals in options to buy real estate;
- 30 (3) Associate broker means a person who has a broker's license and
- 31 who is employed by another broker to participate in any activity

1 described in subdivision (2) of this section;

- 2 (4) Designated broker means an individual holding a broker's license who has full authority to conduct the real estate activities of a real 3 4 estate business. In a sole proprietorship, the owner, or broker 5 identified by the owner, shall be the designated broker. In the event the owner identifies the designated broker, the owner shall file a statement 6 7 with the commission subordinating to the designated broker full authority to conduct the real estate activities of the sole proprietorship. In a 8 9 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the partners, limited liability company members, or board of directors shall identify 10 the designated broker for its real estate business by filing a statement 11 with the commission subordinating to the designated broker full authority 12 to conduct the real estate activities of the partnership, 13 liability company, or corporation. The designated broker shall also be 14 responsible for supervising the real estate activities of any associate 15 brokers or salespersons; 16
- 17 (5) Inactive broker means an associate broker whose license has been 18 returned to the commission by the licensee's broker, a broker who has 19 requested the commission to place the license on inactive status, a new 20 licensee who has failed to designate an employing broker or have the 21 license issued as an individual broker, or a broker whose license has 22 been placed on inactive status under statute, rule, or regulation;
- (6) Salesperson means any person, other than an associate broker, who is employed by a broker to participate in any activity described in subdivision (2) of this section;
- (7) Inactive salesperson means a salesperson whose license has been returned to the commission by the licensee's broker, a salesperson who has requested the commission to place the license on inactive status, a new licensee who has failed to designate an employing broker, or a salesperson whose license has been placed on inactive status under statute, rule, or regulation;

- 1 (8) Person means and includes individuals, corporations,
- 2 partnerships, and limited liability companies, except that when referring
- 3 to a person licensed under the act, it means an individual;
- 4 (9) Team means two or more persons licensed by the commission who
- 5 (a) work under the supervision of the same broker, (b) work together on
- 6 real estate transactions to provide real estate brokerage services, (c)
- 7 represent themselves to the public as being part of a team, and (d) are
- 8 designated by a team name;
- 9 (10) Team leader means any person licensed by the commission and
- 10 appointed or recognized by his or her broker as the leader for his or her
- 11 team;
- 12 (11) Subdivision or subdivided land means any real estate offered
- 13 for sale and which has been registered under the Interstate Land Sales
- 14 Full Disclosure Act, 15 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., as such act existed on
- 15 January 1, 1973, or real estate located out of this state which is
- 16 divided or proposed to be divided into twenty-five or more lots, parcels,
- 17 or units;
- 18 (12) Subdivider means any person who causes land to be subdivided
- 19 into a subdivision for himself, herself, or others or who undertakes to
- 20 develop a subdivision but does not include a public agency or officer
- 21 authorized by law to create subdivisions;
- 22 (13) Purchaser means a person who acquires or attempts to acquire or
- 23 succeeds to an interest in land;
- 24 (14) Commission means the State Real Estate Commission;
- 25 (15) Broker's price opinion means an analysis, opinion, or
- 26 conclusion prepared by a person licensed under the Nebraska Real Estate
- 27 License Act in the ordinary course of his or her business relating to the
- 28 price of specified interests in or aspects of identified real estate or
- 29 identified real property for the purpose of (a) listing, purchase, or
- 30 sale, (b) originating, extending, renewing, or modifying a loan in a
- 31 transaction other than a federally related transaction, or (c) real

- 1 property tax appeals;
- 2 (16) Comparative market analysis means an analysis, opinion, or
- 3 conclusion prepared by a person licensed under the act in the ordinary
- 4 course of his or her business relating to the price of specified
- 5 interests in or aspects of identified real estate or identified real
- 6 property by comparison to other real property currently or recently in
- 7 the marketplace for the purpose of (a) listing, purchase, or sale, (b)
- 8 originating, extending, renewing, or modifying a loan in a transaction
- 9 other than a federally related transaction, or (c) real property tax
- 10 appeals;
- 11 (17) Distance education means courses in which instruction does not
- 12 take place in a traditional classroom setting, but rather through other
- 13 media by which instructor and student are separated by distance and
- 14 sometimes by time;
- 15 (18) Regulatory jurisdiction means a state, district, or territory
- 16 of the United States, a province of Canada or a foreign country, or a
- 17 political subdivision of a foreign country, which has implemented and
- 18 administers laws regulating the activities of a broker;
- 19 (19) Federal financial institution regulatory agency means (a) the
- 20 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, (b) the Federal Deposit
- 21 Insurance Corporation, (c) the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency,
- 22 (d) the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Office of Thrift
- 23 Supervision, (e) the National Credit Union Administration, or (f) the
- 24 successors of any of those agencies; and
- 25 (20) Federally related transaction means a real-estate-related
- 26 transaction that (a) requires the services of an appraiser and (b) is
- 27 engaged in, contracted for, or regulated by a federal financial
- 28 institution regulatory agency.
- 29 Sec. 18. Section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes
- 30 Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:
- 31 4A-108 Relationship to Electronic Fund Transfer Act.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this article does not
- 2 apply to a funds transfer any part of which is governed by the Electronic
- 3 Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq., as such act existed on January
- 4 1, <u>2019</u> <del>2013</del>.
- 5 (b) This article applies to a funds transfer that is a remittance
- 6 transfer as defined in the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C.
- 7 1693o-1, as such section existed on January 1, 2019 2013, unless the
- 8 remittance transfer is an electronic fund transfer as defined in the
- 9 Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693a, as such section existed on
- 10 January 1, 2019 2013.
- 11 (c) In a funds transfer to which this article applies, in the event
- 12 of an inconsistency between an applicable provision of this article and
- 13 an applicable provision of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, the
- 14 provision of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act governs to the extent of
- 15 the inconsistency.
- 16 Sec. 19. Original sections 8-209, 8-218, 8-346, 44-915, and
- 17 76-2,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-143.01,
- 18 8-157.01, 8-167.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-602, 21-17,115,
- 19 45-702, and 81-885.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, and
- 20 section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 21 Supplement, 2018, are repealed.
- 22 Sec. 20. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 23 passed and approved according to law.