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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public officials; making it  
a criminal offense for a public official to  
accept specified loans; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. (1) A public official may not solicit or  
accept a loan of money from any person, other than a lending  
institution, doing business with the state.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Public official" means any public officer as  
defined in section 112.313(1), Florida Statutes, and any  
employee or appointed state officer as defined in section  
112.313(9)(a), Florida Statutes.

(b) "Lending institution" means any bank or trust  
company, mortgage banker, savings bank, credit union, national  
banking association, savings and loan association, building  
and loan association, insurance company, or other financial  
institution authorized to transact business in this state.

(3) Any public official who knowingly violates this  
section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
as provided in section 775.082, Florida Statutes, or section  
775.083, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a criminal offense for a public official to  
accept a loan of money from anyone doing business with  
the state except a lending institution.