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	CHAMBER ACTION
	Senate House
1	Representative Workman offered the following:
1 2	Representative workman offered the following:
2	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Between lines 1611 and 1612, insert:
5	Section 35. Subsections (12) through (36) of section
6	494.001, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (13)
7	through (37), respectively, a new subsection (12) is added, and
8	present subsection (15) of that section is amended, to read:
9	494.001 DefinitionsAs used in ss. 494.001-494.0077, the
10	term:
11	(12) "Indirect owner" means, with respect to direct owners
12	and other indirect owners in a multilayered organization:
13	(a) For an owner that is a corporation, each of its
14	shareholders that beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or
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15	has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 25 percent or more
16	of voting security of the corporation.
17	(b) For an owner that is a partnership, each general
18	partner and each limited or special partner that has the right
19	to receive upon dissolution, or has contributed, 25 percent or
20	more of the partnership's capital.
21	(c) For an owner that is a trust, the trust and each
22	trustee.
23	(d) For an owner that is a limited liability company:
24	1. Each member that has the right to receive upon
25	dissolution, or that has contributed, 25 percent or more of the
26	limited liability company's capital; and
27	2. If managed by elected managers or appointed managers,
28	each elected or appointed manager.
29	(e) For an indirect owner, each parent owner of 25 percent
30	or more of its subsidiary.
31	(16) <del>(15)</del> "Loan origination fee" means the total
32	compensation from any source received by a mortgage broker
33	acting as a loan originator. Any payment for processing mortgage
34	loan applications must be included in the fee and must be paid
35	to the mortgage broker.
36	Section 36. Subsection (4) is added to section 494.0012,
37	Florida Statutes, to read:
38	494.0012 Investigations; complaints; examinations
39	(4) To reduce the burden on persons subject to this
40	chapter, the office may conduct a joint or concurrent
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41	examination with a state or federal regulatory agency and may
42	furnish a copy of all examinations to an appropriate regulator
43	if the regulator agrees to abide by the confidentiality
44	provisions in chapter 119 and this chapter. The office may also
45	accept an examination from an appropriate regulator.
46	Section 37. Paragraph (y) of subsection (1) of section
47	494.00255, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (m) of
48	that subsection is reenacted, to read:
49	494.00255 Administrative penalties and fines; license
50	violations
51	(1) Each of the following acts constitutes a ground for
52	which the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may
53	be taken against a person licensed or required to be licensed
54	under part II or part III of this chapter:
55	(m) In any mortgage transaction, violating any provision
56	of the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, as
57	amended, 12 U.S.C. ss. 2601 et seq.; the federal Truth in
58	Lending Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq.; or any
59	regulations adopted under such acts.
60	(y) Pursuant to an investigation by the Mortgage Testing
61	and Education Board acting on behalf of the registry, being
62	found in violation of Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and
63	Registry Rules of Conduct.
64	Section 38. <u>Section 494.0028, Florida Statutes, is</u>
65	repealed.

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66 Section 39. Subsection (3) is added to section 494.00313, 67 Florida Statutes, to read: 68 494.00313 Loan originator license renewal.-69 (3) If a licensed loan originator fails to meet the 70 requirements of this section for annual license renewal on or 71 before December 31 but meets such requirements before March 1, 72 the loan originator's license status shall be changed to "failed 73 to renew" pending review and renewal by the office. A 74 nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$150 shall be charged in 75 addition to registry fees. The license status shall not be 76 changed until the requirements of this section are met and all 77 fees are paid. If the licensee fails to meet the requirements of 78 this section and pay all required fees before March 1, such 79 license is expired and such loan originator must apply for a new 80 loan originator license under s. 494.00312. Section 40. Subsection (3) is added to section 494.00322, 81 82 Florida Statutes, to read: 494.00322 Mortgage broker license renewal.-83 (3) If a licensed mortgage broker fails to meet the 84 85 requirements of this section for annual license renewal on or 86 before December 31 but meets such requirements before March 1, 87 the mortgage broker's license status shall be changed to "failed 88 to renew" pending review and renewal by the office. A 89 nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$250 shall be charged in addition to registry fees. The license status shall not be 90 changed until the requirements of this section are met and all 91 107357 Approved For Filing: 4/27/2014 1:14:21 PM

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92	fees are paid. If the licensee fails to meet the requirements of
93	this section and pay all required fees before March 1, such
94	license is expired and such mortgage broker must apply for a new
95	mortgage broker license under s. 494.00321.
96	Section 41. Subsection (3) of section 494.0036, Florida
97	Statutes, is amended, and subsections (4) and (5) are added to
98	that section, to read:
99	494.0036 Mortgage broker branch office license
100	(3) A branch office license must be renewed annually at
101	the time of renewing the mortgage broker license under s.
102	494.00322. A nonrefundable branch renewal fee of \$225 per branch
103	office must be submitted at the time of renewal. <u>To renew a</u>
104	branch office license, a mortgage broker must:
105	(a) Submit a completed license renewal form as prescribed
106	by commission rule.
107	(b) Submit a nonrefundable renewal fee.
108	(c) Submit any additional information or documentation
109	requested by the office and required by rule concerning the
110	licensee. Additional information may include documents that may
111	provide the office with the appropriate information to determine
112	eligibility for license renewal.
113	(4) The office may not renew a branch office license
114	unless the branch office continues to meet the minimum
115	requirements for initial licensure under this section and
116	adopted rule.

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117	(5) If a licensed branch office fails to meet the
118	requirements of this section for annual license renewal on or
119	before December 31 but meets such requirements before March 1,
120	the branch office's license status shall be changed to "failed
121	to renew" pending review and renewal by the office. A
122	nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$225 shall be charged in
123	addition to registry fees. The license status shall not be
124	changed until the requirements of this section are met and all
125	fees are paid. If the licensee fails to meet the requirements of
126	this section and pay all required fees before March 1, such
127	license is expired and such branch office must apply for a new
128	mortgage broker branch office license under this section.
129	Section 42. Section 494.0038, Florida Statutes, is amended
130	to read:
131	494.0038 Loan origination and Mortgage broker fees and
132	disclosures
133	(1) A loan origination fee may not be paid except pursuant
134	to a written mortgage broker agreement between the mortgage
135	broker and the borrower which is signed and dated by the
136	principal loan originator or branch manager, and the borrower.
137	The unique registry identifier of each loan originator
138	responsible for providing loan originator services must be
139	printed on the mortgage broker agreement.
140	(a) The written mortgage broker agreement must describe
141	the services to be provided by the mortgage broker and specify
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142 the amount and terms of the loan origination fee that the mortgage broker is to receive. 143 144 1. Except for application and third-party fees, all fees 145 received by a mortgage broker from a borrower must be identified 146 as a loan origination fee. 147 2. All fees on the mortgage broker agreement must be disclosed in dollar amounts. 148 149 3. All loan origination fees must be paid to a mortgage 150 broker. 151 (b) The agreement must be executed within 3 business days 152 after a mortgage loan application is accepted if the borrower is present when the mortgage loan application is accepted. If the 153 154 borrower is not present, the licensee shall forward the agreement to the borrower within 3 business days after the 155 156 licensee's acceptance of the application and the licensee bears 157 the burden of proving that the borrower received and approved 158 the agreement. 159 (2) If the mortgage broker is to receive any payment of 160 any kind from the mortgage lender, the maximum total dollar 161 amount of the payment must be disclosed to the borrower in the written mortgage broker agreement as described in paragraph 162 163 (1) (a). The commission may prescribe by rule an acceptable form 164 for disclosure of brokerage fees received from the lender. The 165 agreement must state the nature of the relationship with the 166 lender, describe how compensation is paid by the lender, and

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167 describe how the mortgage interest rate affects the compensation 168 paid to the mortgage broker.

169 (a) The exact amount of any payment of any kind by the 170 lender to the mortgage broker must be disclosed in writing to the borrower within 3 business days after the mortgage broker is 171 172 made aware of the exact amount of the payment from the lender 173 but not less than 3 business days before the execution of the 174 closing or settlement statement. The licensee bears the burden 175 of proving such notification was provided to the borrower. 176 Notification is waived if the exact amount of the payment is 177 accurately disclosed in the written mortgage broker agreement.

178 (b) The commission may prescribe by rule the form of
 179 disclosure of brokerage fees.

180 (3) At the time a written mortgage broker agreement is 181 signed by the borrower or forwarded to the borrower for 182 signature, or at the time the mortgage broker business accepts 183 an application fee, credit report fee, property appraisal fee, 184 or any other third-party fee, but at least 3 business days 185 before execution of the closing or settlement statement, the 186 mortgage broker shall disclose in writing to any applicant for a mortgage loan the following information: 187

(a) That the mortgage broker may not make mortgage loans or commitments. The mortgage broker may make a commitment and may furnish a lock-in of the rate and program on behalf of the lender if the mortgage broker has obtained a written commitment or lock-in for the loan from the lender on behalf of the

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borrower for the loan. The commitment must be in the same form 193 194 and substance as issued by the lender. 195 (b) That the mortgage broker cannot guarantee acceptance 196 into any particular loan program or promise any specific loan 197 terms or conditions. 198 (c) A good faith estimate that discloses settlement 199 charges and loan terms. 200 1. Any amount collected in excess of the actual cost shall 201 be returned within 60 days after rejection, withdrawal, or 202 closing. 203 2. At the time a good faith estimate is provided to the 204 borrower, the loan originator must identify in writing an 205 itemized list that provides the recipient of all payments charged the borrower, which, except for all fees to be received 206 207 by the mortgage broker, may be disclosed in generic terms, such 208 as, but not limited to, paid to lender, appraiser, officials, 209 title company, or any other third-party service provider. This 210 requirement does not supplant or is not a substitute for the 211 written mortgage broker agreement described in subsection (1). 212 The disclosure required under this subparagraph must be signed and dated by the borrower. 213 214 (4) The disclosures required by this subsection must be 215 furnished in writing at the time an adjustable rate mortgage 216 loan is offered to the borrower and whenever the terms of the 217 adjustable rate mortgage loan offered materially change prior to 218 closing. The mortgage broker shall furnish the disclosures

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219	relating to adjustable rate mortgages in a format prescribed by
220	ss. 226.18 and 226.19 of Regulation Z of the Board of Governors
221	of the Federal Reserve System, as amended; its commentary, as
222	amended; and the federal Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. ss.
223	1601 et seq., as amended; together with the Consumer Handbook on
224	Adjustable Rate Mortgages, as amended; published by the Federal
225	Reserve Board and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. The licensee
226	bears the burden of proving such disclosures were provided to
227	the borrower.
228	(5) If the mortgage broker agreement includes a
229	nonrefundable application fee, the following requirements are
230	applicable:
231	(a) The amount of the application fee, which must be
232	clearly denominated as such, must be clearly disclosed.
233	(b) The specific services that will be performed in
234	consideration for the application fee must be disclosed.
235	(c) The application fee must be reasonably related to the
236	services to be performed and may not be based upon a percentage
237	of the principal amount of the loan or the amount financed.
238	(6) A mortgage broker may not accept any fee in connection
239	with a mortgage loan other than an application fee, credit
240	report fee, property appraisal fee, or other third-party fee
241	before obtaining a written commitment from a qualified lender.
242	(1)-(7) Any third-party fee entrusted to a mortgage broker
243	must immediately, upon receipt, be placed into a segregated
244	account with a financial institution located in the state the
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accounts of which are insured by the Federal Government. Such funds shall be held in trust for the payor and shall be kept in the account until disbursement. Such funds may be placed in one account if adequate accounting measures are taken to identify the source of the funds.

250 (2)(8) A mortgage broker may not pay a commission to any
251 person not licensed pursuant to this chapter.

252 <u>(3)(9)</u> This section does not prohibit a mortgage broker 253 from offering products and services, in addition to those 254 offered in conjunction with the loan origination process, for a 255 fee or commission.

256 Section 43. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 494.004, 257 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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494.004 Requirements of licensees.-

259 (2) In every mortgage loan transaction, each licensee 260 under this part must notify a borrower of any material changes 261 in the terms of a mortgage loan previously offered to the 262 borrower within 3 business days after being made aware of such 263 changes by the mortgage lender but at least 3 business days 264 before the signing of the settlement or closing statement. The 265 licensee bears the burden of proving such notification was 266 provided and accepted by the borrower. A borrower may waive the 267 right to receive notice of a material change if the borrower determines that the extension of credit is needed to meet a bona 268 269 fide personal financial emergency and the right to receive 270 notice would delay the closing of the mortgage loan. The

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271 imminent sale of the borrower's home at foreclosure during the 272 3-day period before the signing of the settlement or closing 273 statement is an example of a bona fide personal financial 274 emergency. In order to waive the borrower's right to receive 275 notice, the borrower must provide the licensee with a dated 276 written statement that describes the personal financial 277 emergency, waives the right to receive the notice, bears the 278 borrower's signature, and is not on a printed form prepared by 279 the licensee for the purpose of such a waiver.

280 (2)(3) Each mortgage broker shall submit to the registry 281 reports of condition, which must be in such form and shall 282 contain such information as the registry may require. <u>The</u> 283 commission may adopt rules prescribing the time by which a 284 mortgage broker must file a report of condition. For purposes of 285 this section, the report of condition is synonymous with the 286 registry's Mortgage Call Report.

287 Section 44. Subsection (3) of section 494.0042, Florida 288 Statutes, is amended to read:

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494.0042 Loan origination fees.-

(3) At the time of accepting a mortgage loan application, a mortgage broker may receive from the borrower a nonrefundable application fee. If the mortgage loan is funded, the nonrefundable application fee shall be credited against the amount owed as a result of the loan being funded. A person may not receive any form of compensation for acting as a loan originator other than a nonrefundable application fee, a fee

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322 license is expired and such mortgage lender must apply for a new mortgage lender license under s. 494.00611. 323 324 Section 48. Subsection (3) of section 494.0066, Florida 325 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (4) and (5) are added to 326 that section, to read: 327 494.0066 Branch offices.-328 (3) A branch office license must be renewed at the time of renewing the mortgage lender license. A nonrefundable fee of 329 330 \$225 per branch office must be submitted at the time of renewal. 331 To renew a branch office license, a mortgage lender must: 332 (a) Submit a completed license renewal form as prescribed 333 by commission rule. 334 (b) Submit a nonrefundable renewal fee. 335 (c) Submit any additional information or documentation 336 requested by the office and required by rule concerning the 337 licensee. Additional information may include documents that may 338 provide the office with the appropriate information to determine 339 eligibility for license renewal. The office may not renew a branch office license 340 (4) 341 unless the branch office continues to meet the minimum 342 requirements for initial licensure under this section and 343 adopted rule. 344 (5) If a licensed branch office fails to meet the 345 requirements of this section for annual license renewal on or 346 before December 31 but meets such requirements before March 1, 347 the branch office's license status shall be changed to "failed 107357 Approved For Filing: 4/27/2014 1:14:21 PM

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348	to renew" pending review and renewal by the office. A
349	nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$225 shall be charged in
350	addition to registry fees. The license status shall not be
351	changed until the requirements of this section are met and all
352	fees are paid. If the licensee fails to meet the requirements of
353	this section and pay all required fees before March 1, such
354	license is expired and such branch office must apply for a new
355	mortgage lender branch office license under this section.
356	Section 49. Subsections (8) through (13) of section
357	494.0067, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
358	494.0067 Requirements of mortgage lenders
359	(8) Each mortgage lender shall provide an applicant for a
360	mortgage loan a good faith estimate of the costs the applicant
361	can reasonably expect to pay in obtaining a mortgage loan. The
362	good faith estimate of costs must be mailed or delivered to the
363	applicant within 3 business days after the licensee receives a
364	written loan application from the applicant. The estimate of
365	costs may be provided to the applicant by a person other than
366	the licensee making the loan. The good faith estimate must
367	identify the recipient of all payments charged to the borrower
368	and, except for all fees to be received by the mortgage broker
369	and the mortgage lender, may be disclosed in generic terms, such
370	as, but not limited to, paid to appraiser, officials, title
371	company, or any other third-party service provider. The licensee
372	bears the burden of proving such disclosures were provided to

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373 the borrower. The commission may adopt rules that set forth the 374 disclosure requirements of this section.

375 (9) The disclosures in this subsection must be furnished 376 in writing at the time an adjustable rate mortgage loan is 377 offered to the borrower and whenever the terms of the adjustable 378 rate mortgage loan offered have a material change prior to 379 closing. The lender shall furnish the disclosures relating to 380 adjustable rate mortgages in a format prescribed by ss. 226.18 381 and 226.19 of Regulation Z of the Board of Governors of the 382 Federal Reserve System, as amended; its commentary, as amended; 383 and the federal Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. ss. 1601 et seq., as amended; together with the Consumer Handbook on 384 385 Adjustable Rate Mortgages, as amended; published by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. The licensee 386 387 bears the burden of proving such disclosures were provided to the borrower. 388

389 (10) In every mortgage loan transaction, each mortgage lender shall notify a borrower of any material changes in the 390 391 terms of a mortgage loan previously offered to the borrower 392 within 3 business days after being made aware of such changes by the lender but at least 3 business days before signing the 393 394 settlement or closing statement. The licensee bears the burden 395 of proving such notification was provided and accepted by the 396 borrower. A borrower may waive the right to receive notice of a material change if the borrower determines that the extension of 397 398 credit is needed to meet a bona fide personal financial

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399 emergency and the right to receive notice would delay the 400 closing of the mortgage loan. The imminent sale of the 401 borrower's home at foreclosure during the 3-day period before 402 the signing of the settlement or closing statement constitutes 403 an example of a bona fide personal financial emergency. In order 404 to waive the borrower's right to receive notice, the borrower 405 must provide the licensee with a dated written statement that describes the personal financial emergency, waives the right to 406 407 receive the notice, bears the borrower's signature, and is not 408 on a printed form prepared by the licensee for the purpose of 409 such a waiver.

410 <u>(8)(11)</u> A mortgage lender may close loans in its own name 411 but may not service the loan for more than <u>6</u> 4 months unless the 412 lender has a servicing endorsement. Only a mortgage lender who 413 continuously maintains a net worth of at least \$250,000 may 414 obtain a servicing endorsement.

415 <u>(9)(12)</u> A mortgage lender must report to the office the 416 failure to meet the applicable net worth requirements of s. 417 494.00611 within 2 days after the mortgage lender's knowledge of 418 such failure or after the mortgage lender should have known of 419 such failure.

420 (10) (13) Each mortgage lender shall submit to the registry 421 reports of condition which are in a form and which contain such 422 information as the registry may require. <u>The commission may</u> 423 <u>adopt rules prescribing the time by which a mortgage lender must</u> 424 <u>file a report of condition. For purposes of this section, the</u>

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425 report of condition is synonymous with the registry's Mortgage 426 Call Report. 427 Section 50. Section 494.0068, Florida Statutes, is 428 repealed. Section 51. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1) 429 430 of section 494.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 431 494.007 Commitment process.-432 If a commitment is issued, the mortgage lender shall (1)433 disclose in writing: 434 (C) If the interest rate or other terms are subject to 435 change before expiration of the commitment: 436 The basis, index, or method, if any, which will be used 1. 437 to determine the rate at closing. Such basis, index, or method shall be established and disclosed with direct reference to the 438 439 movement of an interest rate index or of a national or regional 440 index that is available to and verifiable by the borrower and 441 beyond the control of the lender; or The following statement, in at least 10-point bold 442 2. type: "The interest rate will be the rate established by the 443 444 lender in its discretion as its prevailing rate . . . days 445 before closing."; and (d) The amount of the commitment fee, if any, and whether 446 447 and under what circumstances the commitment fee is refundable; 448 and 449 (d) (e) The time, if any, within which the commitment must be accepted by the borrower. 450 107357

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451	Section 52. Section 494.0073, Florida Statutes, is amended
452	to read:
453	494.0073 Mortgage lender when acting as a mortgage
454	broker.—The provisions of this part do not prohibit a mortgage
455	lender from acting as a mortgage broker. However, in mortgage
456	transactions in which a mortgage lender acts as a mortgage
457	broker, the provisions of ss. 494.0038, <del>494.004(2),</del> 494.0042,
458	and 494.0043(1), (2), and (3) apply.
459	Section 53. Part IV of chapter 494, Florida Statutes,
460	consisting of ss. 494.0078, 494.0079, 494.00791, 494.00792,
461	494.00793, 494.00794, 494.00795, 494.00796, and 494.00797, is
462	repealed.
463	Section 54. Section 494.008, Florida Statutes, is
464	repealed.
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467	TITLE AMENDMENT
468	Remove line 99 and insert:
469	references; amending s. 494.001, F.S.; providing and
470	revising definitions; amending s. 494.0012, F.S.;
471	authorizing the Office of Financial Regulation to
472	conduct joint or concurrent examinations of licensees;
473	amending s. 494.00255, F.S.; providing that violating
474	specified rules is grounds for disciplinary action;
475	repealing s. 494.0028, F.S., relating to arbitration
476	of disputes involving certain agreements; amending ss.
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477	494.00313 and 494.00322, F.S.; providing for change in
478	license status if a licensed loan originator or
479	mortgage broker fails to meet certain requirements for
480	annual license renewal by specified dates; amending s.
481	494.0036, F.S.; providing guidelines for renewal of a
482	mortgage broker branch office license; providing for
483	change in license status if a licensed branch office
484	fails to meet certain requirements for annual license
485	renewal by specified dates; amending s. 494.0038,
486	F.S.; deleting certain requirements regarding loan
487	origination and disclosure; amending s. 494.004, F.S.;
488	deleting a requirement that a licensee provide certain
489	notice to a borrower in mortgage loan transactions;
490	authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt
491	rules prescribing the time by which a mortgage broker
492	must file a report of condition; amending s. 494.0042,
493	F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s.
494	494.00421, F.S., relating to required disclosures to
495	borrowers in mortgage broker agreements by mortgage
496	brokers receiving loan origination fees; amending s.
497	494.00611, F.S.; revising a cross-reference; amending
498	s. 494.00612, F.S.; providing for change in license
499	status if a licensed mortgage lender fails to meet
500	certain requirements for annual license renewal by
501	specified dates; amending s. 494.0066, F.S.; providing
502	guidelines for renewal of a mortgage lender branch

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office license; providing for change in license status
costs and written disclosures related to adjustable
rate mortgages; deleting requirement that mortgage
lender provide notice of material changes in terms of
a mortgage loan to a borrower in mortgage loan
transactions; revising period during which mortgage
lenders may service loans without meeting certain
requirements; authorizing the commission to adopt
rules prescribing the time by which a mortgage lender
must file a report of condition; repealing s.
494.0068, F.S., relating to required disclosures to
borrowers by mortgage lenders before the borrower
accepts certain fees; amending s. 494.007, F.S.;
deleting the requirement that a mortgage lender
disclose a certain fee and whether the fee is
refundable; amending s. 494.0073, F.S.; conforming a
cross-reference; repealing part IV of chapter 494,
F.S., relating to the Florida Fair Lending Act;
repealing s. 494.008, F.S., relating to conditions for
mortgage loans of specified amounts secured by vacant
land; providing an effective date.

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