

a State licensing law that meets such requirements, license mortgage originators under such law, and register such originators with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

(f) Regulation authority

(1) In general

The Bureau is authorized to promulgate regulations setting minimum net worth or surety bond requirements for residential mortgage loan originators and minimum requirements for recovery funds paid into by loan originators.

(2) Considerations

In issuing regulations under paragraph (1), the Bureau shall take into account the need to provide originators adequate incentives to originate affordable and sustainable mortgage loans, as well as the need to ensure a competitive origination market that maximizes consumer access to affordable and sustainable mortgage loans.

(Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title V, §1508, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2818; Pub. L. 111-203, title X, §1100(3), (6), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2106.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-203, §1100(3), (6)(A), inserted section catchline, struck out former section catchline which read “Secretary of Housing and Urban Development backup authority to establish a loan originator licensing system”, and substituted “Director” for “Secretary” wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-203, §1100(6)(B), added subsec. (f).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective on the designated transfer date, see section 1100H of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 552a of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5108. Backup authority to establish a nationwide mortgage licensing and registry system

If at any time the Director determines that the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry is failing to meet the requirements and purposes of this chapter for a comprehensive licensing, supervisory, and tracking system for loan originators, the Director shall establish and maintain such a system to carry out the purposes of this chapter and the effective registration and regulation of loan originators.

(Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title V, §1509, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2819; Pub. L. 111-203, title X, §1100(3), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2106.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-203 substituted “Director” for “Secretary” in two places.

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Amendment by Pub. L. 111-203 effective on the designated transfer date, see section 1100H of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 552a of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5109. Fees

The Bureau, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System

and Registry may charge reasonable fees to cover the costs of maintaining and providing access to information from the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, to the extent that such fees are not charged to consumers for access to such system and registry.

(Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title V, §1510, as added Pub. L. 111-203, title X, §1100(7), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2107.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5109, Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title V, §1510, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2819, which related to fees, was repealed by Pub. L. 111-203, title X, §1100(7), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2107.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the designated transfer date, see section 1100H of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note under section 552a of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5110. Background checks of loan originators

(a) Access to records

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in providing identification and processing functions, the Attorney General shall provide access to all criminal history information to the appropriate State officials responsible for regulating State-licensed loan originators to the extent criminal history background checks are required under the laws of the State for the licensing of such loan originators.

(b) Agent

For the purposes of this section and in order to reduce the points of contact which the Federal Bureau of Investigation may have to maintain for purposes of subsection (a), the Conference of State Bank Supervisors or a wholly owned subsidiary may be used as a channeling agent of the States for requesting and distributing information between the Department of Justice and the appropriate State agencies.

(Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title V, §1511, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2819.)

§ 5111. Confidentiality of information

(a) System confidentiality

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any requirement under Federal or State law regarding the privacy or confidentiality of any information or material provided to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or a system established by the Director under section 5108 of this title, and any privilege arising under Federal or State law (including the rules of any Federal or State court) with respect to such information or material, shall continue to apply to such information or material after the information or material has been disclosed to the system. Such information and material may be shared with all State and Federal regulatory officials with mortgage industry oversight authority without the loss of privilege or the loss of confidentiality protections provided by Federal and State laws.

(b) Nonapplicability of certain requirements

Information or material that is subject to a privilege or confidentiality under subsection (a) shall not be subject to—