

536A.15 Examination of licensees.

1. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall, at least once each year without previous notice, examine the books, accounts, and records of each licensee engaged in the industrial loan business as defined by this chapter. A licensee issuing senior debt to the general public shall be audited at the expense of the licensee by a certified public accountant licensed to practice in the state of Iowa. A licensee not issuing senior debt to the general public may provide an audited statement of the licensee's parent corporation which includes the Iowa licensee. After receiving such an audit or audited statement, the superintendent may make further examination of the licensee as the superintendent deems necessary. A record of each examination shall be kept in the superintendent's office.

2. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, all papers, documents, examination reports, and other writing relating to the supervision of licensees are not public records and are not subject to disclosure under chapter 22. The superintendent may disclose information to representatives of other state or federal regulatory authorities. The superintendent may release summary complaint information so long as the information does not specifically identify the complainant. The superintendent may prepare and circulate reports reflecting financial information and examination results for all licensees on an aggregate basis, including other information considered pertinent to the purpose of each report for general statistical information. The superintendent may prepare and circulate reports provided by law. The superintendent may release the reports and correspondence in the course of an enforcement proceeding or a hearing held by the superintendent. The superintendent may also provide this information to the attorney general for purposes of enforcing this chapter or the consumer fraud Act, section 714.16.

3. Any evidence of criminal acts committed by officers, directors, or employees of an industrial loan company shall be reported by the superintendent to the proper authorities.

4. The licensee shall be charged and shall pay the actual costs of the examination as determined by the superintendent based on the actual cost of the operation of the finance bureau of the banking division of the department of commerce including the proportionate share of administrative expenses in the operation of the banking division attributable to the finance bureau as determined by the superintendent incurred in the discharge of the duties imposed upon the superintendent by this chapter. Failure to pay the examination fee within thirty days of receipt of demand from the superintendent shall subject the licensee to a late fee of five percent of the amount of the examination fee for each day the payment is delinquent.

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87 Acts, ch 11, §3; 2006 Acts, ch 1042, §45