Senate Amendment 3129

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Amend House File 5, as passed by the House, as
   2 follows:
   3 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
   4 clause and inserting the following:
                                                  PURPOSE.
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         <Section 1. NEW SECTION. 536B.1</pre>
   6 It is the policy of this state and the purpose of 7 this chapter to provide consumer protection against
   8 abusive lending practices by motor vehicle equity line
   9 of credit lenders and to provide for a sound system of
  10 the business of providing motor vehicle equity lines
  11 of credit under open-ended credit by providing for the
  12 licensing of motor vehicle equity line of credit
  13 lenders by the superintendent.
14 Sec. 2. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.2 DEFINITIONS.
         As used in this chapter, unless the context
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  16 otherwise requires:
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         1. "Borrower" means the person obligated to repay
  18 the loan obligation under a motor vehicle equity line
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  19 of credit agreement.
              "Control" means possession, direct or indirect,
  21 of the power to direct or cause the direction of
  22 management and policies of an entity whether through
  23 the ownership of voting securities by contract or
  24 otherwise; provided, that a person shall not be deemed
  25 to control an entity solely on account of being a
  26 director, officer, or employee of such entity.
27 For purposes of this subsection, a person who,
  28 directly or indirectly, owns, controls, holds the 29 power to vote, or holds proxies representing twenty= 30 five percent or more of the then outstanding voting 31 securities issued by an entity is presumed to control
  32 such entity.
         For purposes of this subsection, the superintendent
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  34 may determine whether a person, in fact, controls an
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             "Controlling person" means any person in
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  37 control of a motor vehicle equity line of credit
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39 4. "Lender" means a motor vehicle equity line of
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  40 credit lender.
41 5. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile,
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  42 motorcycle, mobile home, truck, van, or other vehicle
  43 operated on public highways and streets.
        6. "Motor vehicle equity line of credit agreement"
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  45 means an agreement under which a lender does all of
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         a. Extends an open=end credit plan or loan to a
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        b. Imposes interest on the outstanding balance of
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        c. Reasonably contemplates repeated transactions.
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   3 d. Provides an amount of credit that may be 4 extended up to any limit set by the lender that is
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   5 generally available to the borrower to the extent that
   6 any outstanding balance is repaid.
7 7. "Motor vehicle equity line of credit lender"
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   8 means a person engaged in the business of making motor
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   9 vehicle equity line of credit agreements with
  10 borrowers.
         8. "Motor vehicle equity line of credit office"
  12 means the location at which a motor vehicle equity
  13 line of credit lender regularly conducts business.
14 9. "Superintendent" means the superintendent of
  15 banking.
                   NEW SECTION. 536B.3 LICENSE REQUIRED.
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  17 1. A person shall not engage in the business of 18 motor vehicle equity line of credit lending without
  19 having first obtained a license from the
  20 superintendent under this chapter. A separate license
  21 shall be required for each motor vehicle equity line
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25 agreement made without first having obtained a license 26 is void and the person making the agreement forfeits 27 the right to collect any moneys, including principal, 28 interest, and any other fee paid by the borrower in 29 connection with the agreement. The person making the 30 agreement shall return to the borrower the titled 31 motor vehicle, or the fair market value of such motor 32 vehicle, and all principal, interest, and any other 33 fees paid by the borrower. NEW SECTION. 536B.4 AUTHORITY OF Sec. 4. 35 LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT LENDERS. 1. A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 37 licensed pursuant to this chapter has the power to

38 make motor vehicle equity line of credit agreements in 39 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

2. A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 41 licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not have the 42 powers enumerated in this chapter unless the motor 43 vehicle equity line of credit agreement complies with 44 section 536B.9. A motor vehicle equity line of credit 45 lender exercising any of the powers in compliance with 46 this chapter shall not be deemed in violation of any 47 usury law.

NEW SECTION. 536B.5 ELIGIBILITY Sec. 5. 49 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE == APPLICATIONS == ISSUANCE 50 OF LICENSE.

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1. To qualify for a license under this chapter, an 2 applicant shall satisfy all of the following 3 requirements:

The applicant has a tangible net worth of not 5 less than seventy=five thousand dollars for each motor 6 vehicle equity line of credit office.

The financial responsibility, financial 8 condition, business experience, character, and general 9 fitness of the applicant shall reasonably warrant the 10 belief that the applicant's business will be conducted 11 lawfully. In determining whether the requirements of 12 this paragraph have been met, and for the purpose of 13 investigating compliance with this chapter, the 14 superintendent may review and approve all of the 15 following:

(1) The relevant business records and the capital

17 adequacy of the applicant.
18 (2) The financial responsibility, financial 19 condition, business experience, character, and general 20 fitness of any person who is a director, officer, or 21 five percent or more shareholder of the applicant, or 22 owns or controls the applicant.

(3) Any adjudication against the applicant or any 24 person referred to in subparagraph (2) of any criminal 25 activity, any fraud or other act of personal 26 dishonesty, or any act, omission, or practice which 27 constitutes a breach of a fiduciary duty.

The requirements set forth in subsection 1 are 2. 29 continuing in nature.

30 3. Each application for a license shall be in 31 writing and under oath to the superintendent, in a 32 form prescribed by the superintendent, and shall 33 include all of the following information:

34 a. The legal name, residence and business address 35 of the applicant and, if the applicant is an entity, 36 of every member, partner, officer, managing employee, 37 director, trustee, and person who controls the entity.

The address where the registered agent of the h. 39 applicant shall be located, if any.

c. Other data and information the superintendent 41 may reasonably require with respect to the applicant, 42 its directors, trustees, officers, members, partners, 43 managing employees, or controlling persons.

d. A copy of each document or form to be used in 45 providing a motor vehicle equity line of credit 46 agreement.

4. Each application for a license shall be 48 accompanied by all of the following:

a. A filing fee, in an amount prescribed by the 50 superintendent by rule but not to exceed one thousand dollars, which shall not be subject to refund but which, if the license is granted, shall constitute the license fee for the first license year or part 4 thereof.

b. An accounting balance sheet for the immediately

6 preceding fiscal year prepared in accordance with 7 generally accepted accounting principles.

A surety bond in the principal sum of twenty= 9 five thousand dollars per motor vehicle equity line of 10 credit office. The bond shall be in a form 11 satisfactory to the superintendent and shall be issued 12 by a bonding company or insurance company authorized 13 to do business in this state. The bond shall cover 14 the performance of the obligations of the applicant 15 and the applicant's agents in connection with loan 16 activities under this chapter. An applicant or 17 licensee may, in lieu of filing a bond, provide the 18 superintendent with an irrevocable letter of credit in 19 the amount of twenty=five thousand dollars per motor 20 vehicle equity line of credit office, issued by any 21 bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or 22 credit union operating in this state in a form 23 acceptable to the superintendent.

5. Upon the filing of an application in a form 25 prescribed by the superintendent, accompanied by the 26 fee and documents required in this section, the 27 superintendent shall investigate to ascertain whether 28 the qualifications prescribed by this section have 29 been satisfied. If the superintendent finds that the 30 qualifications have been satisfied, the superintendent 31 shall issue to the applicant a license to engage in 32 the motor vehicle equity line of credit lending

33 business in this state.

6. If the superintendent determines that an 35 applicant is not qualified to receive a license, the 36 superintendent shall notify the applicant in writing 37 that the application has been denied, stating the 38 basis for denial. If the superintendent denies an 39 application, or if the superintendent fails to act on 40 an application within ninety days after the filing of 41 a properly completed application, the applicant may 42 make written demand to the superintendent for a 43 hearing before the superintendent on the question of 4 44 whether the license should be granted. Any hearing 45 shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of 46 chapter 17A. A decision of the superintendent 47 following any hearing on the denial of license is 48 subject to review under chapter 17A.

A license shall be required for each motor 50 vehicle equity line of credit office in this state. 1 The license shall be conspicuously posted at each 2 motor vehicle equity line of credit office of the

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8. A license is not transferable or assignable except as allowed by rule of the superintendent.

9. A license issued pursuant to this section shall 7 expire each year on May 31, unless the licensee 8 submits a timely renewal application, or unless 9 earlier surrendered, suspended, or revoked pursuant to 10 this chapter. Each license may be renewed upon 11 application by the license holder, submitted at least 12 thirty days prior to the renewal date, showing 13 continued compliance with the requirements of this 14 section and the payment to the superintendent of the 15 annual license fee in an amount prescribed by the 16 superintendent by rule but not to exceed one thousand 17 dollars for each licensed motor vehicle equity line of 18 credit office in this state.

The superintendent may establish a biennial 10. 20 licensing arrangement for the filing of the 21 application for license renewal but the license fee 22 shall not be payable for more than one year at a time.

Sec. 6. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.6 NOTICE OF CHANGE IN

24 CONTROL AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. 1. Except when a change of control is beyond the 26 control of the motor vehicle equity line of credit lender, or in the case of an emergency as determined 28 by the superintendent, a change in control of a motor 29 vehicle equity line of credit lender shall require 30 fifteen days prior written notice to the In the case of a publicly traded 31 superintendent. 32 corporation, such notification shall be made in 33 writing within thirty days of the change or 34 acquisition of control of the motor vehicle equity 35 line of credit lender.

2. Upon notification of a change in control, the

37 superintendent may require such information as deemed 38 necessary to determine whether to approve a new 39 controlling person. The superintendent may disapprove 40 the new person for any reason the superintendent could 41 deny a license. If the superintendent disapproves any 42 person, the superintendent shall allow a reasonable 43 time for the licensee to remove such person as 44 controlling person.

Costs incurred by the superintendent in 46 investigating a change of control notification shall 47 be paid by the person requesting such approval.

- 4. Whenever control of a motor vehicle equity line 49 of credit lender is acquired or exercised in violation 50 of this chapter, the licensee of the motor vehicle 1 equity line of credit lender may be subject to 2 penalties under section 536B.16.
- Each motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 4 shall notify the superintendent fifteen days prior to 5 any change in the principal place of business of a 6 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender, except in a case of an emergency as defined by the 8 superintendent.

Sec. 7. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.7 REPORTING 10 REQUIREMENTS.

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- 1. Within fifteen days of the occurrence of any of 12 the events listed below, a motor vehicle equity line 13 of credit lender shall file a written report with the 14 superintendent describing such event and the expected 15 impact on the activities of the motor vehicle equity 16 line of credit lender in this state:
- 17 a. The filing for bankruptcy or reorganization by 18 the motor vehicle equity line of credit lender.
- b. Any felony indictment or conviction of the 20 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender or any of 21 its officers, directors, or controlling persons.
- 2. Each motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 23 shall file a report with the superintendent by May 1 24 after being licensed pursuant to this chapter and 25 every odd numbered year thereafter, containing the 26 following information:
- 27 a. The names and addresses of all controlling 28 persons of the motor vehicle equity line of credit 29 lender.
- 30 b. Accounting balance sheets as required by the 31 superintendent.
- c. If the motor vehicle equity line of credit 33 lender is a corporation, the names and addresses of 34 its officers and directors; if the motor vehicle 35 equity line of credit lender is a partnership, the 36 names and addresses of the partners; and if the motor 37 vehicle equity line of credit lender is a limited 38 liability company, the names and addresses of the 39 members of the limited liability company; or if the 40 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender is any 6 41 other form of entity, the names and addresses of all 6 42 persons who generally manage or control the business. 43
 - d. If the motor vehicle equity line of credit 44 lender holds two or more licenses or is affiliated 45 with other motor vehicle equity line of credit 46 lenders, a composite report may be filed.
 - 3. All reports required under this section shall 48 be filed in such form as may reasonably be required by 49 the superintendent and shall be sworn to by a 50 responsible officer of the motor vehicle equity line 1 of credit lender.
 - The information submitted by motor vehicle 3 equity line of credit lenders pursuant to this section 4 shall be confidential and shall not be considered public records under chapter 22. However, the 6 superintendent is authorized to disclose information obtained pursuant to the authority granted under this 8 chapter to any local, state, or federal agency as the 9 superintendent deems necessary.
 - 536B.8 RECORDS OF Sec. 8. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 10 11 AGREEMENTS == RELEASE OF LIENS.
- 1. Every motor vehicle equity line of credit 13 lender shall keep a numbered record of each and every 14 motor vehicle equity line of credit agreement executed 15 by the motor vehicle equity line of credit lender and 16 a borrower. Such record, as well as the motor vehicle 7 17 equity line of credit agreement, shall include the

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a. The make, model, and year of the motor vehicle 7 20 provided as security under the agreement.

21 b. The vehicle identification number, or other 22 comparable identification number, along with the motor 23 vehicle registration plate number, if applicable, of 24 the motor vehicle.

c. The name, residential address, date of birth, 26 and physical description of the borrower.

d. The date the motor vehicle equity line of 28 credit agreement is executed by the motor vehicle 29 equity line of credit lender and the borrower.

2. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 30 31 shall release any lien obtained pursuant to a motor 32 vehicle equity line of credit agreement immediately 33 upon full cash payment of the amount due under the 34 agreement by the borrower and shall release any lien 35 upon the clearance of any other form of payment from 36 the financial institution issuing the payment in any 37 form other than cash.

NEW SECTION. 536B.9 AGREEMENT Sec. 9. 39 REQUIREMENTS.

1. All of the following information shall be 41 printed on a motor vehicle equity line of credit 42 agreement:

a. The name and physical address of the motor

44 vehicle equity line of credit lender and office. 45 b. In not less than fourteen point bold type, the 46 name and address of the superintendent as well as a 47 toll=free telephone number of the motor vehicle equity 48 line of credit lender to which consumers may address 49 complaints.

c. The following statement in not less than

1 fourteen point bold type: 2 "THIS LOAN IS NOT INTENDED TO MEET LONG=TERM 3 FINANCIAL NEEDS. YOU SHOULD USE THIS LOAN ONLY TO 4 MEET SHORT=TERM CASH NEEDS. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO 5 ACCRUE AS LONG AS THERE IS A BALANCE OUTSTANDING. 6 THIS LOAN IS A HIGHER-INTEREST RATE LOAN. YOU ARE 7 PLACING AT RISK YOUR CONTINUED OWNERSHIP OF THE MOTOR 8 VEHICLE YOU ARE PROVIDING AS SECURITY FOR THIS LOAN. 9 IF YOU FAIL TO REPAY THE LOAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 10 TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, THE LENDER MAY TAKE POSSESSION 11 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND SELL IT IN THE MANNER 12 PROVIDED BY LAW. YOU HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT OF RECISION. 13 THIS MEANS YOU MAY CANCEL YOUR AGREEMENT AT NO COST TO 14 YOU BY RETURNING THE ORIGINAL CHECK OR CASH YOU 15 BORROWED BY THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DATE OF 16 YOUR LOAN."

d. The following statement:

"The borrower represents and warrants, to the best 19 of the borrower's knowledge, that the motor vehicle is 20 not stolen and has no liens or encumbrances against 21 it, the borrower has the right to enter into this 22 transaction, and the borrower will not apply for a 23 duplicate certificate of title while the motor vehicle 24 equity line of credit agreement is in effect."

e. In not less than fourteen point type, or in accordance with federal truth=in=lending requirements, 27 the annual percentage rate, method of computing the 28 balance and calculating finance charges, and any other 29 information required by federal truth=in=lending laws.

f. An explanation of how interest is calculated, 31 when the payments are due, how payments are to be 32 applied, and what forms of payment are acceptable. 33 g. A disclosure of all fees charged by the lender

34 that are associated with opening the account.

35 2. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 36 shall provide in writing, as an additional disclosure 37 on a separate form, for each advance, the annual 38 percentage rate, the amount of interest charged on a 39 daily basis and the amount of interest charged in a 8 40 thirty=day period, and shall have the borrower sign 41 the form and initial acceptance of the interest rates.

42 3. The borrower shall sign the motor vehicle 43 equity line of credit agreement, shall sign or initial 44 all other loan documents, shall be provided with a 45 copy of such agreement and all other loan documents, 46 and shall acknowledge in writing receipt of copies of 8 47 the documents. The motor vehicle equity line of 8 48 credit agreement shall also be signed by the motor

8 49 vehicle equity line of credit lender's employee or 50 agent. Each signature shall be accompanied by the 1 date and time of signing.

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4. A borrower may cancel a motor vehicle equity 3 line of credit agreement without cost by returning the 4 full principal amount borrowed to the motor vehicle 5 equity line of credit lender within twenty=four hours 6 after signing an agreement pursuant to subsection 2. Sec. 10. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.10 FEES AND CHARGES 8 == DISCLOSURE FORM.

The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 10 may contract for and receive interest at the rate the 11 parties agree to in writing.

2. A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 13 may assess and collect from a borrower amounts paid to 14 a governmental agency to record the lender's lien on 15 the certificate of title to the motor vehicle provided 16 as security under a motor vehicle equity line of 17 credit agreement, and amounts paid to independent 18 third parties to repossess and sell the motor vehicle.

In accordance with chapter 17A, the 20 superintendent shall adopt rules requiring each motor 21 vehicle equity line of credit lender to issue a 22 standardized consumer notification and disclosure form 23 in compliance with federal truth=in=lending laws prior 24 to entering into any motor vehicle equity line of 25 credit agreement. The required style, content, and 26 method of executing the form shall be prescribed by 27 rule and shall be designed to ensure that the 28 borrower, prior to entering into such agreement, 29 receives and acknowledges an accurate and complete 30 notification and disclosure of the itemized and total 31 amounts of all interest, fees, charges, and other 32 costs that will or potentially could be imposed as a 33 result of such agreement.

4. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 35 shall post in a conspicuous manner the disclosure 36 required in section 536B.9, subsection 1, paragraph 37 "c". The posting shall be on a sign that is at least 38 three feet wide by three feet high. The motor vehicle 39 equity line of credit lender shall also post in a 40 conspicuous manner the toll=free telephone number 41 required by section 536B.9, subsection 1, paragraph 42 "b"

Sec. 11. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.11 RIGHT TO REDEEM. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a 45 borrower, upon presentation of suitable 46 identification, shall be entitled to redeem the motor 47 vehicle provided as security under the motor vehicle 48 equity line of credit agreement or certificate of 49 title described therein upon satisfaction of all 50 outstanding obligations pursuant to the motor vehicle equity line of credit agreement.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. 536B.12 MANDATORY PRINCIPAL REDUCTION PAYMENT.

1. For each payment period under a motor vehicle 5 equity line of credit agreement, the borrower shall be 6 required to make a principal reduction payment in an 7 amount equal to at least ten percent of the principal 8 outstanding on the motor vehicle equity line of credit 9 agreement as of the last payment date in addition to 10 10 the lien fee and fees associated with repossession and 10 11 sale.

Interest authorized by this chapter at each 2. . 10 13 successive billing cycle shall be calculated on the 10 14 outstanding principal balance.

10 15 3. Payments in excess of a principal reduction 10 16 payment shall be credited to the outstanding principal 17 on the day received. If on a payment date, the 10 18 borrower has not made previous principal reduction 10 19 payments adequate to satisfy the current required 20 principal reduction payment, and the borrower cannot 10 21 repay at least ten percent of the principal balance 10 22 outstanding as of the billing date and any outstanding 10 23 interest and fees authorized by this chapter, the 10 24 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender may, but 10 25 shall not be obligated to, defer any required 10 26 principal payment, but shall not charge additional 27 interest or fees on the principal amount deferred.

4. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 10 29 shall send a monthly billing statement to the borrower

10 30 until the total amount owed by the borrower is paid in 10 31 full or the lender closes the borrower's account. Sec. 13. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.13 DEFAULT == 10 32 10 33 REPOSSESSION AND SALE == RIGHT TO REDEEM. 1. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 10 34 10 35 may declare a default pursuant to the requirements of 10 36 section 537.5109. 2. Prior to serving a notice to cure default, the 10 37 10 38 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender shall 10 39 attempt to contact the borrower by telephone or 10 40 certified mail to warn the borrower of the default by 10 41 the borrower, and shall keep a record of all written 10 42 correspondence. 3. 10 43 Prior to taking possession of the motor 10 44 vehicle, the motor vehicle equity line of credit 10 45 lender shall mail a notice to cure default to the 10 46 borrower pursuant to the requirements of sections If the motor vehicle used to 10 47 537.5110 and 537.5111. 10 48 secure the line of credit is the only motor vehicle in 10 49 the borrower's household, the motor vehicle equity 10 50 line of credit lender shall allow the borrower at 11 1 least thirty days to cure the default. 11 If the borrower does not cure the default 3 within the time provided in the notice to cure, the 4 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender may $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 11 11 5 repossess the motor vehicle pursuant to the motor 6 vehicle equity line of credit agreement and in 11 11 compliance with chapter 554, article 9, part 6. 8 However, prior to repossessing the motor vehicle, the 11 9 lender shall afford the borrower an opportunity to 11 11 10 make the motor vehicle available to the lender at a 11 11 place, date, and time reasonably convenient to the 11 12 lender and the borrower. In taking possession, the 11 13 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender, or the 11 14 lender's agent or independent contractor, may proceed 11 15 without judicial process if repossession can be 11 16 accomplished without breach of the peace, or the 11 17 lender may proceed by action to obtain judicial 11 18 process. After the lender, agent, or independent 11 19 contractor takes possession of the motor vehicle, the 11 20 lender shall without charge require that any personal 11 21 belongings left within the motor vehicle are removed, 11 22 inventoried, and made available to the borrower for at 11 23 least fifteen days after the written notice of right 11 24 to redemption is sent to the borrower. 5. There shall be no further interest charged to 11 25 11 26 the borrower after repossession of the motor vehicle. 11 27 6. After repossession, the motor vehicle equity 11 28 line of credit lender shall mail a notice of right to 11 29 redeem to the borrower, notifying the borrower that 11 30 the borrower must redeem the certificate of title to 11 31 the motor vehicle within ten days by paying all 11 32 outstanding principal, interest, and fees authorized 11 33 by this chapter owed by the borrower to the motor 34 vehicle equity line of credit lender, plus all 11 35 repossession charges and informing the borrower where 11 36 and how to recover personal belongings left in the 37 vehicle. If the borrower exercises the right of 11 38 redemption, the borrower shall be given possession of 11 39 the motor vehicle and the certificate of title without 11 40 further charge. If the borrower fails to redeem the 11 41 motor vehicle, the motor vehicle equity line of credit 11 42 lender shall proceed to sell the motor vehicle. 11 43 7. The motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 11 44 shall sell the motor vehicle in a commercially 11 45 reasonable manner and in compliance with chapter 554, 11 46 article 9, part 6. The proceeds of the sale shall be 11 47 applied to the principal, interest, and all fees 11 48 authorized by this chapter owed by the borrower to the 11 49 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender, including 11 50 the actual repossession costs and cost of the sale. 12 Any surplus from the sale of the motor vehicle shall 2 be remitted to the borrower after such sale and shall 12 12 3 not be retained by the motor vehicle equity line of 12 4 credit lender. 12 Upon voluntary surrender of the motor vehicle, 12 6 the motor vehicle equity line of credit lender shall 12 send a notice to cure default or notice of right to 12 8 redeem to the borrower.

12 9 Sec. 14. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.14 PROHIBITED 12 10 ACTIONS.

A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender shall 12 12 not do any of the following:

- 1. Enter into a motor vehicle equity line of 12 14 credit agreement with a person less than eighteen 12 15 years of age or a person who appears to be intoxicated 12 16 or under the influence of a controlled substance.
- 2. Enter into a motor vehicle equity line of 12 17 12 18 credit agreement without first considering the 12 19 applicant's household income and ability to repay the 12 20 loan, obtaining a statement of indebtedness from the 21 applicant, and requiring the applicant to disclose 12 22 whether the motor vehicle being used to secure the 12 23 line of credit is the only motor vehicle in the 12 24 applicant's household.
 - 3. Charge any hidden fees.

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- 4. Make any agreement giving the motor vehicle 12 27 equity line of credit lender any recourse against the 12 28 borrower other than the motor vehicle equity line of 12 29 credit lender's right to take possession of the motor 12 30 vehicle and certificate of title upon the borrower's 12 31 default or failure to redeem, and to sell or otherwise 12 32 dispose of the motor vehicle in accordance with the 12 33 provisions of this chapter, except where the borrower 12 34 prevented repossession of the vehicle, damaged the 12 35 vehicle, or committed fraud.
- 5. Enter into a motor vehicle equity line of 12 37 credit agreement in which the amount of money loaned,
 12 38 when combined with the outstanding balance of other 12 39 outstanding motor vehicle equity line of credit 12 40 agreements the borrower has with the same lender 12 41 secured by any single certificate of title, exceeds 12 42 seven thousand five hundred dollars.
- 12 43 6. Accept any waiver, in writing or otherwise, of 12 44 any right or protection accorded a borrower under this 12 45 chapter.
- 7. Fail to exercise reasonable care to protect 12 47 from loss or damage the certificate of title in the 12 48 physical possession of the motor vehicle equity line 12 49 of credit lender.
 - 8. Purchase a motor vehicle that was repossessed 1 in the operation of the lender's business.
 - 9. Maintain more than one motor vehicle equity 3 line of credit office for each motor vehicle equity 4 line of credit lender under each license, provided, 5 however, any such motor vehicle equity line of credit 6 lender may move a motor vehicle equity line of credit 7 office as provided in this chapter.
- 10. Enter into a motor vehicle equity line of 9 credit agreement unless the borrower presents a clear 13 10 title to the motor vehicle at the time that the loan 13 11 is made, and such title is retained in the physical 13 12 possession of the motor vehicle equity line of credit 13 13 lender. If the motor vehicle equity line of credit 13 14 lender files a lien against such motor vehicle without 13 15 possession of a clear title to the motor vehicle, the 13 16 resulting lien shall be void.
- 13 17 11. Capitalize or add any accrued interest to the 13 18 principal not otherwise allowed under this chapter, 13 19 charge interest on interest, or charge interest in 13 20 excess of the number of days the loan is outstanding.
- 13 21 12. Sell or otherwise charge for any type of 13 22 insurance, membership, or other product in connection 13 23 with a motor vehicle equity line of credit agreement.
 - 13. Charge a prepayment penalty or late fee.
- Require a borrower to provide any additional 14. 13 26 guaranty as a condition to entering into a motor 13 27 vehicle equity line of credit agreement.
- 15. Refuse to provide a receipt when payment is 13 29 made.
- 13 30 16. Charge interest for more than one year on any 13 31 advance on the line of credit.
- 17. Make multiple loans or engage in loan layering 13 33 on the same motor vehicle, provided that this 13 34 subsection shall not prohibit a motor vehicle equity 13 35 line of credit lender from making a subsequent advance 13 36 on an existing line of credit, or from increasing a 13 37 borrower's credit limit.
- 13 38 18. Hire an employee involved in the loan process 13 39 without requiring the employee to submit to a criminal 13 38 13 40 background check, drug screening, and credit check.
 - 19. Fail to provide training to an employee

13 42 involved in the process of making motor vehicle equity 13 43 line of credit agreements.

- 20. Pursue a deficiency judgment against a 13 44 13 45 borrower, except where the borrower prevented 13 46 repossession of the vehicle, damaged the vehicle, or 13 47 committed fraud.
- 13 48 21. Enter into a sale lease=back type of 13 49 arrangement.

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- 13 50 22. Refuse a voluntary vehicle surrender which 1 shall not waive the borrower's notice of right to redeem.
 - 23. Violate any state law regulating advertising.
 - 24. Use any collection tactics in violation of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. } 1692, et seq., or any other applicable law.
- Use any device or agreement, including an 8 agreement with an affiliated motor vehicle equity line 9 of credit lender, with the intent to obtain greater 14 10 charges than otherwise would be authorized by this 14 11 chapter.
- 26. Intentionally violate the provisions of this 14 13 chapter or any rule adopted by the superintendent. 27. Violate any applicable provision of chapter
- 14 15 537 or chapter 554, article 9, part 6.
 14 16 Sec. 15. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.15 CRIMINAL PENALTY. A person who intentionally violates any provision 14 18 of this chapter is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. VIOLATIONS ==

14 19 Sec. 16. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.16 14 20 LICENSE SANCTIONS == CIVIL PENALTY.

- 1. The superintendent may, after notice and 14 22 opportunity for a hearing, suspend or revoke any 14 23 license issued pursuant to this chapter if the 14 24 superintendent finds that the motor vehicle equity 14 25 line of credit lender has knowingly, or through lack 14 26 of due care, done any of the following:
- a. Engaged in conduct of a manner which would 14 28 warrant the denial of an application for a license. b. Refused to permit the superintendent to make

14 30 any examination authorized by this chapter.

- c. Failed to pay the annual license fee imposed by 14 32 this chapter, or an examination fee imposed by the 14 33 superintendent under the authority of this chapter.
 - d. Committed any fraudulent act.
- е. Made a false statement in an application for a 36 license under this chapter or failed to give a true 14 37 reply to a question in the application.
- f. Demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness 14 39 to act as a motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 14 40 in the reasonable opinion of the superintendent.
- Violated any provision of this chapter or any 14 42 rule adopted hereunder or violated any other law in 14 43 the course of such motor vehicle equity line of credit 14 44 lender's dealings as a motor vehicle equity line of 14 45 credit lender.
- 2. If, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, 14 47 the superintendent finds that a person has violated 14 48 any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted 14 49 hereunder, the superintendent may take any or all of 14 50 the following actions:
 - a. Order the person to cease and desist violating the provision of this chapter or rule.
 - b. Require the refund of any fees collected by such person in violation of this chapter.
 - c. Order the person to pay the superintendent a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each transaction in violation of this chapter.
- 3. A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender 15 9 shall have ten business days to request a hearing upon 15 10 receiving a notice of intent to suspend or revoke a
- 15 11 license or issue a civil penalty from the 15 12 superintendent. If requested, a hearing shall be held 13 on written notice given at least twenty days prior to

15 14 the date of the hearing and shall be conducted in 15 15 accordance with chapter 17A.

4. The superintendent may enter into consent 15 17 orders at any time with any person to resolve any

- 15 18 matter arising under this chapter. A consent order 15 19 shall be signed by all parties to the consent order, 15 20 or a duly authorized representative, and shall
- 15 21 indicate agreement to the terms contained therein. 15 22 consent order need not constitute an admission by any

15 23 person that any provision of this chapter, or any rule 15 24 or order adopted or issued hereunder, has been 15 25 violated, nor need it constitute a finding by the 15 26 superintendent that such person has violated any 15 27 provision of this chapter or any rule or order adopted 15 28 or issued under this chapter.

In cases involving extraordinary circumstances 15 29 30 requiring immediate action, the superintendent may 15 31 take any enforcement action authorized by this chapter 15 32 without providing the opportunity for a prior hearing, 33 but shall promptly afford a subsequent hearing upon an 15 34 application to rescind the action taken which is filed 15 35 with the superintendent within twenty days after 15 36 receipt of the notice of the superintendent's 15 37 emergency action.

15 38 6. Any person aggrieved by the conduct of a motor 15 39 vehicle equity line of credit lender under this 15 40 chapter in connection with the motor vehicle equity 15 41 line of credit lender's regulated activities may file 15 42 a written complaint with the superintendent, who may 15 43 investigate the complaint, and may pursue any other 15 44 remedy available to the person allowed by law. 15 45

7. In the course of the investigation of a 15 46 complaint, the superintendent may do any of the 15 47 following:

a. Subpoena witnesses.

b. Administer oaths.

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Examine any individual under oath.

d. Subpoena the production of records, books, 2 papers, contracts, or other documents relevant to such 3 investigation.

If any person fails to comply with a subpoena 5 of the superintendent issued pursuant to subsection 7 6 or to testify concerning any matter about which the person may be questioned under this chapter, the superintendent may petition any court of competent 9 jurisdiction for enforcement.

The license of any motor vehicle equity line of 16 10 16 11 credit lender under this chapter who fails to comply 16 12 with a subpoena of the superintendent may be suspended 16 13 pending compliance with the subpoena.

10. The superintendent may investigate and enforce 16 15 any and all complaints filed by any person which are 16 16 not criminal in nature, which complaint relates to the 16 17 business of motor vehicle equity line of credit 16 18 lending.

11. The superintendent, after notice and 16 20 opportunity for hearing, may censure, suspend for a 16 21 period not to exceed twelve months, or bar a person 16 22 from any position of employment, management, or 16 23 control of any motor vehicle equity line of credit 16 24 lender, if the superintendent finds any of the 16 25 following:

26 a. That censure, suspension, or bar is in the 27 public interest and that the person has intentionally 16 28 committed or caused a violation of this chapter or any 16 29 rule or order of the superintendent.

b. Any of the following has occurred:(1) The person has been convicted of, pled guilty 16 32 to, pled nolo contendere to, or received a deferred 16 33 judgment for any crime in this or any other state if 34 the crime involved any offense reasonably related to 16 35 the qualifications, functions, or duties of a person 16 36 engaged in the business in accordance with this 37 chapter.

The person has been held liable in any civil (2) 16 39 action by final judgment, or any order by any public 16 40 agency, if the judgment or order involved any offense 16 41 reasonably related to the qualifications, functions, 16 42 or duties of a person engaged in the business in 16 43 accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

12. Persons suspended or barred under subsection 16 45 11 are prohibited from participating in any business 16 46 activity of a motor vehicle equity line of credit lender and from engaging in any business activity on 16 48 the premises where a motor vehicle equity line of 16 49 credit lender is conducting its business in this 16 50 state. This subsection shall not be construed to 1 prohibit a suspended or barred person from having 2 personal transactions processed by a motor vehicle 3 equity line of credit lender.

17 Sec. 17. NEW SECTION. 536B.17 RULEMAKING == 17 5 INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS.

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The superintendent may adopt reasonable rules in accordance with chapter 17A for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. A copy of any rule adopted by the superintendent shall be mailed to each 17 10 licensee under this chapter at least thirty days prior 17 11 to the effective date of the rule.

To assure compliance with the provisions of 17 13 this chapter, the superintendent may examine the 17 14 relevant business books and records of any motor 17 15 vehicle equity line of credit lender. The 17 16 superintendent may charge and collect reasonable and 17 17 actual expenses for any compliance examination 17 18 conducted under this chapter.

17 19 The superintendent is authorized to examine 17 20 persons licensed under this chapter and persons 17 21 reasonably suspected by the superintendent of 17 22 conducting business which requires a license under 17 23 this chapter, including all relevant books, records 24 and papers employed by such persons in the transaction 17 25 of the person's business, and to summon and examine 17 26 witnesses under oath concerning matters relating to 27 the business of such persons, or such other matters as 28 may be relevant to the discovery of violations of this 17 29 chapter, including the conduct of a business without a

17 30 license as required under this chapter.
17 31 4. All books and records required to be preserved 17 32 by this chapter or any rules of the superintendent or 17 33 required by any federal statute, regulation, or 17 34 regulatory guideline, as applicable to each motor 17 35 vehicle equity line of credit lender, shall be 17 36 preserved and made available to the superintendent as 37 provided in this chapter, for a period of twenty=four 38 months from the date the motor vehicle equity line of 17 39 credit agreement was executed or the date the last 17 40 payment was received, whichever is later. The motor 17 41 vehicle equity line of credit lender may cause any or 17 42 all records at any time in its custody to be 17 43 reproduced and or preserved by the lender or by any 17 44 other person who agrees in writing to submit its 17 45 operations to the examination of the superintendent to 17 46 the extent that such operations directly affect such 17 47 recordkeeping. Any reproduced or preserved record 17 48 kept by microphotographic process, or electronic or 17 49 mechanical data storage technique, shall have the same 17 50 force and effect as the original record and be 1 admitted into evidence equally with the original. 2 records of a motor vehicle equity line of credit 3 lending business shall be maintained separately by the 4 motor vehicle equity line of credit lender from any 5 other business in which the motor vehicle equity line

6 of credit lender may engage. Sec. 18. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 536B.18 PREEMPTION OVER 8 LOCAL ENACTMENTS == CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

1. An incorporated municipality, city, or county 18 10 in this state shall not enact an ordinance or 18 11 resolution or adopt any rules relating to this 18 12 chapter. The provisions of any ordinance, resolution, 18 13 or rules of any municipality, city, or county relative 18 14 to motor vehicle equity line of credit lending are 18 15 superseded by the provisions of this chapter.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Code 18 16 18 17 to the contrary, this chapter shall apply to all motor 18 18 vehicle equity line of credit agreements made in this 18 19 state and shall govern in the event of any conflict 18 20 with any other provision of law.

Sec. 19. $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$. 536B.19 APPLICABILITY. The following entities, if incorporated under the 18 23 laws of this or any other state or federal law, may 18 24 engage in the business of motor vehicle equity line of credit lending and shall not be required to be 18 26 licensed or regulated under this chapter:

1. A bank.

- 2. A savings and loan association. A credit union.
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- 18 30 An affiliate of a bank, savings and loan 18 31 association, or credit union.
- 18 32 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. 536B.20 BORROWER 18 33 INFORMATION.
- A motor vehicle equity line of credit lender shall,

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18 35 in addition to obtaining a statement of indebtedness
18 36 to determine a borrower's ability to repay a loan, and
18 37 all fees and expenses incident to the loan, obtain
18 38 certification from the borrower that the borrower
18 39 either does not have access to any form of
18 40 conventional financing such as through a bank, credit
18 41 union, or other source of funding, or in the event the
18 42 borrower has access to such forms or sources the
18 43 borrower elects not to utilize them and certifies the
18 44 ability to pay the indebtedness incurred. A motor 18 45 vehicle equity line of credit loan shall not be issued
18 46 by a lender unless the statement of indebtedness and
18 47 certification have been received by the lender. In
18 48 addition to the civil and criminal penalty provisions
18 49 of sections 536B.15 and 536B.16, a motor vehicle
18 50 equity line of credit lender who violates this section
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    3 537.5302.>
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