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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; LOWERING THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE FOR LOANS PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO BANK INSTALLMENT LOAN ACT OF 1959 AND THE NEW MEXICO SMALL LOAN ACT OF 1955.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 58-7-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959, Chapter 327, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"58-7-7. RESTRICTIONS.--

A. No lender shall make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 to a borrower who is also indebted to that lender pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 unless the loan made pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 is paid and released at the time the loan is made.

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- В. No lender other than a federally insured depository institution shall make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 if a loan has an initial stated maturity of less than one hundred twenty days.
- No lender other than a federally insured depository institution shall make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 unless the loan is repayable in a minimum of four substantially equal installment payments of principal and interest.
- No lender, other than a federally insured depository institution, shall make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 that has an annual percentage rate greater than [one hundred seventy-five] thirtysix percent, calculated pursuant to 12 CFR Part 1026, known as "Regulation Z".
- The provisions of Subsections B and C of this Ε. section shall not apply to refund anticipation loans. As used in this subsection, "refund anticipation loan" means a loan that is secured by or that the creditor arranges or expects to be repaid, directly or indirectly, from the proceeds of the consumer's federal or state personal income tax refunds or tax credits, including any sale, assignment or purchase of a tax refund or tax credit at a discount or for a fee.
- Except as provided by Section 58-7-3.2 NMSA 1978, any rollover, renewal, refinance or modification of an .215742.1

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existing loan agreement with a lender, except a modification without any additional cost to the consumer, shall constitute a new loan and shall require new disclosures pursuant to the federal Truth in Lending Act."

SECTION 2. Section 58-15-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955, Chapter 128, Section 15, as amended) is amended to read:

"58-15-17. REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING AND PAYING OF
LOANS--INCOMPLETE INSTRUMENTS--LIMITATIONS ON CHARGES AFTER
JUDGMENT AND INTEREST.--

A. Every licensee shall:

(1) at the time a consumer becomes contractually obligated on a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955, deliver to the borrower or, if there are two or more borrowers on the same obligation, to one of them, a statement on which shall be printed a copy of Section 58-15-14.1 NMSA 1978 and which shall disclose in clear and distinct terms:

- (a) the amount of the loan;
- (b) the date the loan was made;
- (c) a schedule or a description of the

payments;

(d) the type of the security, if any,

for the loan;

(e) the name and address of the

licensee;

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- the name of the person primarily obligated for the loan;
 - the amount of principal;
- the annual percentage rate as (h) disclosed pursuant to 12 CFR Part 1026, known as "Regulation Z", and the amount in dollars and cents;
- (i) all other disclosures required pursuant to state and federal law; and
- (j) the charge for any other item allowable and included pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955, so stated as to clearly show the allocation of each item included;
- for each payment made on account of a (2) loan, give to the person making the payment a plain and complete receipt specifying the date and amount of the payment, the amount applied to interest and principal and the balance unpaid. When payment is made in any other manner than by the borrower in person, by an agent of the borrower or by check or money order, the licensee shall mail the receipt to the borrower's last known address or retain and deliver the receipt upon request of the borrower. A licensee may deliver the receipt electronically to the borrower via text message or email, if requested to do so in writing by the borrower. A borrower may withdraw authorization for electronic delivery of receipts in writing at any time. A licensee shall not require

a borrower to receive receipts electronically. The licensee shall maintain a copy of each receipt in the office of the licensee as a part of the licensee's records; and

- (3) upon repayment of the loan in full, mark plainly every note and promise to pay signed by any borrower with the word "paid" or "canceled" and promptly file or record a release of any mortgage if the mortgage has been recorded, restore any pledge and cancel and return any note and any assignment given to the licensee. A licensee may mark and return a copy of the note, promise to pay or any assignment if the copy accurately reproduces the complete original.
- B. A licensee shall not take a note or promise to pay that does not disclose the amount of the loan, a schedule of payments, or a description thereof, and the agreed charge or rate of charge or any instrument in which blanks are left to be filled in after execution.
- C. A judgment against a party on a loan made pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 shall not include, and the loan shall not include, from the date of the judgment, charges against a party to the loan other than costs, attorney fees and post-judgment interest as provided by law.
- D. A loan made pursuant to the New Mexico Small
 Loan Act of 1955 that is filed and approved as a claim in any
 bankruptcy proceeding shall bear interest at the rate of ten
 percent per year beginning on the ninetieth day following the

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date of adjudication. This limitation shall not apply when the bankrupt is not discharged in bankruptcy or to any obligation not dischargeable under the provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code presently in force.

- E. A loan made pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 shall not bear interest in excess of ten percent per year on the unpaid principal balance of a loan after ninety days following the date of the death of the borrower.
- F. A loan made pursuant to the New Mexico Small

 Loan Act of 1955 shall not bear interest in excess of ten

 percent per year upon the unpaid principal balance of the loan

 after twelve months following the date of maturity of the loan.
- G. A lender shall not make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 if a loan has an initial stated maturity of less than one hundred twenty days unless the loan is a refund anticipation loan.
- H. A lender shall not make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 unless the loan is an installment loan or a refund anticipation loan.
- I. A lender shall not make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955, other than a refund anticipation loan, unless the loan is repayable in a minimum of four substantially equal installment payments of principal and interest.

J. A lender shall not make a loan pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 that has an annual percentage rate greater than [one hundred seventy-five] thirty-six percent, calculated pursuant to 12 CFR Part 1026, known as "Regulation Z".

K. Upon request from the borrower, all lenders licensed pursuant to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 shall give or forward to the borrower copies of all loan agreements concerning that borrower, a copy of all receipts maintained in that borrower's loan file and a written statement of that borrower's loan history, including all fees charged, amortization schedules, that borrower's payment history, including the dates and amounts of payments made, and the total amount unpaid pursuant to each contract. All lenders shall retain for seven years from the date of loan file origination or loan payoff, whichever is the later, the documentation specified in this subsection.

L. Any rollover, renewal, refinance or modification of an existing loan agreement with a licensee, except a modification without any additional cost to the borrower, shall constitute a new loan and shall require new disclosures pursuant to the Truth in Lending Act."

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act apply to loans subject to the New Mexico Small Loan Act of 1955 and the New Mexico Bank Installment Loan Act of 1959 executed .215742.1

on or after July 1, 2020.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2020.

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