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**HOUSE BILL 692
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/6/13**

Short Title: Amend Predatory Lending Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING LAW,
AND TO LIMIT THE PROVISIONS OF STATE MORTGAGE LENDING LAW TO
BEING NO MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN FEDERAL LAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 24-1.1E(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) "Points and fees" is defined as provided in this subdivision.

a. The term includes all of the following:

1. All items paid by a borrower at or before closing and that are required to be disclosed under sections 226.4(a) and 226.4(b) of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended from time to time, except interest or the time-price differential. However, the meaning of the term "points and fees" shall not include ~~either (i) the portion of the any up-front fees collected and paid to the Federal Housing Administration, the Veterans' Administration, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture to insure or guarantee a home loan loan that exceeds one and one quarter percent (1.25%) of the total loan amount or (ii) the portion of any up front private mortgage insurance premium, charge, or fee that exceeds one and one quarter percent (1.25%) of the total loan amount, provided that the private mortgage insurance premium, charge or fee is required to be refundable on a prorated basis, the refund is automatically issued upon notification of the satisfaction of the underlying mortgage loan, and the borrower has the right to request or receive a prorated refund in accordance with state or federal law.~~
2. All charges paid by a borrower at or before closing and that are for items listed under section 226.4(c)(7) of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended from time to time, but only if the lender receives direct or indirect compensation in connection with the charge or the charge is paid to an affiliate of the lender; otherwise, the charges are not included within the meaning of the phrase "points and fees".
3. To the extent not otherwise included in sub-subdivision a.1. or a.2. of this subdivision, all compensation paid from any



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1 source to a mortgage broker, including compensation paid to
 2 a mortgage broker in a table-funded transaction. A bona fide
 3 sale of a loan in the secondary mortgage market shall not be
 4 considered a table-funded transaction, and a table-funded
 5 transaction shall not be considered a secondary market
 6 transaction.

7 4. The maximum prepayment fees and penalties which may be
 8 charged or collected under the terms of the loan documents.

9 b. Notwithstanding the remaining provisions of this subdivision, the
 10 term does not include (i) taxes, filing fees, recording and other
 11 charges and fees paid or to be paid to public officials for determining
 12 the existence of or for perfecting, releasing, or satisfying a security
 13 interest; and (ii) fees paid to a person other than a lender or an
 14 affiliate of the lender or to the mortgage broker or an affiliate of the
 15 mortgage broker for the following: fees for tax payment services;
 16 fees for flood certification; fees for pest infestation and flood
 17 determinations; appraisal fees; fees for inspections performed prior to
 18 closing; credit reports; surveys; attorneys' fees (if the borrower has
 19 the right to select the attorney from an approved list or otherwise);
 20 notary fees; escrow charges, so long as not otherwise included under
 21 sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision; title insurance premiums; and
 22 premiums for insurance against loss or damage to property, including
 23 hazard insurance and flood insurance premiums, provided that the
 24 conditions in section 226.4(d)(2) of Title 12 of the Code of Federal
 25 Regulations are met.

26 c. For open-end credit plans, the term includes those points and fees
 27 described in sub-subdivisions a.1. through a.3. of this subdivision,
 28 plus (i) the minimum additional fees the borrower would be required
 29 to pay to draw down an amount equal to the total loan amount, and
 30 (ii) the maximum prepayment fees and penalties which may be
 31 charged or collected under the terms of the loan documents."

32 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 24-1.1E(a)(6) reads as rewritten:

33 "(6) "Thresholds" means:

- 34 a. Without regard to whether the loan transaction is or may be a
 35 "residential mortgage transaction" (as the term "residential mortgage
 36 transaction" is defined in section 226.2(a)(24) of Title 12 of the Code
 37 of Federal Regulations, as amended from time to time), the annual
 38 percentage rate of the loan at the time the loan is consummated is
 39 such that the loan is considered a "mortgage" under section 152 of
 40 the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (Pub. Law
 41 103-25, [15 U.S.C. § 1602(aa)]), as the same may be amended from
 42 time to time, and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Federal
 43 Reserve Board, including section 226.32 of Title 12 of the Code of
 44 Federal Regulations, as the same may be amended from time to time;
- 45 b. The total points and fees, as defined in G.S. 24-1.1E(a)(5), exceed
 46 ~~four percent (4%)~~ five percent (5%) of the total loan amount if the
 47 total loan amount is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more, or
 48 (ii) the lesser of eight percent (8%) of the total loan amount or one
 49 thousand dollars (\$1,000), if the total loan amount is less than twenty
 50 thousand dollars (\$20,000); provided, the following discount points

1 and prepayment fees and penalties shall be excluded from the
2 calculation of the total points and fees payable by the borrower:

- 3 1. Up to and including two bona fide loan discount points
4 payable by the borrower in connection with the loan
5 transaction, but only if the interest rate from which the loan's
6 interest rate will be discounted does not exceed by more than
7 one percentage point (1%) the required net yield for a 90-day
8 standard mandatory delivery commitment for a reasonably
9 comparable loan from either Fannie Mae or the Federal Home
10 Loan Mortgage Corporation, whichever is greater;
- 11 2. Up to and including one bona fide loan discount point
12 payable by the borrower in connection with the loan
13 transaction, but only if the interest rate from which the loan's
14 interest rate will be discounted does not exceed by more than
15 two percentage points (2%) the required net yield for a
16 90-day standard mandatory delivery commitment for a
17 reasonably comparable loan from either Fannie Mae or the
18 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, whichever is
19 greater;
- 20 3. For a closed-end loan, prepayment fees and penalties which
21 may be charged or collected under the terms of the loan
22 documents which do not exceed one percent (1%) of the
23 amount prepaid, provided the loan documents do not permit
24 the lender to charge or collect any prepayment fees or
25 penalties more than 30 months after the loan closing;
- 26 4. For an open-end credit plan, prepayment fees and penalties
27 which may be charged or collected under the terms of the
28 loan documents which do not exceed one percent (1%) of the
29 amount prepaid, provided the loan documents do not permit
30 the lender to charge or collect any prepayment fees or
31 penalties more than (i) 30 months after the loan closing if the
32 borrower has no right or option under the loan documents to
33 repay all or any portion of the outstanding balance of the
34 open-end credit plan at a fixed interest rate over a specified
35 period of time or, (ii) if the borrower has a right or option
36 under the loan documents to repay all or any portion of the
37 outstanding balance of the open-end credit plan at a fixed
38 interest rate over a specified period of time, 30 months after
39 the date the borrower voluntarily exercises that right or
40 option; or
- 41 c. If the loan is a closed-end loan, the loan documents permit the lender
42 to charge or collect prepayment fees or penalties more than 30
43 months after the loan closing or which exceed, in the aggregate, more
44 than two percent (2%) of the amount prepaid. If the loan is an
45 open-end credit plan, the loan documents permit the lender to charge
46 or collect prepayment fees or penalties (i) more than 30 months after
47 the loan closing if the borrower has no right or option under the loan
48 documents to repay all or any portion of the outstanding balance of
49 the open-end credit plan at a fixed interest rate over a specified
50 period of time or, (ii) if the borrower has a right or option under the
51 loan documents to repay all or any portion of the outstanding balance

1 of the open-end credit plan at a fixed interest rate over a specified
2 period of time, more than 30 months after the date the borrower
3 voluntarily exercises that right or option, or (iii) which exceed, in the
4 aggregate, more than two percent (2%) of the amount prepaid."

5 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 24-1.1F is repealed.

6 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.