Τ	Senate Bill No. 336
2	(By Senator Minard)
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4	[Introduced January 18, 2012; referred to the Committee on
5	Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Government
6	Organization.]
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11	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$31-17-2$ of the Code of West Virginia,
12	1931, as amended, relating to license required for residential
13	mortgage lenders and brokers and exemptions thereto; and
14	eliminating the exemption for a lender under the regular
15	supervision and examination for consumer compliance by any
16	agency of the federal government.
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
18	That $$31-17-2$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,$
19	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
20	ARTICLE 17. WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDER, BROKER AND
21	SERVICER ACT.
22	§31-17-2. License required for lender and broker originator;
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- 1 (a) A person may not engage in this state in the business of
- 2 lender or broker unless and until he or she first obtains a license
- 3 to do so from the commissioner, which license remains unexpired,
- 4 unsuspended and unrevoked, and no foreign corporation may engage in
- 5 business in this state unless it is registered with the Secretary
- 6 of State to transact business in this state.
- 7 (b) All mortgage loan originators, as that term is defined by
- 8 section two, article seventeen-a of this chapter, shall obtain a
- 9 mortgage loan originator license pursuant to said article.
- 10 (c) Brokerage fees, additional charges and finance charges
- 11 imposed by licensed mortgage brokers, lenders and loan originators
- 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by article fifteen, chapter eleven
- 13 of this code beginning on January 1, 2004.
- 14 (d) The provisions of this article do not apply to loans made
- 15 by the following:
- 16 (1) Federally insured depository institutions;
- 17 (2) Regulated consumer lender licensees;
- 18 (3) Insurance companies;
- 19 (4) Any other lender under the regular supervision and
- 20 examination for consumer compliance of any agency of the federal
- 21 government;
- 22 (5) (4) Any agency or instrumentality of this state, federal,
- 23 county or municipal government or on behalf of the agency or
- 24 instrumentality;

- 1  $\frac{(6)}{(5)}$  By a nonprofit community development organization
- 2 making mortgage loans to promote home ownership or improvements for
- 3 the disadvantaged which loans are subject to federal, state, county
- 4 or municipal government supervision and oversight; or
- $\frac{(7)}{(6)}$  Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., and its
- 6 affiliates providing low-income housing within this state. Loans
- 7 made subject to this exemption may be assigned, transferred, sold
- 8 or otherwise securitized to any person and shall remain exempt from
- 9 the provisions of this article, except as to reporting requirements
- 10 in the discretion of the commissioner where the person is a
- 11 licensee under this article. Nothing herein shall prohibit a broker
- 12 licensed under this article from acting as broker of an exempt loan
- 13 and receiving compensation as permitted under the provisions of
- 14 this article.
- 15 (e) The provisions of this article do not apply to loans
- 16 brokered by a federally insured depository institution.
- 17 (f) A person or entity designated in subsection (d) of this
- 18 section may take assignments of a primary or subordinate mortgage
- 19 loan from a licensed lender and the assignments of said loans that
- 20 they themselves could have lawfully made as exempt from the
- 21 provisions of this article under this section do not make that
- 22 person or entity subject to the licensing, bonding, reporting or
- 23 other provisions of this article except as the defense or claim
- 24 would be preserved pursuant to section one hundred two, article

- 1 two, chapter forty-six-a of this code.
- 2 (g) The placement or sale for securitization of a primary or 3 subordinate mortgage loan into a secondary market by a licensee may 4 not subject the warehouser or final securitization holder or 5 trustee to the provisions of this article: *Provided*, That the 6 warehouser, final securitization holder or trustee under an 7 arrangement is either a licensee or person or entity entitled to 8 make exempt loans of that type under this section, or the loan is 9 held with right of recourse to a licensee.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the exemption from licensing as a mortgage lender that may be available to subsidiaries of banks.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the current law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.)