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AN ACT to amend and reenact §31A-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that the Division of Banking shall employ the same frequency of examination schedules of depository financial institutions as the primary federal regulators of those institutions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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That §31A-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF BANKING.

§31A-2-6. Commissioner's examinations of financial institution; reports; records; communications from commissioner to institution; examination by federal or out-of-state agency in lieu of commissioner's examination.

(a) The commissioner shall make a thorough 1 2 examination of all the books, accounts, records and papers of every depository financial institution using 3 4 the same frequency of examination schedule as the financial institution's primary federal regulator. He or 5 she shall carefully examine all of the assets of each 6 7 institution, including its notes, drafts, checks, 8 mortgages, securities deposited to assure the payment of 9 debts unto it and all papers, documents and records showing, or in any manner relating to, its business 10 11 affairs and shall ascertain the full amount and the 12 nature in detail of all of its assets and liabilities. The commissioner may also, at his or her discretion, make or 13 14 cause to be made an annual or periodic examination of 15 the books, accounts, records and papers of other 16 financial institutions under his or her supervision for 17 the purposes of determining compliance with applicable 18 consumer and credit lending laws and verifying information provided in any license application or 19 20 annual report submitted to the commissioner. The commissioner may also make an examination of any 21 22 subsidiaries or affiliates of a financial institution as he or she may consider necessary to ascertain the financial 23 24 condition of the financial institution, the relations

between the financial institution and its subsidiaries 25 and affiliates and the effect of the relations upon the 26 27 affairs of the financial institution. A full report of every 28 examination shall be made and filed and preserved in 29 the office of the commissioner and a copy of it immediately mailed to the institution examined. Every 30 31 institution shall retain all of its records of final entry for 32 the period of time as required in section thirty-five, 33 article four of this chapter for banking institutions. 34 Unless otherwise covered by assessments or a specific 35 provision of this code, the cost of examinations made 36 pursuant to this section shall be borne by the financial 37 institution at a rate of fifty dollars per each examiner 38 hour expended.

39 (b) Every official communication from the 40 commissioner to any institution, or to any officer 41 thereof, relating to an examination or an investigation 42 of the affairs of the institution conducted by the 43 commissioner or containing suggestions or 44 recommendations as to the manner of conducting the 45 business of the institution, shall be read by the board of 46 directors at the next meeting after its receipt and the president, or other executive officer, of the institution 47 shall immediately notify the commissioner in writing of **48** 49 the presentation and reading of the communication and 50 of any action taken on it by the institution.

(c) The Commissioner of Banking, in his or her discretion, may: (i) Accept a copy of a reasonably current examination of any banking institution made by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Reserve System in lieu of an examination of the banking institution required or authorized to be made by the laws of this state and the commissioner may Enr. Com. Sub. for S. B. No. 182] 4

58 furnish to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or 59 the Federal Reserve System or to any official or 60 examiner thereof any copy or copies of the 61 commissioner's examinations of and reports on the 62 banking institutions; (ii) accept a copy of a reasonably 63 current examination of any out-of-state bank or any 64 West Virginia state bank's out-of-state activities made 65 by another state's banking regulatory authority in lieu 66 of an examination of the banking institution required or 67 authorized to be made by the laws of this state and the 68 commissioner may furnish to the other state's banking 69 regulatory authority or to any official or examiner thereof any copy or copies of the commissioner's 70 examinations of and reports on the banking institutions; 71 but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit 72 73 the duty and responsibility of banking institutions to 74 comply with all provisions of law relating to 75 examinations and reports, nor to limit the powers and 76 authority of the commissioner of banking with reference 77 to examinations and reports under existing laws. The 78 provision or exchange of examination reports and other 79 records of financial condition and individuals pursuant 80 to cooperative, coordinating or information-sharing agreements with other bank supervisory agencies and 81 82 persons as permitted by this chapter under an agreement of confidentiality shall not constitute a 83 violation of section four of this article. 84

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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