

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 573

By Senator Azinger

[Introduced January 22, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Banking and Insurance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §31-17-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 requirements for disclosures and recordkeeping; reinforcing state law regarding late fees;
3 and clarifying that a state-specific closing disclosure is not required as long as federal
4 closing disclosures are given accurately.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 17. WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDER, BROKER AND
SERVICER ACT.**

**§31-17-9. Disclosure; closing statements; other records required; record-keeping
requirements.**

1 (a) Any licensee or person making on his or her own behalf, or as agent, broker or in other
2 representative capacity on behalf of any other person, a primary or subordinate mortgage loan
3 shall at the time of the closing furnish to the borrower a complete and itemized closing statement
4 which shall show in detail:

5 (1) The amount and date of the note or primary and subordinate mortgage loan contract
6 and the date of maturity;

7 (2) The nature of the security;

8 (3) The finance charge rate per annum and the itemized amount of finance charges and
9 additional charges;

10 (4) The principal and total of payments;

11 (5) Disposition of the principal;

12 (6) A description of the payment schedule;

13 (7) The terms on which additional advances, if any, will be made;

14 (8) The charge to be imposed for past-due installments, including the late payment penalty
15 maximum;

16 (9) A description and the cost of insurance required by the lender or purchased by the

borrower in connection with the primary or subordinate mortgage loan;

(10) The name and address of the borrower and of the lender; and

(11) That the borrower may prepay the primary or subordinate mortgage loan, in whole or in part, on any installment date and that the borrower will receive a rebate in full for any unearned finance charge.

Such detailed closing statement shall be signed by the broker, lender or closing representative, and the borrower(s) and a completed and signed copy thereof is retained by the broker or lender and made available at all reasonable times to the borrower, the borrower's successor in interest to the residential property or the authorized agent of the borrower or the borrower's successor, until the time as the indebtedness is satisfied in full. ~~Providing a HUD-1 or HUD-1A settlement statement~~ the Closing Disclosure required by the Truth-In-Lending Act (TILA)-Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) Integrated Disclosure (TRID) Rules or applicable federal closing disclosure that provides the disclosures loan details required by this subsection, including the late payment penalty language set forth by §46A-3-112 and §46A-3-113 of this code, ~~and the residential mortgage disclosures required by federal law~~ is considered to meet the requirements of this subsection. A separate state-specific closing disclosure is not required if all required information is contained in the federal Closing Disclosure.

The commissioner may, from time to time, by rules prescribe additional information to be included in a closing statement.

(b) Upon written request from the borrower, the holder of a primary or subordinate mortgage loan instrument shall deliver to the borrower, within 10 business days from and after receipt of the written request, a statement of the borrower's account as required by §46A-2-114 of this code.

(c) Upon satisfaction of a primary or subordinate mortgage loan obligation in full, the holder of the instrument evidencing or securing the obligation shall comply with the requirements of §38-

12-1 of this code in the prompt release of the lien which had secured the primary or subordinate mortgage loan obligation.

(d) Upon written request or authorization from the borrower, the holder of a primary or subordinate mortgage loan instrument shall send or otherwise provide to the borrower or his or her designee, within three business days after receipt of the written request or authorization, a payoff statement of the borrower's account. Except as provided by this subsection, no charge may be made for providing the payoff statement. Charges for the actual expenses associated with using a third-party courier delivery or expedited mail delivery service may be assessed when this type of delivery is requested and authorized by the borrower following disclosure to the borrower of its cost. The payoff information is provided by mail, telephone, courier, facsimile or other transmission as requested by the borrower or his or her designee.

(e) A licensee shall keep and maintain for 36 months after the date of final entry the business records regarding residential mortgage loans applied for, brokered, originated or serviced in the course of its business.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify that a separate state closing disclosure is not required if appropriate federal closing disclosures are provided to borrowers.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.