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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS FACING**
102 **FORECLOSURE, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires a lender to give the borrower written notice at least 30 days in advance of a change in the interest rate or other factors affecting the size of a payment on a residential mortgage loan, and to provide contact information for the lender's representative and the Colorado foreclosure hotline in case the borrower is unable to make regular payments after the change.

In a hearing for a court order authorizing a foreclosure sale, directs

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.

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the court to extend the sale date for 90 days in the case of certain residential mortgages if the debtor shows either that required documentation was not duly served on the debtor or that a representative of the lender did not engage in good-faith loss mitigation efforts, defined as efforts to work with the borrower to extend or restructure the loan. Repeals the 90-day delay provision after 3 years.

Requires filing of notices to the debtor and affidavits of compliance with good-faith loss mitigation efforts along with the notice of election and demand to initiate a public trustee's sale. Excludes credit sales from the act.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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4 **SECTION 1.** 38-38-102.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
5 RECREATED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

6 **38-38-102.5. Notice prior to residential foreclosure - hotline.**

7 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "HOLDER" MEANS THE HOLDER OF AN
8 EVIDENCE OF DEBT CONSTITUTING A RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN, AS
9 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-61-902, C.R.S., OR THAT HOLDER'S LOAN
10 SERVICER OR OTHER PERSON ACTING ON THE HOLDER'S BEHALF.
11 "HOLDER" SHALL NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHOSE ONLY ACTIVITY AS A
12 HOLDER IS AS THE SELLER IN NOT MORE THAN THREE CREDIT SALES OR
13 LOANS PER YEAR.

14 (2) AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE FILING A NOTICE OF ELECTION
15 AND DEMAND AND AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AFTER DEFAULT, BUT NOT
16 NECESSARILY MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE IN ANY TWELVE-MONTH
17 PERIOD, THE HOLDER SHALL MAIL A NOTICE ADDRESSED TO THE DEBTOR
18 AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON ITS RECORDS, CONTAINING THE TELEPHONE
19 NUMBER OF THE COLORADO FORECLOSURE HOTLINE AND THE DIRECT
20 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE HOLDER'S LOSS MITIGATION REPRESENTATIVE

1 OR DEPARTMENT.

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3 **SECTION 2.** Part 7 of article 32 of title 24, Colorado Revised
4 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
5 read:

6 **24-32-719. Foreclosure prevention - outreach efforts - grant**
7 **fund - creation - administration - repeal.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY
8 CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION GRANT
9 FUND. THE FUND SHALL CONSIST OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS, WHICH
11 THE DIVISION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO SOLICIT, ACCEPT,
12 EXPEND, AND DISBURSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS AS
13 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. ANY MONEYS IN SUCH FUND AT THE END OF
14 THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.
15 ANY UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE FUND
16 AS OF JUNE 30, 2010, SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

17 (2) UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE HOUSING BOARD, THE
18 DIVISION MAY MAKE A GRANT FROM MONEYS IN THE FUND TO ANY LOCAL
19 HOUSING AUTHORITY, PUBLIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION, OR PRIVATE
20 NONPROFIT CORPORATION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING
21 OUTREACH AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ASSISTANCE TO
22 PERSONS IN DANGER OF FORECLOSURE AND TO COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH
23 FORECLOSURE RATES. GRANTS SHALL BE MADE SUBJECT TO PROPOSALS
24 RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION AND AWARDED BASED UPON CRITERIA
25 DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, WHICH CRITERIA SHALL INCLUDE:

26 (a) EVIDENCE OF THE ABILITY TO USE FUNDS EFFECTIVELY;

27 (b) AN ESTABLISHED PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH

1 PREFERENCE GIVEN TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH MEMBERS IN LOW- AND
2 MODERATE-INCOME AREAS WITH HIGH FORECLOSURE RATES; AND

3 (c) A DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO REACH HOMEOWNERS FROM
4 CONSTITUENCIES AND COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH FORECLOSURE RATES.

5 (3) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH
6 JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE DIVISION SHALL REPORT TO THE BUSINESS
7 AFFAIRS AND LABOR COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
8 THE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR
9 THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON THE DIVISION'S RECEIPTS AND
10 EXPENDITURES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION'S REPORT
11 SHALL CONTAIN QUANTIFIED RESULTS OF OUTCOMES, INCLUDING DATA AS
12 TO THE NUMBER OF CALLS TO THE FORECLOSURE HOTLINE AND THE
13 NUMBERS OF DEFAULTS, FORECLOSURES, AND REDEMPTIONS IN IDENTIFIED
14 GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.

15 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010.

16 **SECTION 3. Appropriation - adjustments to the 2008 long**

17 **bill.** (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby
18 appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise
19 appropriated, to the foreclosure prevention grant fund created in section
20 24-32-719 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, for the fiscal year beginning
21 July 1, 2008, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so
22 much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

23 (2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby
24 appropriated, out of any moneys in the foreclosure prevention grant fund
25 created in section 24-32-719 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, not
26 otherwise appropriated, to the department of local affairs, for allocation
27 to the division of housing, for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2008 and

1 July 1, 2009, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so
2 much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

3 (3) For the implementation of this act, the general fund
4 appropriation to the controlled maintenance trust fund made in section 23
5 of the annual general appropriation act, for the fiscal year beginning July
6 1, 2008, shall be decreased by one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

7 **SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability.** This act shall take
8 effect upon passage and shall apply to foreclosure actions filed on or after
9 August 1, 2008.

10 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
11 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.