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NEW LAW BOLSTERS COLORADO MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR REGULATIONS

Denver – Colorado House Bill 1085, The Colorado Mortgage Loan Originator Licensing Act passed through the General Assembly during the 2009 session and was signed into law by Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. on May 21, 2009 among a bevy of bills signed that day. The Act is designed to enhance existing mortgage regulations in the State of Colorado bringing the state into stride with recently enacted federal laws requiring the national registration of all mortgage loan originators across the country.

The new Act brings the state into compliance with the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 otherwise know as the S.A.F.E Act, federal legislation requiring state-licensed mortgage loan originators to register with a national database.

“One of the main benefits of the Act will be for states to share information about loan originators with each other so that bad actors, who are kicked out of one state don’t come into Colorado and harm our consumers,” stated DORA’s Division of Real Estate Director Erin Toll.

Colorado already has some of the most robust licensing requirements in the country making the transition for mortgage loan originators in the state a fairly seamless process. Many of the provisions for licensure within the S.A.F.E. Act are requirements with which Colorado licensees are accustomed. While the state will retain full regulatory control of mortgage loan originators in Colorado, among other new provisions, all licensees must take and pass a new national mortgage broker test, and pass an FBI background check.

“The seamless nature of the process to transition to the new national registration database is a testimony to the leadership and vision of Colorado’s legislature and Governor for passing laws to protect consumers well in advance of the new federal regulations,” remarked Director Toll.

The Division of Real Estate licenses mortgage loan originators, real estate brokers, real estate appraisers and provides oversight within Colorado’s Conservation Easement program.

DORA is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the marketplace and is committed to promoting a fair and competitive business environment in Colorado. Consumer protection is our mission.

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