

Nebraska Money Transmitters Act
Chapter 8, Article 28
§§8-2701 to 8-2748

8-2701

Act, how cited.

Sections 8-2701 to 8-2747 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

Last amended:

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8-2702

Definitions, where found.

For purposes of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, the definitions found in sections 8-2703 to 8-2723 shall be used.

Last amended:

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8-2703

Applicant, defined.

Applicant means a person filing an application for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

Last amended:

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8-2704

Authorized delegate, defined.

Authorized delegate means an entity designated by the licensee or an exempt entity under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act to engage in the business of money transmission on behalf of the licensee or exempt entity.

Last amended:

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8-2705

Breach of security of the system, defined.

Breach of security of the system means unauthorized acquisition of data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of the information maintained by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, its affiliates, or its subsidiaries.

Last amended:

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8-2706

Control, defined.

Control means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of a licensee, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any person who (1) has the power to elect a majority of executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a licensee or any person in control of a licensee, (2) directly or indirectly has the right to vote ten percent or more of a class of stock or directly or indirectly has the power to sell or direct the sale of ten percent or more of a class of stock, (3) in the case of a limited liability company, is a managing member, or (4) in the case of a partnership, has the right to receive, upon dissolution, or has contributed, ten percent or more of the capital, is presumed to control that licensee.

Last amended:

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8-2707

Controlling person, defined.

Controlling person means any person in control of a licensee.

Last amended:

~ Cum. Supp. 2020.

8-2708

Department, defined.

Department means the Department of Banking and Finance.

Last amended:

~ Cum. Supp. 2020

8-2709

Director, defined.

Director means the Director of Banking and Finance.

Last amended:

~ Cum. Supp. 2020

8-2710***Electronic instrument, defined.***

Electronic instrument means a card or other tangible object for the transmission or payment of money that contains a microprocessor chip, magnetic strip, or other means for the storage of information, that is prefunded, and the value of which is decremented upon each use. Electronic instrument does not include a card or other tangible object that is redeemable by the issuer or its affiliates in goods or services of the issuer or its affiliates.

Last amended:

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8-2711***Executive officer, defined.***

Executive officer means the president, chairperson of the executive committee, senior officer responsible for business decisions, chief financial officer, and any other person who performs similar functions for a licensee.

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8-2712***Key shareholder, defined.***

Key shareholder means any person or group of persons acting in concert owning ten percent or more of any voting class of an applicant's stock.

Last amended:

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8-2713***Licensee, defined.***

Licensee means a person licensed pursuant to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

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8-2714***Material litigation, defined.***

Material litigation means any litigation that, according to generally accepted accounting principles, is deemed significant to an applicant's or licensee's financial health and would be required to be referenced in an applicant's or licensee's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders, or similar documents.

Last amended:
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8-2715
Monetary value, defined.

Monetary value means a medium of exchange, whether or not redeemable in money.

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8-2716
Money transmission, defined.

Money transmission means the business of the sale or issuance of payment instruments or stored value or of receiving money or monetary value for transmission to a location within or outside the United States by any and all means, including wire, facsimile, or electronic transfer. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, money transmission also includes bill payment services not limited to the right to receive payment of any claim for another but does not include bill payment services in which an agent of a payee receives money or monetary value on behalf of such payee.

Last amended:
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8-2717
Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, defined.

Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry means a licensing system developed and maintained by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for the licensing and registration of mortgage loan originators, mortgage bankers, installment loan companies, and other state-regulated financial services entities and industries.

Last amended:
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8-2718
Outstanding payment instrument, defined.

Outstanding payment instrument means any payment instrument issued by a licensee which has been sold in the United States directly by the licensee or any payment instrument issued by a licensee which has been sold by an authorized delegate of the licensee in the United States, which has been reported to the licensee as having been sold, and which has not yet been paid by or for the licensee.

Last amended:

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8-2719

Payment instrument, defined.

Payment instrument means any electronic or written check, draft, money order, travelers check, or other electronic or written instrument or order for the transmission or payment of money, sold or issued to one or more persons, whether or not such instrument is negotiable. Payment instrument does not include any credit card, any voucher, any letter of credit, or any instrument that is redeemable by the issuer or its affiliates in goods or services of the issuer or its affiliates.

Last amended:

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8-2720

Permissible investments, defined.

Permissible investments means:

- (1) Cash;
- (2) Certificates of deposit or other debt obligations of a financial institution, either domestic or foreign;
- (3) Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as bankers' acceptances, which are eligible for purchase by member banks of the federal reserve system;
- (4) Any investment bearing a rating of one of the three highest grades as defined by a nationally recognized organization that rates such securities;
- (5) Investment securities that are obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities, obligations that are guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States, or any obligations of any state or political subdivision thereof;
- (6) Shares in a money market mutual fund, interest-bearing bills or notes or bonds, debentures or stock traded on any national securities exchange or on a national over-the-counter market, or mutual funds primarily composed of such securities or a fund composed of one of more permissible investments as set forth in this section;
- (7) Any demand borrowing agreement or agreements made to a corporation or a subsidiary of a corporation whose capital stock is listed on a national exchange;
- (8) Receivables that are due to a licensee from its authorized delegates pursuant to a contract described in section 8-2739 which are not past due or doubtful of collection; or

(9) Any other investment or similar security approved by the director.

Last amended:

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8-2721

Person, defined.

Person means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint-stock association, trust, or corporation. Person does not include the United States or the State of Nebraska.

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8-2722

Remit, defined.

Remit, except as used in section 8-2747, means either to make direct payment of the funds to a licensee or its representatives authorized to receive those funds or to deposit the funds in a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association or other similar financial institution in an account specified by a licensee.

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8-2723

Stored value, defined.

Stored value means monetary value that is evidenced by an electronic record. Stored value does not include any item that is redeemable by the issuer or its affiliates in goods or services of the issuer or its affiliates.

Last amended:

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8-2724

Licensure requirement; applicability.

(1) The requirement for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act does not apply to:

- (a) The United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof;
- (b) Any post office of the United States Postal Service;

(c) A state or any political subdivision thereof;

(d)(i) Banks, credit unions, digital asset depository institutions as defined in section 8-3003, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or mutual banks organized under the laws of any state or the United States;

(ii) Subsidiaries of the institutions listed in subdivision (d)(i) of this subsection;

(iii) Bank holding companies which have a banking subsidiary located in Nebraska and whose debt securities have an investment grade rating by a national rating agency; or

(iv) Authorized delegates of the institutions and entities listed in subdivision (d)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection, except that authorized delegates that are not banks, credit unions, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, mutual banks, subsidiaries of any of the foregoing, or bank holding companies shall comply with all requirements imposed upon authorized delegates under the act;

(e) The provision of electronic transfer of government benefits for any federal, state, or county governmental agency, as defined in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. part 1005, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2022, by a contractor for and on behalf of the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof or any state or any political subdivision thereof;

(f) An operator of a payment system only to the extent that the payment system provides processing, clearing, or settlement services between or among persons who are all exempt under this section in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, automated clearinghouse transfers, or similar fund transfers; or

(g) A person, firm, corporation, or association licensed in this state and acting within this state within the scope of a license:

(i) As a collection agency pursuant to the Collection Agency Act;

(ii) As a credit services organization pursuant to the Credit Services Organization Act; or

(iii) To engage in the debt management business pursuant to sections 69-1201 to 69-1217.

(2) An authorized delegate of a licensee or of an exempt entity, acting within the scope of its authority conferred by a written contract as described in section 8-2739, is not required to obtain a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, except that such an authorized delegate shall comply with the other provisions of the act which apply to money transmission transactions.

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8-2725

License required; license not transferable or assignable.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 8-2724, a person shall not engage in money transmission without a license issued pursuant to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

(2) A person is engaged in money transmission if the person provides money transmission services to any resident of this state even if the person providing money transmission services has no physical presence in this state or if the resident is not physically located in this state at the time when the resident enters into money transmission or otherwise receives money transmission services.

(3) If a licensee has a physical presence in this state, the licensee may conduct its business at one or more locations, directly or indirectly owned, or through one or more authorized delegates, or both, pursuant to the single license granted to the licensee.

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8-2726

License; applicant; qualifications; requirements.

To qualify for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, an applicant, at the time of filing for a license, and a licensee at all times after a license is issued, shall satisfy the following requirements:

(1) Each applicant or licensee must have a net worth of not less than fifty thousand dollars, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(2) The financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, and character and general fitness of the applicant or licensee must reasonably warrant the belief that the applicant's or licensee's business will be conducted honestly, fairly, and in a manner commanding the confidence and trust of the community. In determining whether this requirement is met and for purposes of investigating compliance with the act, the director may review and consider the relevant business records and capital adequacy of the applicant or licensee;

(3) Each corporate applicant or licensee must be organized under the laws of any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Virgin Islands, or the Northern Mariana Islands, and must be in good standing in the place of its incorporation;

(4) Each applicant or licensee must be registered or qualified to do business in the State of Nebraska; and

(5) Each applicant or licensee must maintain an office in the United States.

Last amended:

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8-2727

License applicant; surety bond; alternate security; duration.

(1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an applicant shall submit, with the application, a surety bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this state and acceptable to the director in the principal sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The director may increase the amount of the bond to a maximum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars for good cause.

(b) The bond shall be in a form satisfactory to the director and shall run to the state for the benefit of any claimants against the licensee to secure the faithful performance of the obligations of the licensee with respect to the receipt, handling, transmission, and payment of money in connection with money transmission. In the case of a bond, the aggregate liability of the surety shall not exceed the principal sum of the bond. Any claimant against the licensee may bring suit directly on the bond or the director may bring suit on behalf of any claimant, either in one action or in successive actions.

(2) Upon filing of the report required by section 8-2734 and the information required by subdivision (2)(b) of such section, a licensee shall maintain or increase its surety bond to reflect the total dollar amount of money transmitter transactions by the licensee in this state in the most recent four calendar quarters for which data is available before the date of the filing of the renewal application in accordance with the following table. A licensee may decrease its surety bond in accordance with the following table if the surety bond required is less than the amount of the surety bond on file with the department:

Dollar Amount of Money Transmitter Transactions	Surety Bond Required
\$0.00 to \$2,000,000.00	\$100,000.00
\$2,000,000.01 to \$4,000,000.00	\$150,000.00
\$4,000,000.01 to \$6,000,000.00	\$200,000.00
Over \$6,000,000.00	\$250,000.00

(3) If the department determines that a licensee does not maintain a surety bond in the amount required by subsection (2) of this section, the department shall give written notification to the licensee requiring it to increase the surety bond within thirty days to the amount required by such subsection.

(4) The director may at any time require the filing of a new or supplemental bond in the form as provided in subsection (1) of this section if he or she determines that the bond filed under this section is exhausted or is inadequate for any reason, including, but not limited to, the financial condition of a licensee or an applicant for a license or violations of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, any rule and regulation or order thereunder, or any state or federal law applicable

to a licensee or an applicant for a license. The new or supplemental bond shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

(5)(a) In lieu of the corporate surety bond or bonds required by this section or of any portion of the principal thereof, the applicant or licensee may deposit, with the director or with such banks or trust companies located in this state or with any federal reserve bank as the applicant or licensee may designate and the director may approve, interest-bearing stocks and bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or guaranteed by the United States, or of this state, or of a city, county, village, school district, or instrumentality of this state, or guaranteed by this state, to an aggregate amount, based upon principal amount or market value, whichever is lower, of not less than the amount of the required corporate surety bond or portion thereof. The securities shall be deposited and held to secure the same obligations as would the surety bond.

(b) The licensee shall have the right, with the approval of the director, to substitute other securities for those deposited and shall be required to do so on written order of the director made for good cause shown. The licensee shall pay the fees prescribed in section 8-602 for pledging and substitution of securities. So long as the licensee so depositing shall continue solvent and is not in violation of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, such licensee shall be permitted to receive the interest or dividends on such deposit.

(c) The safekeeping of such securities and all other expenses incidental to the pledging of such securities shall be paid by the licensee. All such securities shall be subject to sale and transfer and to the disposal of the proceeds by the director only on the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(6) The surety bond shall remain in effect until cancellation, which may occur only after thirty days' written notice to the director. Cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued during the period the surety bond was in effect.

(7) The surety bond shall remain in place for at least five years after the licensee ceases money transmission in this state, except that the director may permit the surety bond to be reduced or eliminated before that time to the extent that the amount of the licensee's payment instruments outstanding in this state are reduced. The director may also permit a licensee to substitute a letter of credit or such other form of security acceptable to the director for the surety bond in place at the time the licensee ceases money transmission in the state.

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8-2728

Licensee; investments required; waiver.

(1) Each licensee shall at all times possess permissible investments having an aggregate market value, calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of not less than the aggregate face amount of all outstanding payment instruments and stored value issued or sold by the licensee in the United States. This requirement may be waived by the director if the dollar

volume of a licensee's outstanding payment instruments and stored value does not exceed the bond or other security posted by the licensee pursuant to section 8-2727.

(2) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other assets of the licensee, are deemed by operation of law to be held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding payment instruments in the event of the bankruptcy of the licensee.

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8-2729

License application; form; contents.

Each application for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act shall be made in writing and in a form prescribed by the director. Each application shall state or contain:

(1) For all applicants:

(a) The exact name of the applicant, the applicant's principal address, any fictitious or trade name used by the applicant in the conduct of its business, and the location of the applicant's business records;

(b) The history of the applicant's criminal convictions and material litigation for the five-year period before the date of the application;

(c) A description of the activities conducted by the applicant and a history of operations;

(d) A description of the business activities in which the applicant seeks to be engaged in this state;

(e) A list identifying the applicant's proposed authorized delegates in this state, if any, at the time of the filing of the application;

(f) A sample authorized delegate contract, if applicable;

(g) A sample form of payment instrument, if applicable;

(h) The locations at which the applicant and its authorized delegates, if any, propose to conduct money transmission in this state; and

(i) The name, address, and account information of each clearing bank or banks, which shall be covered by federal deposit insurance, on which the applicant's payment instruments and funds received for transmission or otherwise will be drawn or through which the payment instruments or other funds will be payable;

(2) If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant shall also provide:

(a) The date of the applicant's incorporation and state of incorporation;

(b) A certificate of good standing from the state in which the applicant was incorporated;

(c) A certificate of authority from the Secretary of State to conduct business in this state;

(d) A description of the corporate structure of the applicant, including the identity of any parent or subsidiary of the applicant, and a disclosure of whether any parent or subsidiary is publicly traded on any stock exchange;

(e) The name, business and residence addresses, and employment history for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application of the applicant's executive officers and the officers or managers who will be in charge of the applicant's activities to be licensed under the act;

(f) The name, business and residence addresses, and employment history for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application and the most recent personal financial statement of any key shareholder of the applicant;

(g) The history of criminal convictions and material litigation for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application of every executive officer or key shareholder of the applicant;

(h) A copy of the applicant's most recent audited financial statement including balance sheet, statement of income or loss, statement of changes in shareholder equity, and statement of changes in financial position and, if available, the applicant's audited financial statements for the immediately preceding two-year period. However, if the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the applicant may submit either the parent corporation's consolidated audited financial statements for the current year and for the immediately preceding two-year period or the parent corporation's Form 10-K reports filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the prior three years in lieu of the applicant's financial statements. If the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of a corporation having its principal place of business outside the United States, similar documentation filed with the parent corporation's non-United States regulator may be submitted to satisfy this subdivision; and

(i) Copies of all filings, if any, made by the applicant with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or with a similar regulator in a country other than the United States, within the year preceding the date of filing of the application; and

(3) If the applicant is not a corporation, the applicant shall also provide:

(a) The name, business and residence addresses, personal financial statement, and employment history, for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application, of each principal of the applicant and the name, business and residence addresses, and employment history for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application of any other person or persons who will be in charge of the applicant's money transmission activities;

(b) A copy of the applicant's registration or qualification to do business in this state;

(c) The history of criminal convictions and material litigation for the five-year period immediately before the date of the application for each individual having any ownership interest in the applicant and each individual who exercises supervisory responsibility with respect to the applicant's activities; and

(d) Copies of the applicant's audited financial statements including balance sheet, statement of income or loss, and statement of changes in financial position for the current year and, if available, for the immediately preceding two-year period.

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8-2730

Licensee; license and registration through Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry; department; powers; director; reports; duties; department; duties.

(1) Effective July 1, 2014, the department shall require licensees under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act to be licensed and registered through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. In order to carry out this requirement, the department is authorized to participate in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. For this purpose, the department may establish, by adopting and promulgating rules and regulations or by order, requirements as necessary. The requirements may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Background checks of applicants and licensees, including, but not limited to:

(i) Checks of an applicant's or a licensee's criminal history through fingerprint or other data bases, except that the department shall not require the submission of fingerprints by (A) an executive officer or director of an applicant or licensee which is either a publicly traded company or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded company or (B) an applicant or licensee who has previously submitted the fingerprints of an executive officer or director directly to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and the Federal Bureau of Investigation will accept such fingerprints for a criminal background check;

(ii) Checks of civil or administrative records;

(iii) Checks of an applicant's or a licensee's credit history; or

(iv) Any other information as deemed necessary by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;

(b) The payment of fees to apply for or renew a license through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry;

(c) The setting or resetting, as necessary, of renewal processing or reporting dates;

(d) Information and reports pertaining to authorized delegates; and

(e) Amending or surrendering a license or any other such activities as the director deems necessary for participation in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

(2) In order to fulfill the purposes of the act, the department is authorized to establish relationships or contracts with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or other entities designated by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry to collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees related to licensees or other persons subject to the act. The department may allow such system to collect licensing fees on behalf of the department and allow such system to collect a processing fee for the services of the system directly from each licensee or applicant for a license.

(3) The director is required to regularly report enforcement actions and other relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry subject to the provisions contained in section 8-2731.

(4) The director shall establish a process whereby applicants and licensees may challenge information entered into the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry by the director.

(5) The department shall ensure that the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry adopts a privacy, data security, and breach of security of the system notification policy. The director shall make available upon written request a copy of the contract between the department and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry pertaining to the breach of security of the system provisions.

(6) The department shall upon written request provide the most recently available audited financial report of the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry.

Last amended:

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8-2731

Supervisory information sharing; information and material; how treated; applicability; director; powers.

(1) In order to promote more effective regulation and reduce the regulatory burden through supervisory information sharing:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the requirements under any federal or state law regarding the privacy or confidentiality of any information or material provided to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, and any privilege arising under federal or state law, including the rules of any federal or state court, with respect to such information or material, shall continue to apply to such information or material after the information or material has been disclosed to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Such information and material may be shared with all federal and state regulatory officials with money transmitter

industry oversight authority without the loss of privilege or the loss of confidentiality protections provided by federal or state law;

(b) Information or material that is subject to privilege or confidentiality under subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not be subject to:

(i) Disclosure under any federal or state law governing the disclosure to the public of information held by an officer or an agency of the federal government or the respective state; or

(ii) Subpoena or discovery or admission into evidence in any private civil action or administrative process unless, with respect to any privilege held by the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry with respect to such information or material, the person to whom such information or material pertains waives, in whole or in part, in the discretion of such person, that privilege;

(c) Any state statute relating to the disclosure of confidential supervisory information or any information or material described in subdivision (a) of this subsection that is inconsistent with such subdivision shall be superseded by the requirements of this section; and

(d) This section shall not apply with respect to the information or material relating to the employment history of, and publicly adjudicated disciplinary and enforcement actions against, applicants and licensees that is included in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry for access by the public.

(2) For these purposes, the director is authorized to enter into agreements or sharing arrangements with other governmental agencies, the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators, the Money Transmitter Regulators Association, or other associations representing governmental agencies as established by adopting and promulgating rules and regulations or an order of the director.

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8-2732

Application fee; processing fee.

Each applicant shall submit, with the application, an application fee of one thousand dollars, and any processing fee allowed under subsection (2) of section 8-2730 which shall not be subject to refund but which, if the license is granted, shall constitute the license fee for the first license year or part thereof.

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8-2733

Application; director; duties; powers; onsite investigation; costs; denial of application; reasons; hearing.

(1) Upon the filing of a complete application under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, the director shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness of the applicant. The director may conduct an onsite investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which shall be borne by the applicant. If the director finds that the applicant's business will be conducted honestly, fairly, and in a manner commanding the confidence and trust of the community and that the applicant has fulfilled the requirements imposed by the act and has paid the required application or license fee, the director shall issue a license to the applicant authorizing the applicant to engage in money transmission in this state. If these requirements have not been met, the director shall deny the application in writing, setting forth the reasons for the denial.

(2) The director shall approve or deny every application for an original license within one hundred twenty days after the date a complete application is submitted, which period may be extended by the written consent of the applicant. The director shall notify the applicant of the date when the application is deemed complete.

(3) Any applicant aggrieved by a denial issued by the director under the act may, at any time within fifteen business days after the date of the denial, request a hearing before the director. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and rules and regulations of the department.

(4) If an applicant for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act does not complete the license application and fails to respond to a notice or notices from the department to correct the deficiency or deficiencies for a period of one hundred twenty days or more after the date the department sends the initial notice to correct the deficiency or deficiencies, the department may deem the application as abandoned and may issue a notice of abandonment of the application to the applicant in lieu of proceedings to deny the application.

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8-2734

License; renewal application; licensing fee; processing fee; report; contents.

(1) Initial licenses shall remain in full force and effect until the next succeeding December 31. Each licensee shall, annually on or before December 31 of each year, file a license renewal application and pay to the director a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars and any processing fee allowed under subsection (2) of section 8-2730, both of which shall not be subject to refund.

(2) The renewal application and license fee shall be accompanied by a report, in a form prescribed by the director, which shall include:

(a) A copy of the licensee's most recent audited consolidated annual financial statement including balance sheet, statement of income or loss, statement of changes in shareholders' equity, and statement of changes in financial position, or, if a licensee is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the consolidated audited annual financial statement of the parent corporation may be filed in lieu of the licensee's audited annual financial statement;

(b) The number of payment instruments sold by the licensee in the state, the dollar amount of those instruments, and the dollar amount of payment instruments currently outstanding, for the most recent quarter for which data is available before the date of the filing of the renewal application, but in no event more than one hundred twenty days before the renewal date;

(c) Any material changes to any of the information submitted by the licensee on its original application which have not previously been reported to the director on any other report required to be filed under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; and

(d) A list of the licensee's permissible investments.

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8-2735

Licensee; notice to director; when; report; contents.

(1) A licensee shall file notice with the director within thirty calendar days after any material change in information provided in a licensee's application as prescribed by the director.

(2) A licensee shall file a report with the director within five business days after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee under any bankruptcy law of the United States for liquidation or reorganization;

(b) The filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

(c) The filing of an action to revoke or suspend the licensee's license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in business or is licensed;

(d) The cancellation or other impairment of the licensee's bond or other security;

(e) A charge or conviction of the licensee or of an executive officer, manager, or director of, or controlling person of, the licensee, for a felony; or

(f) A charge or conviction of an authorized delegate for a felony.

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8-2736

Acquisition of control of licensee; notice to director; director; duties; powers; disapproval; grounds; notice; hearing.

(1) No person acting personally or as an authorized delegate shall acquire control of any licensee under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act without first giving thirty days' notice to the director on forms prescribed by the director of such proposed acquisition.

(2) The director, upon receipt of such notice, shall act upon the proposed acquisition within thirty days, and unless he or she disapproves the proposed acquisition within that period of time, the acquisition shall become effective on the thirty-first day after receipt without the director's approval, except that the director may extend the thirty-day period an additional thirty days if, in his or her judgment, any material information submitted is substantially inaccurate or the acquiring person has not furnished all the information required by the director.

(3) An acquisition may be made prior to the expiration of the disapproval period if the director issues written notice of his or her intent not to disapprove the action.

(4)(a) The director may disapprove any proposed acquisition if:

(i) The financial condition of any acquiring person is such as might jeopardize the financial stability of the acquired licensee;

(ii) The business experience, character, and general fitness of any acquiring person or of any of the proposed management personnel of the acquiring person indicate that the acquired licensee would not be operated honestly, carefully, or efficiently; or

(iii) Any acquiring person neglects, fails, or refuses to furnish all information required by the director.

(b) The director may require that any acquiring person comply with the application requirements of section 8-2729.

(c) The director shall notify the acquiring person in writing of disapproval of the acquisition. The notice shall provide a statement of the basis for the disapproval.

(d) Within fifteen business days after receipt of written notice of disapproval, the acquiring person may request a hearing on the proposed acquisition. The hearing shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and rules and regulations of the department. Following such hearing, the director shall, by order, approve or disapprove the proposed acquisition on the basis of the record made at the hearing.

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8-2737

Examination, investigation, inquiry request for information; procedure; director; powers; administrative fine; disposition; lien; charge.

(1) The director may conduct an examination of a licensee upon reasonable written notice to the licensee. The director may examine a licensee without prior notice if the director has a reasonable basis to believe that the licensee is in noncompliance with the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

(2) An examination may be conducted in conjunction with examinations to be performed by representatives of agencies of another state or states or departments or agencies of the United States. The director, in lieu of an examination, may accept the examination report of an agency of another state or a department or an agency of the United States or a report prepared by an independent accounting firm. Reports so accepted are considered for all purposes as an official report of the department.

(3) The director may make investigations regarding complaints of alleged violations of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, any rule and regulation or order under the act, or any state or federal law applicable to a licensee, an authorized delegate, or an applicant for a license, as the director deems necessary, and to the extent necessary for this purpose, the director may examine such licensee, authorized delegate, or any other person, interview officers, principals, employees, and customers of the licensee, authorized delegate, or applicant, and compel the production of all relevant books, records, accounts, and documents.

(4) The director may request financial data from a licensee in addition to that required under section 8-2734.

(5) The director may conduct an examination of any authorized delegate of a licensee within this state upon reasonable written notice to the licensee and the authorized delegate. The director may conduct an examination of any authorized delegate without prior notice to the authorized delegate or licensee only if the director has a reasonable basis to believe that the licensee or authorized delegate is in noncompliance with the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

(6) Upon receipt by a licensee, an authorized delegate, or any other person of a notice of investigation or inquiry request for information from the department, the licensee, authorized delegate, or other person shall respond within twenty-one calendar days. Failure to respond is a violation of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act. Each day a licensee, authorized delegate, or other person fails to respond as required by this subsection shall constitute a separate violation.

(7) If the director finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, that any person has violated subsection (6) of this section, the director may order such person to pay (a) an administrative fine of not more than two thousand dollars for each separate violation and (b) the costs of investigation. The department shall remit

finances collected under this subsection to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

(8) If a person fails to pay an administrative fine and the costs of investigation ordered pursuant to subsection (7) of this section, a lien in the amount of such fine and costs may be imposed upon all assets and property of such person in this state and may be recovered in a civil action by the director. The lien shall attach to the real property of such person when notice of the lien is filed and indexed against the real property in the office of the register of deeds in the county where the real property is located. The lien shall attach to any other property of such person when notice of the lien is filed against the property in the manner prescribed by law. Failure of the person to pay such fine and costs shall constitute a separate violation of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

(9) For purposes of any investigation, examination, or proceeding under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, the director or any officer designated by the director may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, or other documents or records which the director deems relevant or material to the inquiry. If any person refuses to comply with a subpoena issued under this subsection or to testify with respect to any matter relevant to the proceeding, the district court of Lancaster County may, on application of the director, issue an order requiring the person to comply with the subpoena and to testify. Failure to obey an order of the court to comply with the subpoena may be punished by the court as civil contempt.

(10) The total charge for an examination under this section shall be paid by the licensee or authorized delegate as set forth in sections 8-605 and 8-606.

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8-2738

Licensee; books, accounts, and records.

(1) Each licensee shall make, keep, and preserve the following books, accounts, and other records for a period of three years which shall be open to inspection by the director:

- (a) A record of each payment instrument and stored value sold;
- (b) A general ledger containing all assets, liability, capital, income, and expense accounts, which general ledger shall be posted at least monthly;
- (c) Settlement sheets received from authorized delegates;
- (d) Bank statements and bank reconciliation records;
- (e) Records of outstanding payment instruments and stored value;
- (f) Records of each payment instrument and stored value paid;

- (g) A list of the names and addresses of all of the licensee’s authorized delegates; and
- (h) Any other records the director reasonably requires by rule or regulation or order.

(2) Maintenance of such documents as are required by this section in a photographic, electronic, or other similar form constitutes compliance with this section.

(3) Records may be maintained at a location other than within this state so long as the records are made accessible to the director on seven business days’ written notice.

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8-2739

Licensee; authorized delegate; contract; contents.

A licensee desiring to conduct money transmission through an authorized delegate shall authorize each authorized delegate to operate pursuant to an express written contract which, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2014, shall provide the following:

- (1) That the licensee appoints the person as its authorized delegate with authority to engage in the sale and issue of payment instruments or engage in the business of money transmission on behalf of the licensee;
- (2) That neither a licensee nor an authorized delegate may authorize subdelegates without the written consent of the director; and
- (3) That the licensee is subject to supervision and regulation by the director.

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8-2740

Authorized delegate; duties.

- (1) An authorized delegate shall not make any fraudulent or false statement or misrepresentation to a licensee or to the director.
- (2) An authorized delegate shall conduct all money transmission strictly in accordance with the licensee’s written procedures provided to the authorized delegate.
- (3) An authorized delegate shall remit all money owing to the licensee in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate.
- (4) An authorized delegate is deemed to consent to the director’s inspection with or without prior notice to the licensee or authorized delegate.

(5) An authorized delegate is under a duty to act only as authorized under the contract with the licensee and the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act. An authorized delegate who exceeds its authority is subject to cancellation of its contract and further disciplinary action by the director.

(6) All funds, less fees, received by an authorized delegate of a licensee from the sale or delivery of a payment instrument issued by a licensee or received by an authorized delegate for transmission shall, from the time such funds are received by such authorized delegate until such time when the funds or an equivalent amount are remitted by the authorized delegate to the licensee, constitute trust funds owned by and belonging to the licensee. If an authorized delegate commingles any such funds with any other funds or property owned or controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled proceeds and other property is impressed with a trust in favor of the licensee in an amount equal to the amount of the proceeds due the licensee.

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8-2741

License; suspension or revocation; grounds; director; powers and duties; hearing; surrender; cancellation; expiration.

(1) The director may, following a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, suspend or revoke any license issued pursuant to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act if he or she finds:

(a) Any fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time when the licensee applied for its original or renewal license, would have been grounds for denying such application;

(b) The licensee's net worth has become inadequate and the licensee, after ten days' written notice from the director, failed to take such steps as the director deems necessary to remedy such deficiency;

(c) The licensee knowingly violated any material provision of the act or any rule or order validly adopted and promulgated under the act;

(d) The licensee conducted money transmission in an unsafe or unsound manner;

(e) The licensee is insolvent;

(f) The licensee has suspended payment of its obligations, made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or admitted in writing its inability to pay its debts as they became due;

(g) The licensee filed for liquidation or reorganization under any bankruptcy law;

(h) The licensee refused to permit the director to make any examination authorized by the act;
or

(i) The licensee willfully failed to make any report required by the act.

(2) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the director may consider the size and condition of the licensee's money transmission, the magnitude of the loss, if any, the gravity of the violation of the act, and the previous conduct of the licensee.

(3) A licensee may voluntarily surrender a license by delivering to the director written notice of the surrender, but a surrender shall not affect civil or criminal liability for acts committed before the surrender or liability for any fines which may be levied against the licensee or any of its officers, directors, key shareholders, partners, or members for acts committed before the surrender.

(4)(a) If a licensee fails to renew its license as required by section 8-2734 and does not voluntarily surrender the license pursuant to this section, the department may issue a notice of expiration of the license to the licensee in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(b) If a licensee fails to maintain a surety bond as required by section 8-2727, the department may issue a notice of cancellation of the license in lieu of revocation proceedings.

(5) Revocation, suspension, surrender, cancellation, or expiration of a license shall not impair or affect the obligation of a preexisting lawful contract between the licensee and any person.

(6) Revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration of a license shall not affect civil or criminal liability for acts committed before the revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration or liability for any fines which may be levied against the licensee or any of its officers, directors, key shareholders, partners, or members for acts committed before the revocation, suspension, cancellation, or expiration.

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8-2742

Authorized delegate; suspension or revocation of designation; grounds; director; powers and duties; hearing; final order; application to modify or rescind.

(1) The director may, following a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, issue an order suspending or revoking the designation of an authorized delegate if the director finds that:

(a) The authorized delegate violated the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act or a rule or regulation adopted and promulgated or an order issued under the act;

(b) The authorized delegate did not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the director;

(c) The authorized delegate engaged in fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or gross negligence;

(d) The authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute;

(e) The competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the authorized delegate or a controlling person of the authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the authorized delegate to engage in money transmission services; or

(f) The authorized delegate is engaged in an unsafe or unsound practice.

(2) In determining whether an authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the director may consider the size and condition of the authorized delegate's money transmission, the magnitude of the loss, if any, the gravity of the violation of the act, and the previous conduct of the authorized delegate.

(3) Any authorized delegate to whom a final order is issued under this section may apply to the director to modify or rescind the order. The director shall not grant the application unless the director finds that (a) it is in the public interest to do so and (b) it is reasonable to believe that the person will comply with the act and any rule, regulation, or order issued under the act if and when that person is permitted to resume being an authorized delegate of a licensee.

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8-2743

Cease and desist order; notice; hearing; vacation or modification of order; when; judicial review; enforcement.

(1) The department may order any person to cease and desist whenever the department determines that the person has violated the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act. Upon entry of a cease and desist order, the director shall promptly notify the affected person that such order has been entered, of the reasons for such order, and that upon receipt, within fifteen business days after the date of the order, of a written request from the affected person, a hearing will be scheduled within thirty business days after the date of receipt of the written request, unless the parties consent to a later date or the hearing officer sets a later date for good cause. The hearing shall be held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and rules and regulations of the department. If a hearing is not requested and none is ordered by the director, the order shall remain in effect until it is modified or vacated.

(2) The director may issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from engaging in money transmission through an authorized delegate that is the subject of a separate order pursuant to section 8-2742.

(3) The director may vacate or modify a cease and desist order if he or she finds that the conditions which caused its entry have changed or that it is otherwise in the public interest to do so.

(4) A person aggrieved by a cease and desist order of the department may obtain judicial review of the order. The review shall be in the manner prescribed in the Administrative Procedure Act. The director may obtain an order from the district court of Lancaster County for enforcement of the cease and desist order.

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8-2744

Violations; orders authorized.

If the director finds, after notice and hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, that any person has violated the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act or any rule, regulation, or order of the director thereunder, the director may order such person to pay (1) an administrative fine of not more than five thousand dollars for each separate violation and (2) the costs of investigation.

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8-2745

Violations; penalties.

(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any person violating the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act or any rule, regulation, or order of the director made pursuant to the act or who engages in any act, practice, or transaction declared by the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act to be unlawful is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(2) A person who intentionally makes a false statement, misrepresentation, or false certification in a record filed or required to be maintained under the act or who intentionally makes a false entry or omits a material entry in such a record is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

(3) An individual who knowingly engages in money transmission for which a license is required under the act without being licensed under the act is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

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8-2746

Rules and regulations.

The director may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations and issue orders, rulings, findings, and demands as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

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8-2747

Fees, charges, costs, and fines; disposition.

(1) The department shall remit all fees, charges, and costs collected by the department pursuant to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act to the State Treasurer for credit to the Financial Institution Assessment Cash Fund.

(2) The department shall remit fines collected under the act to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

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8-2748

Repealed.

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