

**S.B. 431**

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SENATE BILL NO. 431—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR  
(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS)

MARCH 29, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions governing financial institutions and related business entities. (BDR 55-361)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to financial institutions; establishing requirements relating to applications for certain licenses; establishing additional grounds for refusing to issue or for suspending or revoking certain licenses; revising the provisions governing the use of business names by financial institutions; increasing the maximum amount of various fees and fines imposed on financial institutions; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to establish the amount of certain fees by regulation; revising the provisions governing the licensure of agents involved in the transmission of money and financial instruments; revising the provisions governing liability for nonpayment of certain financial obligations; revising the provisions governing certain interest rates; revising the provisions governing check-cashing services and deferred deposit services; revising the provisions governing collection agencies; increasing the amount of certain required surety bonds; revising the provisions governing examination of credit unions; providing for certain administrative fines and penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 657 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Financial institution” means a depository institution or any other institution regulated pursuant to this title. The term includes, without limitation, a holding company, affiliate or subsidiary of such an institution.*

**Sec. 4.** *“License” means any license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization.*

**Sec. 5. 1.** *In addition to any other requirements set forth by specific statute, each person who applies for a license to operate a financial institution and each person who will serve as a director, officer, manager or member acting in a managerial capacity for such a financial institution must submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that the person:*

*(a) Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and integrity and is competent to transact the business of the financial institution in a manner which protects the interests of the general public.*

*(b) Has not made a false statement of material fact on the application.*

*(c) Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

*(d) Has not had a license to operate a financial institution suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application.*

*(e) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud, misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

*(f) If the person is a natural person:*

*(1) Is at least 21 years of age; and*

*(2) Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.*

**2.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner may refuse to issue a license to operate a financial institution if the person who applies for the license or any person who will serve as a director, officer, manager or member acting in a managerial capacity for the financial institution:*



1 (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
2 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
3 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

4 (b) *Has previously been refused a license to operate a financial*  
5 *institution or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

6 (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
7 *refusal or revocation of a license to operate a financial institution.*

8 (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
9 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*

10 **Sec. 6.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
11 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license to operate a*  
12 *financial institution if the person who holds the license or any*  
13 *person who serves as a director, officer, manager or member*  
14 *acting in a managerial capacity for the financial institution has*  
15 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
16 *pursuant to section 5 of this act.*

17 **Sec. 7. 1.** *A financial institution must obtain the approval*  
18 *of the Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

19 **2.** *A financial institution shall not:*

20 (a) *Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
21 *business name used by another financial institution or which may*  
22 *mislead or confuse the public.*

23 (b) *Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
24 *public.*

25 **Sec. 8.** NRS 658.096 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 658.096 1. The Commissioner shall charge and collect the  
27 following fees in connection with his official duties:

28 (a) For licensing of state banks:

29 (1) A fee of ~~[\$200]~~ **not more than \$400** for each parent bank,  
30 payable on June 30 of each year.

31 (2) A fee of ~~[\$100]~~ **not more than \$500** for each branch bank  
32 or trust office, payable on June 30 of each year.

33 ➤ The fees must accompany the application for renewal of the  
34 license. A penalty of 10 percent of the fee must be charged for each  
35 month or part of a month that the fees are not paid after June 30 of  
36 each year.

37 (b) For applications for new branch banks or trust offices, a  
38 nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$200]~~ **not more than \$500** for the application  
39 and survey, to be paid by the applicant at the time of making the  
40 application. The applicant must also pay such additional expenses  
41 incurred in the process of investigation as the Commissioner deems  
42 necessary. All money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this  
43 paragraph must be placed in the Investigative Account for Financial  
44 Institutions created by NRS 232.545.



(c) For examinations and the examination of trust departments of state banks or trust offices, a fee for conducting the examination and for preparing and typing the report of the examination at the rate established pursuant to NRS 658.101.

2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

3. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection 1, all money collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of NRS 658.091.

~~[3.]~~ 4. As used in this section, "trust office" has the meaning ascribed to it in subsection 4 of NRS 662.239.

**Sec. 9.** NRS 659.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

659.045 1. Upon receipt of a copy of the articles of incorporation or organization or the certificate of amendment of the articles of incorporation or organization of the proposed bank, the Commissioner shall at once examine all of the facts connected with the formation of the proposed banking corporation or company, including its location and proposed stockholders or members. If it appears that the bank, if formed, will be lawfully entitled to commence the business of banking, the Commissioner shall so certify to the Secretary of State, unless upon examination and investigation he finds that:

(a) The proposed bank is formed for any other than legitimate banking business;

(b) The character, general fitness and responsibility of the persons proposed as stockholders, directors, officers, members or managers of the bank are not such as to command the confidence of the community in which the bank is proposed to be located;

(c) The probable volume of business and reasonable public demand in such community is not sufficient to assure and maintain the solvency of the new bank and of the bank or banks existing in the community at that time;

(d) The name of the proposed banking corporation or company ~~is likely to mislead the public as to its character or purpose; or~~

~~—(e) The proposed name is the same as the one already adopted or appropriated by an existing bank in this State, or so similar thereto as to be likely to mislead the public.]~~ *does not comply with the provisions of section 7 of this act.*

2. The Commissioner shall not make the certification to the Secretary of State until he has ascertained that the establishment of the bank will meet the needs and promote the convenience of the community to be served by the bank.

3. A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$3,000]~~ *not more than \$6,000* for the application and survey must be submitted to the Commissioner upon filing the articles or certificate of amendment with the



1 Secretary of State. The proposed banking corporation or company  
2 shall also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of  
3 investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. All money  
4 received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be  
5 placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

6 ***4. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the***  
7 ***amount of the application fee required pursuant to this section.***

8 **Sec. 10.** NRS 660.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 660.075 ***1.*** An application for authority to establish and  
10 operate one or more offices for mechanical tellers must be made to  
11 the Commissioner on the form prescribed by him and accompanied  
12 by a fee of ~~[\$100]~~ ***not more than \$200*** per teller. If the  
13 Commissioner approves the application, the financial institution  
14 must pay an annual fee of ~~[\$50]~~ ***not more than \$100*** for each  
15 mechanical teller that it operates.

16 ***2. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the***  
17 ***amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.***

18 **Sec. 11.** NRS 662.245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 662.245 ***1.*** An organization that does not maintain an office  
20 in this State to conduct the business of a trust company may be  
21 appointed to act as fiduciary by any court or by authority of any law  
22 of this State if, in addition to any other requirements of law, the  
23 organization:

24 (a) Associates as cofiduciary a bank authorized to do business in  
25 this State or a trust company licensed pursuant to chapter 669 of  
26 NRS; or

27 (b) Is a trust corporation or trust company which:

28 (1) Is organized under the laws of and has its principal place  
29 of business in another state which allows trust corporations or trust  
30 companies licensed pursuant to chapter 669 of NRS to act as  
31 fiduciary in that state;

32 (2) Is authorized by its charter to act as fiduciary; and

33 (3) Before the appointment as fiduciary, files with the  
34 Secretary of State a document, acknowledged before a notarial  
35 officer, which:

36 (I) Appoints the Secretary of State as its agent upon  
37 whom all process in any action or proceeding against it may be  
38 served;

39 (II) Contains its agreement that the appointment continues  
40 in force as long as any liability remains outstanding against it in this  
41 State, and that any process against it which is served on the  
42 Secretary of State is of the same legal validity as if served on it  
43 personally;

44 (III) Contains an address to which the Secretary of State  
45 may mail the process when received; and



(IV) Is accompanied by a fee of ~~[\$10.]~~ *not more than \$20.*

➔ A copy of the document required by this subparagraph, certified by the Secretary of State, is sufficient evidence of the appointment and agreement.

2. A court which has jurisdiction over the accounts of a fiduciary that is a trust corporation or trust company described in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 may require the fiduciary to provide a bond to ensure the performance of its duties as fiduciary, in the same manner and to the same extent as the court may require such a bond from a fiduciary that is a bank or trust company described in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

3. Service of process authorized by subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be made by filing with the Secretary of State:

(a) Two copies of the legal process. The copies must include a specific citation to the provisions of this section. The Secretary of State may refuse to accept such service if the proper citation is not included in each copy.

(b) A fee of ~~[\$10.]~~ *not more than \$20.*

➔ The Secretary of State shall forthwith forward one copy of the legal process to the organization, by registered or certified mail prepaid to the address provided in the document filed pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Fiduciary" means an executor, commissioner, guardian of minors or estates, receiver, depository or trustee.

(b) "Notarial officer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 240.005.

(c) "State" means any state or territory of the United States ~~[H]~~ or the District of Columbia.

**Sec. 12.** NRS 666.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

666.015 1. With the approval of the Commissioner, a Nevada depository institution may merge or consolidate with, or transfer its assets and liabilities to, another Nevada depository institution, an out-of-state depository institution or an out-of-state holding company.

2. An application filed with the Commissioner for approval of the merger, consolidation or transfer must be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and must include:

(a) A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$3,000]~~ *not more than \$6,000* for the application. The depository institution must also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation as the



1 Commissioner deems necessary. All money received by the  
2 Commissioner pursuant to this section must be placed in the  
3 Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

4 (b) Certified copies of the resolutions adopted by the directors  
5 and stockholders or the managers and members of the depository  
6 institution or the stockholders of the holding company regarding the  
7 merger, consolidation or transfer. The minutes of the proceedings  
8 conducted by the stockholders or members of each depository  
9 institution or the stockholders of each holding company and the  
10 resolutions adopted by them, if any, must set forth that holders of at  
11 least a majority of the stock or members' interests voted in the  
12 affirmative on the proposition of merger, consolidation or transfer.  
13 The resolutions must also contain or have attached thereto a  
14 complete copy of the plan of merger.

15 (c) Information which the Commissioner requires to make the  
16 findings specified in subsection 7.

17 3. When a completed application has been filed, the  
18 Commissioner shall conduct an investigation of each depository  
19 institution to determine:

20 (a) Whether the interests of the depositors, creditors and  
21 stockholders or members of each depository institution are  
22 protected.

23 (b) That the merger, consolidation or transfer is in the public  
24 interest.

25 (c) That the merger, consolidation or transfer is made for  
26 legitimate purposes.

27 (d) Whether each depository institution has a good record of  
28 compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, 12  
29 U.S.C. §§ 2901 to 2905, inclusive.

30 4. The Commissioner's approval or rejection of the merger,  
31 consolidation or transfer must be based upon his investigation. The  
32 expense of the investigation must be paid by the depository  
33 institutions.

34 5. Notice of the merger, consolidation or transfer must be  
35 published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks, before or after  
36 the merger, consolidation or transfer is effective at the discretion of  
37 the Commissioner, in a newspaper published in a city, town or  
38 county in which each of the depository institutions is located, and a  
39 certified copy of the notice must be filed with the Commissioner.

40 6. The Commissioner shall issue his written decision within 60  
41 days after receiving a completed application. The Commissioner  
42 may approve the application subject to any terms and conditions  
43 which he considers necessary to protect the public interest.

44 7. The Commissioner shall disapprove an application if he  
45 finds that:



1 (a) The proposed transaction would be detrimental to the safety  
2 and soundness of the applicant, to any institution which is a party to  
3 the transaction or to a subsidiary or affiliate of any such institution;

4 (b) The applicant or its executive officers, directors, managers,  
5 principal stockholders or members have not established a record of  
6 sound performance, efficient management, financial responsibility  
7 and integrity so that it would be against the interest of the  
8 depositors, other customers, creditors, stockholders or members of  
9 an institution, or the general public to authorize the proposed  
10 transaction;

11 (c) The financial condition of the applicant or any other  
12 institution which is a participant in the proposed transactions might  
13 jeopardize the financial stability of the applicant or other institution,  
14 or prejudice the interests of depositors or other customers of the  
15 applicant or other institutions;

16 (d) The consummation of the proposed transaction will tend to  
17 lessen competition substantially, unless the Commissioner finds that  
18 the anticompetitive effects of the proposed transaction are clearly  
19 outweighed by the benefit of accommodating the convenience and  
20 needs of the relevant market to be served; or

21 (e) The applicant has not established a record of meeting the  
22 needs for credit of the communities which it or its subsidiary  
23 depository institution serves.

24 8. If a merger, consolidation or transfer is approved pursuant to  
25 this section, the property and liabilities of the constituent depository  
26 institutions must be treated in the manner prescribed in  
27 NRS 92A.250.

28 9. A Nevada depository institution authorized pursuant to this  
29 section to merge or consolidate with, or transfer its assets and  
30 liabilities to, an out-of-state depository institution or an out-of-state  
31 holding company shall comply with the laws of all states in which it  
32 is authorized to operate.

33 *10. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing*  
34 *the amount of the application fee required pursuant to this*  
35 *section.*

36 **Sec. 13.** NRS 666.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 666.315 1. An application filed with the Commissioner for  
38 approval must be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner and  
39 must include:

40 (a) A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$3,000]~~ *not more than \$6,000* for  
41 the application. The depository institution or holding company must  
42 also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of  
43 investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. All money  
44 received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be  
45 placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.





1 (b) Information which the Commissioner requires to make the  
2 findings specified in subsection 4.

3 (c) Unless the applicant is a resident of Nevada, a corporation  
4 organized in this State or a foreign corporation admitted to do  
5 business in this State, a written consent to service of process on a  
6 resident of this State in any action arising out of the applicant's  
7 activities in this State.

8 2. In reviewing the application, the Commissioner shall  
9 consider the applicant's record of compliance with the Community  
10 Reinvestment Act of 1977, 12 U.S.C. §§ 2901 to 2905, inclusive,  
11 and whether the proposed transaction will meet the needs of those  
12 counties whose populations are less than 100,000 and whose  
13 residents are not being adequately served by existing financial  
14 institutions.

15 3. The Commissioner shall issue his written decision within 60  
16 days after receiving a completed application. The Commissioner  
17 may approve the application subject to any terms and conditions  
18 which he considers necessary to protect the public interest.

19 4. The Commissioner shall disapprove an application if he  
20 finds:

21 (a) That the proposed transaction would be detrimental to the  
22 safety and soundness of the applicant, to any institution which is a  
23 party to the transaction, or to a subsidiary or affiliate of that  
24 institution;

25 (b) The applicant or its executive officers, directors or principal  
26 stockholders have not established a record of sound performance,  
27 efficient management, financial responsibility and integrity so that it  
28 would be against the interest of the depositors, other customers,  
29 creditors or stockholders of an institution, or the public to authorize  
30 the proposed transaction;

31 (c) The financial condition of the applicant or any other  
32 institution which is a participant in the proposed transaction might  
33 jeopardize the financial stability of the applicant or other institution,  
34 or prejudice the interests of depositors or other customers of the  
35 applicant or other institutions;

36 (d) The consummation of the proposed transaction will tend to  
37 lessen competition substantially, unless the Commissioner finds that  
38 the anticompetitive effects of the proposed transaction are clearly  
39 outweighed by the benefit of meeting the convenience and needs of  
40 the relevant market to be served; or

41 (e) The applicant has not established a record of meeting the  
42 needs for credit of the communities which it or its subsidiary  
43 depository institution serves.

44 ***5. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the***  
45 ***amount of the application fee required pursuant to this section.***



1     **Sec. 14.** NRS 666A.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     666A.090 1. A foreign bank which desires to obtain a license  
3 under this chapter to establish and maintain a state branch or agency  
4 shall submit an application to the Commissioner pursuant to NRS  
5 666.315. The application must contain:

6     (a) The same information as required by the Board of Governors  
7 of the Federal Reserve System for an application to establish a  
8 branch or agency, as the case may be, in the United States; and

9     (b) The information required pursuant to NRS 666.315,

10    ➔ and must be accompanied by the fee required by that section.

11    2. A foreign bank which is licensed under this chapter to  
12 establish and maintain a state branch or agency may not  
13 concurrently maintain a federal branch or agency in this State. A  
14 foreign bank which maintains a federal branch or agency in this  
15 State may not concurrently be licensed under this chapter to  
16 maintain a state branch or agency.

17    3. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
18 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
19 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
20 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
21 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
22 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
23 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
24 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
25 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
26 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
27 *any required fees.*

28     **Sec. 15.** NRS 666A.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29     666A.120 1. The application for a license to establish and  
30 maintain a state representative office must be made in writing under  
31 oath and be in such form and contain such information as the  
32 Commissioner may require. The application must be accompanied  
33 by a fee ~~fin the amount of \$200.]~~ *of not more than \$400.* A fee of  
34 ~~[\$100]~~ *not more than \$200* must be paid annually to renew the  
35 license.

36    2. The Commissioner shall require a foreign bank to include as  
37 part of its application to establish and maintain a state representative  
38 office an instrument irrevocably appointing the Commissioner and  
39 his successors in office to be the foreign bank's agent to receive  
40 service of any lawful process in any proceeding against the foreign  
41 bank or any of its successors which arises out of a transaction with  
42 its state representative office, with the same force and validity as if  
43 served on the foreign bank or its successor, as the case may be. The  
44 appointment must be in such form and contain such information as  
45 the Commissioner may require.



1       3. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
2 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

3       4. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
4 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
5 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
6 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
7 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
8 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
9 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
10 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
11 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
12 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
13 *any required fees.*

14       **Sec. 16.** NRS 666A.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15       666A.160 1. No foreign bank which is licensed to establish  
16 and maintain a state branch or agency may engage in fiduciary  
17 activities at that office unless the foreign bank first obtains a  
18 certificate of authority from the Commissioner to engage in  
19 fiduciary activities there.

20       2. An application to obtain a certificate of authority to engage  
21 in fiduciary activities must be in such form and contain such  
22 information as the Commissioner may require and must be  
23 accompanied by a fee ~~[in the amount of \$500.]~~ *of not more than*  
24 *\$1,000.* The Commissioner shall issue a certificate of authority to  
25 engage in fiduciary activities to a foreign bank making an  
26 application under this section if he finds that the foreign bank will  
27 exercise fiduciary powers in accordance with the laws and  
28 regulations of this State.

29       3. A foreign bank which holds a certificate of authority issued  
30 pursuant to this section may engage at its state branch or agency in  
31 fiduciary activities to the same extent and in the same manner as if  
32 the foreign bank were a Nevada bank.

33       4. A foreign bank which holds a certificate of authority issued  
34 pursuant to this section shall file reports and be subject to  
35 examination and supervision to the same extent and in the same  
36 manner as if the foreign bank were a Nevada bank.

37       5. The Commissioner may suspend or revoke a certificate to  
38 engage in fiduciary activities issued pursuant to this section if he  
39 finds that:

40       (a) Conditions exist which would authorize him to revoke or  
41 suspend the foreign bank's license to establish and maintain a state  
42 branch or agency; or

43       (b) Any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the  
44 time of the foreign bank's original application to obtain a certificate



1 of authority to engage in fiduciary activities, would have resulted in  
2 his refusing to issue the certificate of authority.

3 *6. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
4 *amount of the application fee required pursuant to this section.*

5 **Sec. 17.** Chapter 668 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
6 thereto a new section to read as follows:

7 *1. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
8 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
9 *than \$10,000 upon a person who:*

10 *(a) Without a license, conducts any business or activity for*  
11 *which a license is required pursuant to the provisions of this title;*  
12 *or*

13 *(b) Violates any provision of this title or any regulation*  
14 *adopted pursuant thereto.*

15 *2. As used in this section, "license" means any license,*  
16 *certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization.*

17 **Sec. 18.** Chapter 669 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
18 thereto a new section to read as follows:

19 *1. If a trust company fails to submit any report required*  
20 *pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant*  
21 *thereto within the prescribed period, the Commissioner may*  
22 *impose and collect a fee of not more than \$10 for each day the*  
23 *report is overdue.*

24 *2. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
25 *amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*

26 **Sec. 19.** NRS 669.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 669.150 1. An applicant must file an application for a license  
28 to transact trust company business with the Commissioner on forms  
29 prescribed by the Commissioner, which must contain or be  
30 accompanied by such information as the Commissioner requires.

31 2. A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$1,000]~~ *not more than \$2,000* must  
32 accompany the application. The applicant must also pay such  
33 reasonable additional expenses incurred in the process of  
34 investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. In addition, a  
35 fee of not less than ~~[\$100-not]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$250,]~~ *\$500,*  
36 prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the  
37 Commissioner, must be paid at the time of making the application.

38 3. A trust company may maintain offices in this and other  
39 states. For every branch location of a trust company organized under  
40 the laws of this State, and every branch location in this State of a  
41 foreign trust company authorized to do business in this State, a  
42 request for approval and licensing must be filed with the  
43 Commissioner on such forms as he prescribes. A nonrefundable fee  
44 of ~~[\$250]~~ *not more than \$500* must accompany each request. In  
45 addition, a fee of not more than ~~[\$100,]~~ *\$200,* prorated on the basis



1 of the licensing year as provided by the Commissioner, must be paid  
2 at the time of making the request.

3 4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
4 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All money  
5 received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be  
6 placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

7 5. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
8 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
9 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
10 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
11 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
12 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
13 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
14 *pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws*  
15 *an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
16 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
17 *any required fees.*

18 **Sec. 20.** NRS 669.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 669.160 1. Within 60 days after the application for a license  
20 is filed, the Commissioner shall investigate the facts of the  
21 application and the other requirements of this chapter to determine:

22 (a) That the persons who will serve as directors or officers of the  
23 corporation, or the managers or members acting in a managerial  
24 capacity of the limited-liability company, as applicable:

25 (1) Have a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and  
26 integrity and display competence to transact the business of a trust  
27 company in a manner which safeguards the interests of the general  
28 public. The applicant must submit satisfactory proof of these  
29 qualifications to the Commissioner.

30 (2) Have not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo  
31 contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,  
32 misrepresentation or moral turpitude.

33 (3) Have not made a false statement of material fact on the  
34 application.

35 (4) Have not had a license that was issued pursuant to the  
36 provisions of this chapter suspended or revoked within the 10 years  
37 immediately preceding the date of the application.

38 (5) Have not had a license as a trust company which was  
39 issued in any other state, district or territory of the United States or  
40 any foreign country suspended or revoked within the 10 years  
41 immediately preceding the date of the application.

42 (6) Have not violated any of the provisions of this chapter or  
43 any regulation adopted pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

44 (b) That the financial status of the directors and officers of the  
45 corporation or the managers or members acting in a managerial



1 capacity of the limited-liability company is consistent with their  
2 responsibilities and duties.

3 (c) That the name of the proposed company ~~is not deceptively~~  
4 ~~similar to the name of another trust company licensed in this State~~  
5 ~~or is not otherwise misleading.]~~ *complies with the provisions of*  
6 *section 7 of this act.*

7 (d) That the initial stockholders' equity is not less than the  
8 required minimum.

9 2. Notice of the entry of an order refusing a license to a trust  
10 company must be given in writing, served personally or sent by  
11 certified mail or by telegram to the company affected. The  
12 company, upon application, is entitled to a hearing before a hearing  
13 officer appointed by the Director of the Department of Business and  
14 Industry, but if no such application is made within 30 days after the  
15 entry of an order refusing a license to any company, the  
16 Commissioner shall enter a final order.

17 3. If the hearing officer affirms the order of the Commissioner  
18 refusing the license, the applicant may file a petition for judicial  
19 review pursuant to NRS 233B.130.

20 **Sec. 21.** NRS 669.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 669.190 1. The initial fee to be paid for a trust company  
22 license must be in proportion to the initial stockholders' equity of  
23 the trust company as follows:

24 (a) A trust company with an initial stockholders' equity of not  
25 less than \$300,000 but not more than \$500,000 must pay a license  
26 fee of ~~[\$500.]~~ *not more than \$1,000.*

27 (b) A trust company with an initial stockholders' equity of more  
28 than \$500,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 must pay a license fee  
29 of ~~[\$750.]~~ *not more than \$1,500.*

30 (c) A trust company with an initial stockholders' equity of more  
31 than \$1,000,000 must pay a license fee of ~~[\$1,000.]~~ *not more than*  
32 *\$2,000.*

33 2. In addition, every trust company must pay an initial license  
34 fee of ~~[\$100]~~ *not more than \$200* for each branch office that is  
35 authorized by the Commissioner.

36 3. Thereafter, every trust company must pay annually on or  
37 before April 1 of each year a license fee which must be in  
38 proportion to its existing stockholders' equity as follows:

39 (a) A trust company with an existing stockholders' equity of not  
40 less than \$300,000 but not more than \$500,000 must pay a license  
41 fee of ~~[\$500.]~~ *not more than \$1,000.*

42 (b) A trust company with an existing stockholders' equity of  
43 more than \$500,000 but not more than \$1,000,000 must pay a  
44 license fee of ~~[\$750.]~~ *not more than \$1,500.*



(c) A trust company with an existing stockholders' equity of more than \$1,000,000 must pay a license fee of ~~[\$1,000.]~~ *not more than \$2,000.*

4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All money collected under the provisions of this section must be deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of NRS 658.091.

**Sec. 22.** Chapter 670 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *If a corporation fails to submit any report required pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto within the prescribed period, the Commissioner may impose and collect a fee of not more than \$10 for each day the report is overdue.*

2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 23.** NRS 670.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

670.115 1. A development corporation shall obtain a license from the Commissioner before conducting any business. The application for the license must be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner.

2. A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$1,000]~~ *not more than \$2,000* for the application and survey must accompany the application. The applicant shall also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. In addition, a fee of not less than ~~[\$100 nor]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$250,]~~ *\$500*, prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the Commissioner, must be paid at the time the application is submitted.

3. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

4. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information and fees required to complete the application within 12 months after the date the application is first submitted to the Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays any required fees.*





1     **Sec. 24.** NRS 670.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     670.240 1. A license issued pursuant to this chapter expires  
3 on December 31 of each year unless renewed by the corporation  
4 through the payment, on or before that date, of an annual fee of  
5 ~~[\$250.]~~ *not more than \$500.* The Commissioner may reinstate an  
6 expired license upon receipt of the annual fee and a fee of ~~[\$200]~~  
7 *not more than \$400* for reinstatement. *The Commissioner shall*  
8 *adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required*  
9 *pursuant to this subsection.*

10 2. The county and city wherein the corporation maintains a  
11 place of business may also levy a licensing fee which does not  
12 exceed \$50.

13     **Sec. 25.** NRS 670.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14     670.250 1. The Commissioner shall examine the corporation  
15 as often as he deems necessary.

16 2. The corporation shall report upon its condition annually to  
17 the Commissioner:

18 (a) Within 60 days after the close of its fiscal year, unless the  
19 Commissioner determines that there is good cause to extend that  
20 period; and

21 (b) At any other time ordered by the Commissioner.

22 ➔ The Commissioner may impose and collect a ~~[penalty of \$5]~~ *fee*  
23 *of not more than \$10* for each day the annual report is overdue. ~~[~~  
24 ~~up to a maximum of \$500.]~~ *The Commissioner shall adopt*  
25 *regulations establishing the amount of the fee that may be*  
26 *imposed pursuant to this subsection.* The Commissioner shall

27 furnish copies of these reports to the Commissioner of Insurance  
28 and the Governor. The corporation shall also furnish any other  
29 information required by the Commissioner or the Secretary of State.

30 3. The corporation shall pay a fee for conducting the  
31 examination and preparing the report of the examination at the rate  
32 established pursuant to NRS 658.101.

33 4. The Commissioner shall exercise the same supervisory  
34 authority over corporations organized under this chapter as he  
35 exercises over banks and trust companies chartered by the State.

36     **Sec. 26.** Chapter 670A of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
37 thereto a new section to read as follows:

38 1. *If a corporation fails to submit any report required*  
39 *pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant*  
40 *thereto within the prescribed period, the Commissioner may*  
41 *impose and collect a fee of not more than \$10 for each day the*  
42 *report is overdue.*

43 2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
44 *amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*





1     **Sec. 27.** NRS 670A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     670A.130   **1.** A corporation for economic revitalization and  
3     diversification shall obtain a license from the Commissioner before  
4     conducting any business. The application for the license must be on  
5     a form and be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of  
6     not more than ~~[\$1,000 prescribed by the Commissioner.]~~ **\$2,000.**

7     **2.** *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
8     *amount of the application fee required pursuant to this section.*

9     **3.** *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
10    *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
11    *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
12    *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
13    *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
14    *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
15    *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
16    *pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws*  
17    *an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
18    *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
19    *any required fees.*

20    **Sec. 28.** NRS 670A.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21    670A.250   **1.** Every corporation organized and engaged in  
22    business under the provisions of this chapter shall pay an annual  
23    state license fee of ~~[\$100.]~~ **not more than \$200. The Commissioner**  
24    ***shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fee required***  
25    ***pursuant to this subsection.***

26    **2.** The county and city in which the corporation maintains a  
27    place of business may also levy a license fee which does not exceed  
28    \$50.

29    **Sec. 29.** Chapter 671 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
30    thereto a new section to read as follows:

31    **1.** *If a licensee fails to submit any report required pursuant to*  
32    *this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto within the*  
33    *prescribed period, the Commissioner may impose and collect a fee*  
34    *of not more than \$10 for each day the report is overdue.*

35    **2.** *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
36    *amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*

37    **Sec. 30.** NRS 671.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38    671.050   **1.** Every application for a license required pursuant  
39    to this chapter must be in writing, signed by the applicant, and in the  
40    form prescribed by the Commissioner.

41    **2.** The application must contain:

42    (a) The name and principal business address of the applicant  
43    and, if incorporated, the date and place of its incorporation;



(b) The name and address of each of the applicant's branch offices, subsidiaries or affiliates, if any, which will be operated under the license;

(c) The name and addresses, business and residential, of the proprietor or partners of the applicant or, if the applicant is a corporation or association, of each of the directors, trustees and principal officers, and of any stockholder who owns 20 percent or more of the applicant's stock; and

(d) Such other pertinent information as the Commissioner requires.

3. The application must be accompanied by:

(a) A surety bond or securities as required by this chapter.

(b) A certified financial statement, satisfactory to the Commissioner, showing that the applicant's net worth exceeds \$100,000, unless the applicant's surety bond or the securities deposited pursuant to NRS 671.110 are in at least twice the minimum principal sum required by NRS 671.100.

(c) A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$250]~~ *not more than \$500* for the application and survey. The applicant shall also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary.

(d) A fee of not less than ~~[\$100 nor]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$200,]~~ *\$400*, prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the Commissioner.

4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

5. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information and fees required to complete the application within 6 months after the date the application is first submitted to the Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays any required fees.*

**Sec. 31.** NRS 671.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

671.070 1. A license issued pursuant to this chapter expires on June 30 of the year following its issuance and thereafter expires on June 30 of each year, unless it is earlier surrendered, suspended or revoked.



2. The license may be renewed from year to year upon the approval of the Commissioner if the licensee files an application conforming to the requirements for an initial application at least 60 days before the expiration of his current license.

3. An application for the renewal of the license must be accompanied by a fee of ~~[\$200.]~~ *not more than \$400*. No investigation fee may be charged for the renewal of the license. If the application or fee for renewal is not filed within the required time, the Commissioner may renew the expired license upon receipt of the application and fee for renewal, and a fee of ~~[\$200]~~ *not more than \$400* for late renewal.

4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of NRS 658.091.

**Sec. 32.** NRS 671.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

671.090 *1.* A separate license is not required for an agent of a licensee unless the agent directly sells or delivers the licensee's checks over the counter to the public and, in the ordinary course of such business, receives or has access to:

~~[(1)]~~ *(a)* The licensee's checks which, after payment, are returned through banking channels or otherwise for verification, reconciliation or accounting with respect thereto; or

~~[(2)]~~ *(b)* Bank statements relating to checks so returned.

*2. Each agent of a licensee who must be licensed pursuant to subsection 1 must:*

*(a) Submit an application to the Commissioner which is in writing, signed by the applicant and on a form prescribed by the Commissioner;*

*(b) Pay an application fee of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500; and*

*(c) Pay a license fee of not less than \$200 and not more than \$500.*

*3. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

*4. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information and fees required to complete the application within 6 months after the date the application is first submitted to the Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*



1 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
2 *any required fees.*

3 **Sec. 33.** NRS 41.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 41.620 1. ~~[Any]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection*  
5 *2, any* person who:

6 (a) Makes, utters, draws or delivers a check or draft for the  
7 payment of money drawn upon any financial institution or other  
8 person, when he has no account with the drawee of the instrument or  
9 has insufficient money, property or credit with the drawee to pay; or

10 (b) Uses a credit card or debit card to obtain money, goods,  
11 property, services or anything of value, when he knows or should  
12 have known the credit card or debit card is no longer valid,

13 ➡ and who fails to pay the amount in cash to the payee, issuer or  
14 other creditor within 30 days after a demand therefor in writing is  
15 mailed to him by certified mail, is liable to the payee, issuer or other  
16 creditor for the amount of the check, draft or extension of credit, and  
17 damages equal to three times the amount of the check, draft or  
18 extension of credit, but not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

19 2. *A person who receives check-cashing services or deferred*  
20 *deposit services pursuant to chapter 604 of NRS is not liable for*  
21 *damages pursuant to this section unless the person acted*  
22 *fraudulently.*

23 3. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
24 requires:

25 (a) "Credit card" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.630;

26 (b) "Debit card" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.635;  
27 and

28 (c) "Issuer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 205.650.

29 **Sec. 34.** NRS 99.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 99.040 1. When there is no express contract in writing fixing  
31 a different rate of interest, interest must be allowed at a rate equal to  
32 the prime rate at the largest bank in Nevada, as ascertained by the  
33 Commissioner of Financial Institutions, on January 1 or July 1, as  
34 the case may be, immediately preceding the date of the transaction,  
35 plus 2 percent, upon all money from the time it becomes due, in the  
36 following cases:

37 (a) Upon contracts, express or implied, other than book  
38 accounts.

39 (b) Upon the settlement of book or store accounts from the day  
40 on which the balance is ascertained.

41 (c) Upon money received to the use and benefit of another and  
42 detained without his consent.

43 (d) Upon wages or salary, if it is unpaid when due, after demand  
44 therefor has been made.



1    ➤ The rate must be adjusted accordingly on each January 1 and  
2    July 1 thereafter until the judgment is satisfied.

3    2. The provisions of this section do not apply to money owed:

4    (a) For the construction of a work of improvement pursuant to  
5    NRS 624.620; or

6    (b) By a contractor to his subcontractor pursuant to  
7    NRS 624.630.

8    3. *As used in this section, "book account" means a detailed*  
9    *statement which:*

10    (a) *Constitutes the principal record of one or more*  
11    *transactions between a debtor and a creditor arising out of a*  
12    *contract or some fiduciary relationship;*

13    (b) *Shows the debits and credits in connection with that*  
14    *contract or fiduciary relationship and shows against whom and in*  
15    *favor of whom entries are made;*

16    (c) *Is entered in the regular course of business as conducted*  
17    *by such creditor or fiduciary; and*

18    (d) *Is kept in a reasonably permanent form and manner:*

19    (1) *In a bound book;*

20    (2) *On a sheet or sheets fastened in a book or to backing*  
21    *but detachable therefrom;*

22    (3) *On a card or cards of a permanent character; or*

23    (4) *In any other reasonably permanent form and manner.*

24    **Sec. 35.** Chapter 604 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
25    thereto the provisions set forth as sections 36 to 40, inclusive, of this  
26    act.

27    **Sec. 36. 1.** *In addition to any other requirements set forth*  
28    *in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to*  
29    *the Commissioner that the applicant:*

30    (a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and*  
31    *integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the*  
32    *applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the*  
33    *interests of the general public.*

34    (b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the*  
35    *application for the license.*

36    (c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

37    (d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter*  
38    *suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding*  
39    *the date of the application.*

40    (e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo*  
41    *contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,*  
42    *misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

43    (f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

44    (1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*



1       (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to*  
2 *remain and work in the United States.*

3       2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner*  
4 *may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

5       (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
6 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
7 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

8       (b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this*  
9 *chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

10       (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
11 *refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

12       (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
13 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*

14       **Sec. 37.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
15 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
16 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
17 *pursuant this chapter.*

18       **Sec. 38.** 1. *A licensee must obtain the approval of the*  
19 *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

20       2. *A licensee shall not:*

21       (a) *Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
22 *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
23 *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

24       (b) *Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
25 *public.*

26       **Sec. 39.** 1. *If a licensee fails to submit any report required*  
27 *pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant*  
28 *thereto within the prescribed period, the Commissioner may*  
29 *impose and collect a fee of not more than \$10 for each day the*  
30 *report is overdue.*

31       2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
32 *amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*

33       **Sec. 40.** *In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
34 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
35 *than \$10,000 upon a person who:*

36       1. *Without a license, conducts any business or activity for*  
37 *which a license is required pursuant to the provisions of this*  
38 *chapter; or*

39       2. *Violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation*  
40 *adopted pursuant thereto.*

41       **Sec. 41.** NRS 604.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42       604.080 ~~["Registrant"]~~ **"Licensee"** means a person who has  
43 been issued a ~~[certificate of registration]~~ **license** to operate a check-  
44 cashing or deferred deposit service pursuant to this chapter.



**Sec. 42.** NRS 604.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.090 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, it is unlawful to operate a check-cashing or deferred deposit service *or a check-cashing machine or kiosk* without being ~~registered with~~ *licensed by* the Commissioner.

2. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

(a) A person doing business pursuant to the authority of any law of this State or of the United States relating to banks, savings banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, development corporations, mortgage brokers, mortgage bankers, thrift companies, pawnbrokers or insurance companies.

~~(b) A person licensed to make installment loans pursuant to chapter 675 of NRS.~~

~~(c) A person~~ who is primarily engaged in the retail sale of goods or services who:

(1) As an incident to or independently of a retail sale or service from time to time cashes checks for a fee or other consideration of not more than \$2; and

(2) Does not hold himself out as a check-cashing service.

~~(d)~~ (c) A person while performing any act authorized by a license issued pursuant to chapter 671 of NRS.

~~(e)~~ (d) A person who holds a nonrestricted gaming license issued pursuant to chapter 463 of NRS while performing any act in the course of that licensed operation.

~~(f)~~ (e) A person who is exclusively engaged in a check-cashing service relating to out-of-state checks.

~~(g)~~ (f) A corporation organized pursuant to the laws of this State that has been continuously and exclusively engaged in a check-cashing service in this State since July 1, 1973.

**Sec. 43.** NRS 604.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.100 1. An application for ~~registration~~ *a license* pursuant to this chapter must be made in writing, under oath and on a form prescribed by the Commissioner. The application must include:

(a) If the applicant is a natural person, the name and address of the applicant.

(b) If the applicant is a business entity, the name and address of each:

(1) Partner;

(2) Officer;

(3) Director;

(4) Manager or member who acts in a managerial capacity;

and

(5) Registered agent,

↳ of the business entity.





(c) Such other information concerning the financial responsibility, background, experience and activities of the applicant and its:

(1) Partners;

(2) Officers;

(3) Directors; and

(4) Managers or members who act in a managerial capacity,

→ as the Commissioner determines is necessary.

(d) The address of each location at which the applicant proposes to do business.

(e) If the applicant intends to provide deferred deposit services in addition to check-cashing services, a statement of that intent.

2. Each application for ~~registration~~ *a license* must be accompanied by a nonrefundable registration fee of ~~[\$250.]~~ *not more than \$500.*

*3. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

*4. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information and fees required to complete the application within 6 months after the date the application is first submitted to the Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays any required fees.*

**Sec. 44.** NRS 604.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 604.120, ~~for each application for registration must be accompanied by~~ *location at which a licensee does business, the licensee shall deposit and maintain a separate surety bond. The* surety bond :

*(a) Must accompany the application for the license for that location; and*

*(b) Must be* payable to the State of Nevada in the amount of \$50,000 for the use and benefit of any customer receiving the ~~registrant's~~ *licensee's* check-cashing or deferred deposit service.

2. ~~The~~ *Each* bond must be in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner, issued by a bonding company authorized to do business in this State and must secure the faithful performance of the obligations of the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* respecting the provision of the check-cashing or deferred deposit service.

3. A ~~registrant~~ *licensee* shall, within 10 days after the commencement of any action or notice of entry of any judgment





1 against him by any creditor or claimant arising out of business  
2 regulated by this chapter, give notice thereof to the Commissioner  
3 by certified mail with details sufficient to identify the action or  
4 judgment. The surety shall, within 10 days after it pays any claim or  
5 judgment to a creditor or claimant, give notice thereof to the  
6 Commissioner by certified mail with details sufficient to identify the  
7 creditor or claimant and the claim or judgment so paid.

8 4. Whenever the principal sum of ~~the~~ **any** bond is reduced by  
9 recoveries or payments thereon, the ~~registrant~~ **licensee** shall  
10 furnish:

11 (a) A new or additional bond so that the total or aggregate  
12 principal sum of the bonds equals the sum required pursuant to  
13 subsection 1; or

14 (b) An endorsement, duly executed by the surety, reinstating the  
15 bond to the required principal sum.

16 5. The liability of the surety on ~~the~~ **a** bond to a creditor or  
17 claimant is not affected by any misrepresentation, breach of  
18 warranty, failure to pay a premium or other act or omission of the  
19 ~~registrant,~~ **licensee**, or by any insolvency or bankruptcy of the  
20 ~~registrant,~~ **licensee**.

21 6. The liability of the surety continues as to all transactions  
22 entered into in good faith by the creditors and claimants with the  
23 ~~registrant's~~ **licensee's** agents within 30 days after:

24 (a) The ~~registrant's~~ **licensee's** death or the dissolution or  
25 liquidation of his business; or

26 (b) The termination of the bond,  
27 ➤ whichever event occurs first.

28 7. A ~~registrant~~ **licensee** or his surety shall not cancel or alter a  
29 bond except after notice to the Commissioner by certified mail. The  
30 cancellation or alteration is not effective until 10 days after receipt  
31 of the notice by the Commissioner. A cancellation or alteration does  
32 not affect any liability incurred or accrued on the bond before the  
33 expiration of the 30-day period designated in subsection 6.

34 **Sec. 45.** NRS 604.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 604.120 1. In lieu of any surety bond, or any portion of the  
36 principal sum thereof as required by this chapter, a ~~registrant~~  
37 **licensee** may deposit with the State Treasurer or with any bank,  
38 credit union or trust company authorized to do business in this State  
39 as the ~~registrant~~ **licensee** may select, with the approval of the  
40 Commissioner:

41 (a) Interest-bearing stocks;

42 (b) Bills, bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations of the  
43 United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or  
44 guaranteed by the United States; or



(c) Any obligation of this State or any city, county, town, township, school district or other instrumentality of this State or guaranteed by this State,

↳ in an aggregate amount of, based upon principal amount or market value, whichever is lower, of not less than the amount of ~~[the]~~ any required surety bond or portion thereof.

2. The securities must be held to secure the same obligation as would ~~[the]~~ any surety bond, but the depositor may receive any interest or dividends and, with the approval of the Commissioner, substitute other suitable securities for those deposited.

**Sec. 46.** NRS 604.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.130 1. The Commissioner shall issue to each ~~registrant a~~ ~~certificate of registration]~~ *licensee a license* in such form and size as is prescribed by the Commissioner for each location at which the ~~registrant]~~ *licensee* proposes to do business. Each ~~certificate of registration]~~ *license* must show the name and address of the ~~registrant.~~

~~— 2. — Each registrant]~~ *licensee.*

2. *Each licensee* shall prominently display his ~~certificate of registration]~~ *license* at the location where he does business.

**Sec. 47.** NRS 604.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.140 1. A ~~certificate of registration]~~ *license* issued pursuant to this chapter expires annually on the anniversary of the issuance of the ~~certificate. A registrant]~~ *license. A licensee* must renew his ~~certificate of registration]~~ *license* on or before the date on which the ~~certificate]~~ *license* expires by paying a renewal fee of ~~[\$250] not more than \$500~~ and an additional fee of ~~[\$50] not more than \$500~~ for each branch location at which the ~~registrant]~~ *licensee* is authorized to operate under the ~~certificate of registration.]~~ *license.*

2. For the purposes of NRS 604.090, a ~~registrant]~~ *licensee* who fails to renew his ~~certificate of registration]~~ *license* within the time required by this section is not ~~registered]~~ *licensed* pursuant to this chapter.

3. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 48.** NRS 604.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

604.150 1. A ~~registrant]~~ *licensee* shall immediately notify the Commissioner of any change of control of the ~~registrant.]~~ *licensee.*

2. A person who acquires stock, partnership or member interests resulting in a change of control of the ~~registrant]~~ *licensee* shall apply to the Commissioner for approval of the transfer. The application must contain information which shows that the requirements of this chapter for obtaining a ~~certificate of~~



1 ~~registration~~ *license* will be satisfied after the change of control. If  
2 the Commissioner determines that those requirements will not be  
3 satisfied, he may deny the application and forbid the applicant from  
4 participating in the business of the ~~registrant~~ *licensee*.

5 3. As used in this section, "change of control" means:

6 (a) A transfer of voting stock, partnership or member interests  
7 which results in giving a person, directly or indirectly, the power to  
8 direct the management and policy of a ~~registrant~~ *licensee*; or

9 (b) A transfer of at least 25 percent of the outstanding voting  
10 stock, partnership or member interests of the licensee.

11 **Sec. 49.** NRS 604.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 604.160 A ~~registrant~~ *licensee* shall:

13 1. Post in a conspicuous place in every location at which he  
14 conducts business under his ~~certificate of registration~~ *license* a  
15 notice that states the fees charged for cashing checks or entering into  
16 a deferred deposit transaction.

17 2. Give written notice to each customer of the fees charged for  
18 cashing checks. The notice must be signed by the customer before  
19 the service is provided.

20 **Sec. 50.** NRS 604.162 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 604.162 If a check is not paid upon presentment because of  
22 insufficient funds, the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* may collect a fee of not  
23 more than \$25. Only two such fees may be charged regardless of the  
24 number of times the check is presented for payment.

25 **Sec. 51.** NRS 604.164 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 604.164 A ~~registrant~~ *licensee*, before deferring a deposit,  
27 shall provide each borrower with a written agreement, approved by  
28 the Commissioner, which the borrower may keep and which  
29 contains the following information, in English:

30 1. The identity of the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* deferring the deposit  
31 and the name of the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* and the name and title of  
32 the employee who signs the agreement;

33 2. An itemization of the fees and interest to be paid by the  
34 borrower;

35 3. Disclosures required for a similar transaction by the federal  
36 Truth in Lending Act;

37 4. Disclosures required under any applicable state statute or  
38 regulation; and

39 5. A clear description of the borrower's obligations under the  
40 deferred deposit.

41 **Sec. 52.** NRS 604.166 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42 604.166 If the borrower defaults on the original loan made in  
43 the form of a deferred deposit, or on any extension thereof,  
44 whichever is later, the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* may immediately pursue  
45 any available collection proceedings on the amount of the loan made



1 in the form of a deferred deposit and all accrued charges and interest  
2 that are then due. The interest charged from the date of the default  
3 on the loan made in the form of a deferred deposit, or on any  
4 extension thereof, must not exceed a rate equal to or less than the  
5 prime rate at the largest bank in the State of Nevada, as ascertained  
6 by the Commissioner on January 1 or July 1, as the case may be,  
7 immediately preceding the date of default, plus 10 percent.

8 **Sec. 53.** NRS 604.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 604.180 It is unlawful for a ~~registrant~~ *licensee* to:

10 1. Use or threaten to use the criminal process in this or any  
11 other state, or any civil process not available to creditors generally,  
12 to collect on a deferred deposit.

13 2. Make a loan made in the form of a deferred deposit that  
14 exceeds one-third of the borrower's expected monthly net income  
15 during the term of the deferred deposit unless justified by particular  
16 circumstances. A ~~registrant~~ *licensee* is not in violation of the  
17 provisions of this subsection if the borrower presents evidence of  
18 monthly net income to the ~~registrant~~ *licensee* and represents to the  
19 ~~registrant~~ *licensee* in writing that the deferred deposit does not  
20 exceed one-third of the borrower's expected monthly net income  
21 during the term of the deferred deposit.

22 3. Charge to cash a check representing the proceeds of a  
23 deferred deposit.

24 4. Make more than one loan in the form of a deferred deposit to  
25 the same borrower at one time unless the borrower is seeking  
26 multiple loans in the form of a deferred deposit that do not exceed  
27 the limit set forth in subsection 2.

28 5. Establish or extend the period for the repayment, renewal,  
29 refinancing or consolidation of an outstanding loan made in the  
30 form of a deferred deposit to the same borrower beyond 10 weeks  
31 after the expiration of the initial loan period.

32 6. Accept any collateral for a loan made in the form of a  
33 deferred deposit.

34 7. Include in the written agreement required by NRS 604.164  
35 for a loan made in the form of a deferred deposit:

36 (a) A promise by the borrower to hold the lender harmless;

37 (b) A confession of judgment by the borrower;

38 (c) An assignment or order for payment of wages or other  
39 compensation due the borrower; or

40 (d) A waiver of any claim or defense arising out of the  
41 agreement or a waiver of any provision of this chapter.

42 **Sec. 54.** NRS 604.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 604.190 1. The Commissioner shall charge and collect from  
44 each ~~registrant~~ *licensee* a fee of ~~[\$40]~~ *not more than \$80* per hour  
45 for any supervision, examination, audit, investigation or hearing



1 conducted pursuant to this chapter or any regulations adopted  
2 pursuant to this chapter.

3 2. The Commissioner shall bill each ~~registrant~~ *licensee* upon  
4 the completion of the activity for the fee ~~established~~ *required*  
5 pursuant to subsection 1. The fee must be paid within 30 days after  
6 the date the bill is received. Except as otherwise provided in this  
7 subsection, any payment received after the date due must include a  
8 penalty of 10 percent of the fee plus an additional 1 percent of the  
9 fee for each month, or portion of a month, that the fee is not paid.  
10 The Commissioner may waive the penalty for good cause.

11 3. The failure of a ~~registrant~~ *licensee* to pay the fee required  
12 pursuant to subsection 1 as provided in this section constitutes  
13 grounds for revocation of the ~~certificate of registration~~ *license* of  
14 the ~~registrant~~ *licensee*.

15 4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
16 *amount of the fee required pursuant to this section.*

17 **Sec. 55.** Chapter 649 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
18 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 56, 57 and 58 of this act.

19 **Sec. 56.** 1. *The Commissioner may adopt regulations*  
20 *requiring each holder of a license or manager's certificate to*  
21 *complete a course of continuing education as a condition for the*  
22 *renewal of the license or certificate.*

23 2. *The regulations must include, without limitation:*

24 (a) *The number of hours of continuing education that the*  
25 *holder of the license or manager's certificate must complete to*  
26 *renew his license or certificate;*

27 (b) *The requirements for submission of proof of attendance at*  
28 *a course of continuing education; and*

29 (c) *The payment of any necessary fees for approval of or*  
30 *attendance at a course of continuing education.*

31 **Sec. 57.** 1. *If a holder of a license or manager's certificate*  
32 *fails to submit any report required pursuant to this chapter or any*  
33 *regulation adopted pursuant thereto within the prescribed period,*  
34 *the Commissioner may impose and collect a fee of not more than*  
35 *\$10 for each day the report is overdue.*

36 2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
37 *amount of the fee that may be imposed pursuant to this section.*

38 **Sec. 58.** *In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
39 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
40 *than \$10,000 upon a person who:*

41 1. *Without a license or certificate, conducts any business or*  
42 *activity for which a license or certificate is required pursuant to*  
43 *the provisions of this chapter; or*

44 2. *Violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation*  
45 *adopted pursuant thereto.*



**Sec. 59.** NRS 649.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.020 1. "Collection agency" means and includes all persons engaging, directly or indirectly, and as a primary or a secondary object, business or pursuit, in the collection of or in soliciting or obtaining in any manner the payment of a claim owed or due or asserted to be owed or due to another.

2. "Collection agency" does not include any of the following unless they are conducting collection agencies:

(a) Individuals regularly employed on a regular wage or salary, in the capacity of credit men or in other similar capacity upon the staff of employees of any person not engaged in the business of a collection agency or making or attempting to make collections as an incident to the usual practices of their primary business or profession.

(b) Banks.

(c) Nonprofit cooperative associations.

(d) Abstract companies doing an escrow business.

(e) Duly licensed real estate ~~agents~~ *brokers*.

(f) Attorneys and counselors at law licensed to practice in this State, so long as they are retained by their clients to collect or to solicit or obtain payment of such clients' claims in the usual course of the practice of their profession ~~and~~ *and the collection, solicitation or obtaining is incidental to the usual course of the practice of their profession*.

**Sec. 60.** NRS 649.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.095 1. An application for a license must be in writing and filed with the Commissioner on a form provided for that purpose.

2. The application must state:

(a) The name of the applicant and the name under which the applicant does business or expects to do business.

(b) The address of the applicant's business and residence, including street and number.

(c) The character of the business sought to be carried on.

(d) The locations by street and number where the business will be transacted.

(e) If the applicant is a natural person, the social security number of the applicant.

(f) In the case of a firm or partnership, the full names and residential addresses of all members or partners and the name and residential address of the manager.

(g) In the case of a corporation or voluntary association, the name and residential address of each of the directors and officers and the name and residential address of the manager.



(h) Any other information reasonably related to the applicant's qualifications for the license which the Commissioner determines to be necessary.

3. The application must be subscribed by the applicant and acknowledged.

4. Every applicant may be examined concerning his competency, experience, character and qualifications by the Commissioner or his authorized agent, and if the examination reveals that the applicant lacks any of the required qualifications, issuance of the license must be denied. Every application must have attached to it a financial statement showing the assets, liabilities and net worth of the applicant.

*5. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information and fees required to complete the application within 6 months after the date the application is first submitted to the Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays any required fees.*

**Sec. 61.** NRS 649.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.095 1. An application for a license must be in writing and filed with the Commissioner on a form provided for that purpose.

2. The application must state:

(a) The name of the applicant and the name under which the applicant does business or expects to do business.

(b) The address of the applicant's business and residence, including street and number.

(c) The character of the business sought to be carried on.

(d) The locations by street and number where the business will be transacted.

(e) In the case of a firm or partnership, the full names and residential addresses of all members or partners and the name and residential address of the manager.

(f) In the case of a corporation or voluntary association, the name and residential address of each of the directors and officers and the name and residential address of the manager.

(g) Any other information reasonably related to the applicant's qualifications for the license which the Commissioner determines to be necessary.





1 3. The application must be subscribed by the applicant and  
2 acknowledged.

3 4. Every applicant may be examined concerning his  
4 competency, experience, character and qualifications by the  
5 Commissioner or his authorized agent, and if the examination  
6 reveals that the applicant lacks any of the required qualifications,  
7 issuance of the license must be denied. Every application must have  
8 attached to it a financial statement showing the assets, liabilities and  
9 net worth of the applicant.

10 *5. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
11 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
12 *and fees required to complete the application within 6 months*  
13 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
14 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
15 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
16 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
17 *pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws*  
18 *an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
19 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
20 *any required fees.*

21 **Sec. 62.** NRS 649.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 649.105 1. An applicant for a license must file with the  
23 Commissioner, concurrently with the application, a bond in the sum  
24 of ~~[\$25,000,]~~ **\$35,000**, or an appropriate substitute pursuant to NRS  
25 649.119, which must run to the State of Nevada. The bond must be  
26 made and executed by the principal and a surety company  
27 authorized to write bonds in the State of Nevada.

28 2. The bonds must be conditioned:

29 (a) That the principal, who must be the applicant, must, upon  
30 demand in writing, pay any customer from whom any claim for  
31 collection is received, the proceeds of the collection, in accordance  
32 with the terms of the agreement made between the principal and the  
33 customer; and

34 (b) That the principal must comply with all requirements of this  
35 or any other statute with respect to the duties, obligations and  
36 liabilities of collection agencies.

37 3. Not later than 3 months after the issuance of the license and  
38 semiannually thereafter, the Commissioner shall determine the  
39 appropriate amount of bond or appropriate substitute which must be  
40 maintained by the licensee in accordance with the licensee's average  
41 monthly balance in the trust account maintained pursuant to  
42 NRS 649.355:





	AMOUNT OF
AVERAGE MONTHLY BALANCE.....	BOND REQUIRED
Less than \$100,000.....	<del>[\$25,000]</del> \$35,000
\$100,000 or more but less than \$150,000 .....	<del>[30,000]</del> 40,000
\$150,000 or more but less than \$200,000 .....	<del>[40,000]</del> 50,000
\$200,000 or more .....	<del>[50,000]</del> 60,000

**Sec. 63.** NRS 649.119 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.119 1. An applicant for a license may deposit with any bank or trust company authorized to do business in this State, with the permission of the Commissioner, as a substitute for the surety bond required by NRS 649.105:

(a) An obligation of a bank, savings and loan association, thrift company or credit union licensed to do business in this State;

(b) Bills, bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or guaranteed by the United States; or

(c) Any obligation of this State or any city, county, town, school district or other instrumentality of this State or guaranteed by this State, in an aggregate amount, based upon principal amount or market value, whichever is lower.

➡ The deposit must be in a form approved by the Commissioner.

2. The obligations of a bank, savings and loan association, thrift company or credit union must be held to secure the same obligation as would the surety bond. With the approval of the Commissioner, the depositor may substitute other suitable obligations for those deposited which must be assigned to the State of Nevada and are negotiable only upon approval by the Commissioner.

3. Any interest or dividends earned on the deposit accrue to the account of the depositor.

4. The deposit must be an amount at least equal to the required surety bond and must state that the amount may not be withdrawn except by direct and sole order of the Commissioner.

*5. An applicant is not relieved of the obligation to file the required surety bond until the Commissioner has had a reasonable amount of time to verify whether a deposit made pursuant to this section qualifies as a substitute for the required surety bond.*

**Sec. 64.** NRS 649.196 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.196 1. Each applicant for a manager's certificate must submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that he:

(a) Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.

(b) Is at least 21 years of age.

(c) Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and integrity and is competent to transact the business of a collection



1 agency in a manner which protects the interests of the general  
2 public.

3 (d) Has not committed any of the acts specified in NRS 649.215.

4 (e) Has not had a collection agency license or manager's  
5 certificate suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately  
6 preceding the date of filing the application.

7 (f) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo  
8 contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,  
9 misrepresentation or moral turpitude.

10 (g) Has had not less than 2 years' full-time experience with a  
11 collection agency in the collection of accounts assigned by creditors  
12 who were not affiliated with the collection agency except as  
13 assignors of accounts. At least 1 year of the 2 years of experience  
14 must have been within the 18-month period preceding the date of  
15 filing the application.

16 2. Each applicant must:

17 (a) Pass the examination *or reexamination* provided for in  
18 NRS 649.205.

19 (b) Pay the required fees.

20 (c) Submit, in such form as the Commissioner prescribes:

21 (1) Three recent photographs; and

22 (2) Three complete sets of his fingerprints which the  
23 Commissioner may forward to the Central Repository for Nevada  
24 Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau  
25 of Investigation for its report.

26 (d) Submit such other information reasonably related to his  
27 qualifications for the manager's certificate as the Commissioner  
28 determines to be necessary.

29 3. The Commissioner may refuse to issue a manager's  
30 certificate if the applicant does not meet the requirements of  
31 subsections 1 and 2.

32 4. If the Commissioner refuses to issue a manager's certificate  
33 pursuant to this section, he shall notify the applicant in writing by  
34 certified mail stating the reasons for the refusal. The applicant may  
35 submit a written request for a hearing within 20 days after he  
36 receives the notice. If the applicant fails to submit a written request  
37 within the prescribed period, the Commissioner shall enter a final  
38 order.

39 *5. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
40 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
41 *and fees required to complete the application within 6 months*  
42 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
43 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
44 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
45 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*



*pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays any required fees.*

**Sec. 65.** NRS 649.205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.205 1. The Commissioner shall provide for managers' examinations at such times and places as he may direct, at least twice each year.

2. The examinations must be of a length, scope and character which the Commissioner deems reasonably necessary to determine the fitness of the applicants to act as managers of collection agencies.

*3. If an applicant does not pass the examination, the applicant must reapply to take the examination and pay a reexamination fee of not more than \$100 for each subsequent examination. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the reexamination fee required pursuant to this subsection.*

4. The Commissioner may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

**Sec. 66.** NRS 649.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.295 1. A nonrefundable fee of \$250 for the application and survey must accompany each new application for a license as a collection agency. ~~[The]~~ *Each* applicant shall also pay ~~[such]~~ *any* additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation. ~~[as the Commissioner deems necessary.]~~ All money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this subsection must be placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

2. A fee of not less than ~~[\$100 nor]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$300,]~~ *\$600*, prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the Commissioner, must be charged for each original license issued. A fee of ~~[\$200]~~ *not more than \$500* must be charged for each annual renewal of a license.

3. A fee of ~~[\$10]~~ *not more than \$20* must be charged for each duplicate license or license for a transfer of location issued.

4. A nonrefundable *application fee of not more than \$500 and a nonrefundable* investigation fee of ~~[\$75]~~ *not more than \$150* must accompany each application for a manager's certificate. ~~[unless the applicant is the holder of or an applicant for a license as a collection agency.]~~

5. A fee of ~~[\$20]~~ *not more than \$40* must be charged for each manager's certificate issued and for each annual renewal of such a certificate.

6. A fee of ~~[\$30]~~ *not more than \$60* must be charged for the reinstatement of a manager's certificate.



7. A fee of ~~[\$5]~~ *not more than \$10* must be charged for each day an application for the renewal of a license or certificate, or a required report, is filed late, unless the fee or portion thereof is excused by the Commissioner for good cause shown.

8. A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$125]~~ *not more than \$250* for the application and an examination must accompany each application for a permit to operate a branch office of a licensed collection agency. A fee of ~~[\$100]~~ *not more than \$500* must be charged for each annual renewal of such a permit.

9. For each examination the Commissioner shall charge and collect from the licensee a fee for conducting the examination and preparing and typing the report of the examination at the rate established pursuant to NRS 658.101. Failure to pay the fee within 30 days after receipt of the bill is a ground for revoking the collection agency's license.

10. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

11. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1, all money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this chapter must be deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of NRS 658.091.

**Sec. 67.** NRS 649.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

649.365 *1. A collection agency licensed under this chapter must obtain the approval of the Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

*2. A collection agency licensed under this chapter shall not:*

~~1. Operate under a)~~

*(a) Use any business name which is identical or similar to ~~that~~ ~~of~~ a business name used by another collection agency licensed under this chapter ~~to~~*

~~2.) or which may mislead or confuse the public.~~

*(b) Use any ~~name or~~ printed forms which may mislead or confuse the public.*

~~3.)~~ *(c) Use the term "credit bureau" in its name unless it operates a bona fide credit bureau in conjunction with its collection agency business. For purposes of this ~~subsection~~ paragraph, "credit bureau" means any person engaged in gathering, recording and disseminating information relative to the creditworthiness, financial responsibility, paying habits or character of persons being considered for credit extension ~~to~~ for prospective creditors.*

**Sec. 68.** Chapter 673 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 69, 70 and 71 of this act.

**Sec. 69. 1. In addition to any other requirements set forth in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that the applicant:**



1     (a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and*  
2 *integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the*  
3 *applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the*  
4 *interests of the general public.*

5     (b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the*  
6 *application for the license.*

7     (c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

8     (d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter*  
9 *suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding*  
10 *the date of the application.*

11     (e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo*  
12 *contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,*  
13 *misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

14     (f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

15         (1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*

16         (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to*  
17 *remain and work in the United States.*

18     2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner*  
19 *may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

20     (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
21 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
22 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

23     (b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this*  
24 *chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

25     (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
26 *refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

27     (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
28 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*

29     **Sec. 70.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
30 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
31 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
32 *pursuant this chapter.*

33     **Sec. 71.** 1. *A licensee must obtain the approval of the*  
34 *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

35     2. *A licensee shall not:*

36     (a) *Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
37 *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
38 *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

39     (b) *Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
40 *public.*

41     **Sec. 72.** NRS 673.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42         673.080 1. The Secretary of State shall not issue any  
43 certificate to an association or company authorizing it to do business  
44 until the articles of association, agreement or incorporation are  
45 approved by the Commissioner.



1       2. No amendment to the articles of the organization may be  
2 filed by the Secretary of State without the written approval of the  
3 articles by the Commissioner.

4       3. No association may sell, offer for sale, negotiate for the sale  
5 of, take subscriptions for, or issue any of its common or preferred  
6 stock until it has first applied for and secured from the  
7 Commissioner approval of an application for permission to organize  
8 as provided for in this section.

9       4. Persons who desire to organize an association in accordance  
10 with this chapter shall first execute in triplicate an application, in the  
11 form prescribed by the Commissioner, for permission to organize an  
12 association before taking any other action in connection with the  
13 organization. Upon execution of an application for permission to  
14 organize by seven responsible citizens, referred to in this section as  
15 "applicants," the original and two copies of the application must be  
16 submitted to the Commissioner. The applicants shall submit with  
17 their application the names and addresses of the applicants, the  
18 location of the proposed office, an itemized account of the financial  
19 condition of the proposed association and of the applicants, the  
20 amount and character of the proposed stock, statements, exhibits,  
21 maps and such additional information as the Commissioner requires,  
22 together with an affidavit that the representations made thereby are  
23 consistent with the facts to the best of the applicants' information  
24 and belief. This data must be sufficiently detailed and  
25 comprehensive to enable the Commissioner to pass upon the  
26 application as to:

27       (a) The character and responsibility of the applicants;  
28       (b) The need for the association in the community to be served;  
29       (c) The reasonable probability of its usefulness and success; and  
30       (d) Whether such an association can be established without  
31 undue injury to any properly conducted existing savings and loan  
32 institutions.

33       5. If the Commissioner approves the application he shall,  
34 within 30 days, notify all associations within 100 miles of the  
35 community where the applicant intends to establish an association.  
36 Any association so notified may, within 20 days, protest in writing  
37 the granting of the application. Within 30 days after receipt by the  
38 Commissioner of a written protest, the Commissioner shall fix a  
39 date for a hearing upon the protest, and the hearing must be held not  
40 earlier than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date of receipt  
41 of written notice by registered or certified mail by the parties. The  
42 Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within 90 days  
43 after the date of the conclusion of the hearing and give all parties  
44 written notice of his decision on or before that date.



6. If the Commissioner approves the application, he shall establish as conditions to be met before the issuance of a charter requirements as to:

(a) The minimum number of shares of common or preferred stock to be subscribed to the association's permanent capital;

(b) The minimum amount of paid-in surplus;

(c) The minimum amount of investment certificates to be paid into the association's savings accounts upon issuance of a charter to it; and

(d) Such other requirements as he deems necessary or desirable.

➤ At least 75 percent of the capital must be subscribed by bona fide residents of this State or a depository institution or holding company qualified pursuant to the provisions of chapter 666 of NRS or NRS 666A.010 to 666A.400, inclusive. Approval of an application for permission to organize an association does not in any manner obligate the Commissioner to issue a charter, except that when all requirements of this chapter and of the Commissioner have been fulfilled, he shall issue a charter.

7. The charter expires 180 days after issuance, unless, within that time, the association has obtained insurance of accounts from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Commissioner may, for good cause, extend the time of the conditional expiration of the charter for an additional period or periods not exceeding 360 days in the aggregate.

8. An association shall not sell or issue any of its permanent stock until it has first applied for and secured from the Commissioner a license authorizing it to operate as a savings and loan association pursuant to the laws of this State and until it has applied for and secured insurance of accounts in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This insurance of accounts must be maintained at all times.

9. The Commissioner may extend the time for any hearing provided for in this section, to the time agreed upon by the parties.

10. The filing fees are:

(a) For filing an original application, ~~[\$2,000]~~ *not more than \$4,000* for the principal office. The applicant shall also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. All money received by the Commissioner pursuant to this paragraph must be placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

(b) If the license is approved for issuance, ~~[\$1,000]~~ *not more than \$2,000* for the principal office before issuance.

11. The Commissioner may impose conditions requiring the impoundment of proceeds from the sale of any stock, limiting the expense in connection with the sale of stock, and such other



1 conditions as are reasonable and necessary or advisable to insure the  
2 disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the stock in the manner  
3 and for the purposes provided in the permission to organize.

4 12. Every permission to organize issued by the Commissioner  
5 must recite in bold type that its issuance is permissive only and does  
6 not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of the organization  
7 or of the stock permitted to be issued.

8 13. Any corporation applying pursuant to this section or  
9 authorized to organize or authorized to establish a savings and loan  
10 association shall provide for a minimum par value of its permanent  
11 capital stock of at least \$1 in its articles of incorporation. Par value  
12 of permanent capital stock may not be reduced below \$1 without  
13 written permission of the Commissioner.

14 14. The removal of the home office or of any branch office of  
15 an association to any other location from its then existing location  
16 requires prior approval of the Commissioner. An application seeking  
17 approval must be delivered to the Commissioner, together with a fee  
18 to cover expenses attendant upon the investigation required for the  
19 approval, which must be ~~[in an amount,]~~ not less than ~~[\$100, to be~~  
20 ~~determined by the Commissioner.]~~ \$200. All money received by the  
21 Commissioner pursuant to this subsection must be placed in the  
22 Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

23 15. An association shall not pay any commissions or other  
24 compensation for the subscription to or sale of the original issue of  
25 its stock.

26 *16. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing*  
27 *the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

28 *17. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
29 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
30 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
31 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
32 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
33 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
34 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
35 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
36 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
37 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
38 *any required fees.*

39 **Sec. 73.** NRS 673.112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 673.112 1. A branch office is a legally established place of  
41 business of an association, other than the home office, which is  
42 authorized by the board of directors and approved by the  
43 Commissioner and at which any of the association's business may  
44 be conducted.





1       2. All branch offices are subject to direction from the home  
2 office.

3       3. No association may establish or maintain a branch office  
4 without prior written approval of the Commissioner. Each  
5 application for approval of the establishment and maintenance of a  
6 branch office must:

7       (a) State the proposed location thereof, the need therefor, the  
8 functions to be performed therein, the estimated annual expense  
9 thereof and the mode of payment therefor.

10       (b) Be accompanied by a budget of the association for the  
11 current semiannual period and for the next succeeding semiannual  
12 period, which reflects the estimated additional expense of the  
13 maintenance of the branch office.

14       4. After receipt of an application the Commissioner shall  
15 determine:

16       (a) Whether the establishment and maintenance of the branch  
17 office will unduly injure any properly conducted existing  
18 association in the community where the branch office is proposed to  
19 be established or in any neighboring community; and

20       (b) Whether or not the establishment and maintenance of the  
21 branch office will serve the public interest.

22       5. Before issuance of a charter for a branch office, the  
23 Commissioner shall notify all associations doing business within a  
24 radius of 100 miles of the principal place of business of the  
25 applicant, and within a radius of 100 miles of the proposed branch  
26 office. Any association so notified may, within 20 days, protest in  
27 writing the granting of the application. Within 30 days after receipt  
28 by the Commissioner of a written protest, the Commissioner shall  
29 fix a date for a hearing upon the protest. The hearing must be held  
30 not earlier than 60 days nor more than 90 days after the date of  
31 receipt of written notice by registered or certified mail by the  
32 parties.

33       6. If the Commissioner finds that no undue injury is likely to  
34 result, that the establishment and maintenance of the branch office is  
35 advisable and will serve the public interest, he may approve the  
36 application.

37       7. Approval of an association's application for a branch office  
38 charter permits the association to establish an operating office in a  
39 temporary or a permanent building, if the building is placed on or  
40 erected at the approved location within 12 months after the  
41 approval.

42       8. For good cause and after notice to the association, the  
43 Commissioner may revoke his approval for the maintenance of a  
44 branch office. Failure to establish a branch office in the manner and  
45 within the time permitted under this section constitutes a good cause



1 for revocation, unless a prior, written request for a waiver of the  
2 time limitation is sought by the association and an extension, in  
3 writing, is granted by the Commissioner.

4 9. An association which maintains one or more branch offices  
5 shall give each branch office a specific designation by name and  
6 include in the designation the word "branch" and shall prominently  
7 display the designation at the place of business of the branch. When  
8 an association is operating a branch office, all advertising of or by  
9 the branch office must state clearly the location of the principal  
10 office of the association.

11 10. The filing fees are:

12 (a) For filing an original application, ~~[\$200]~~ *not more than*  
13 *\$400* for each branch office. The applicant shall also pay such  
14 additional expenses incurred in the process of investigation as  
15 the Commissioner deems necessary. All money received by the  
16 Commissioner pursuant to this subsection must be placed in the  
17 Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

18 (b) If the license is approved for issuance, ~~[\$100]~~ *not more than*  
19 *\$200* for each branch office before issuance.

20 *11. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing*  
21 *the amount of the filing fees required pursuant to this section.*

22 **Sec. 74.** NRS 673.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 673.260 1. The license ~~mentioned~~ *specified* in NRS  
24 673.250 authorizes the company, association or corporation to  
25 whom it is issued to sell its approved securities and contracts within  
26 this State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending on June 30 next  
27 succeeding. Each license is renewable, under like restrictions,  
28 annually thereafter.

29 2. For the issuing of any license provided for in NRS 673.250  
30 and for any renewal thereof, the fee of the Commissioner is:

31 (a) For each home office, ~~[\$200.]~~ *not more than \$400; and*

32 (b) For each branch office, ~~[\$100.]~~ *not more than \$200.*

33 3. The fees must accompany the license renewal application. A  
34 penalty of 10 percent of the fee payable must be charged for each  
35 month or part thereof that the fees are not paid after June 30 of each  
36 year.

37 4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
38 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All sums ~~iso~~  
39 received by the Commissioner *pursuant to this section* must be  
40 deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of  
41 NRS 658.091.

42 **Sec. 75.** NRS 673.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 673.270 1. No person may, as a soliciting agent, soliciting  
44 representative or employee of any foreign or domestic company,  
45 association or corporation, or in any other capacity, sell or solicit



1 sales for any securities such as investment certificates or savings  
2 accounts or contract for the sale of securities until he is first licensed  
3 as a salesman or solicitor for sales of those securities by the  
4 Commissioner.

5 2. No person may be licensed for a period of more than 1 year,  
6 and he may not be licensed until he has ~~[first]~~ satisfied the  
7 ~~[Commissioner as to his personal integrity.]~~ *requirements set forth*  
8 *in section 69 of this act.*

9 3. For the issuing of any license provided for in this section  
10 and for any renewal thereof, the fee of the Commissioner ~~[is \$5.]~~  
11 *must not be more than \$10.*

12 4. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
13 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All sums ~~[so]~~  
14 received by the Commissioner *pursuant to this section* must be  
15 deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions of  
16 NRS 658.091.

17 ~~[4.]~~ 5. Tellers or other employees of an insured savings and  
18 loan association are exempt from the licensing requirements unless  
19 their employment entails soliciting sales outside their respective  
20 offices as commission salesmen.

21 6. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
22 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
23 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
24 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
25 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
26 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
27 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
28 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
29 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
30 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
31 *any required fees.*

32 **Sec. 76.** NRS 673.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 673.430 1. Each association doing business in this State shall  
34 file annually with the Commissioner on or before March 1, a sworn  
35 statement in two sections.

36 2. One section of the annual report must contain, in such form  
37 and detail as the Commissioner may prescribe, the following:

38 (a) The amount of authorized capital by classes and the par  
39 value of each class of stock.

40 (b) A statement of its assets, liabilities and capital accounts as of  
41 the immediately preceding December 31.

42 (c) Any other facts which the Commissioner requires.

43 ➤ This section must be furnished in duplicate, one certified copy to  
44 be returned for publication at least two times in a newspaper having  
45 a general circulation in each county in which the association



1 maintains an office. Publication must be completed on or before  
2 May 1, and proof of publication must be filed in the Office of the  
3 Commissioner.

4 3. One section of the annual report must contain such other  
5 information as the Commissioner may require to be furnished. This  
6 section need not be published and must be treated as confidential by  
7 the Commissioner.

8 4. The Commissioner may impose and collect a ~~penalty of \$5~~  
9 *fee of not more than \$10* for each day the annual report is overdue .  
10 ~~[-, up to a maximum of \$500.]~~ *The Commissioner shall adopt*  
11 *regulations establishing the amount of the fee that may be*  
12 *imposed pursuant to this subsection.* Every association shall pay to  
13 the Commissioner for supervision and examination a fee based on  
14 the rate established pursuant to NRS 658.101.

15 5. All sums ~~[so]~~ received by the Commissioner *pursuant to*  
16 *this section* must be deposited in the State Treasury pursuant to the  
17 provisions of NRS 658.091.

18 **Sec. 77.** NRS 673.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 673.460 1. Whenever in connection with an examination it is  
20 necessary or expedient that the Commissioner or his deputy, or both,  
21 leave this State, there must be assessed against the organization  
22 under examination a fee of ~~[\$25]~~ *not more than \$50* per day for  
23 each person while without the State in connection with an  
24 examination, together with all actual and necessary expenses.

25 2. The fee charged must be remitted to the Commissioner, who  
26 shall deposit the fees in the State Treasury pursuant to the provisions  
27 of NRS 658.091.

28 *3. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
29 *amount of the fee required pursuant to this section.*

30 **Sec. 78.** NRS 673.4845 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 673.4845 1. An association may reorganize, merge or  
32 consolidate with another state or federal association, if the  
33 reorganization, merger or consolidation is based upon a plan which  
34 has been adopted by the board of directors and approved at a regular  
35 or special stockholders' meeting which has been called to consider  
36 the action. The approval must rest on a favorable vote of a majority  
37 of the voting power of the association as established by its articles.

38 2. Any such plan for reorganization, merger or consolidation  
39 must be approved by the Commissioner, who shall satisfy himself  
40 that the plan, if approved, would be equitable for the stockholders of  
41 the affected association or associations and would not impair the  
42 usefulness or success of other properly conducted associations in the  
43 community. In submitting an application for approval of any such  
44 plan, each association proposing to reorganize, merge or consolidate  
45 must provide a comprehensive review of its present financial



1 statement and a projected view of the financial statement of the  
2 reorganized, merged or consolidated association.

3 3. Unless its action is specifically authorized by or taken in  
4 conformity with this chapter, no association may, directly or  
5 indirectly:

6 (a) Reorganize, merge or consolidate.

7 (b) Assume liability to pay savings accounts or other liabilities  
8 of any financial institution or any other organization, person or  
9 entity.

10 (c) Transfer assets to any financial institution or any other  
11 organization, person or entity in consideration of the transferee's  
12 assumption of liability for any portion of the transferor's savings  
13 accounts, deposits or other liability.

14 (d) Acquire the assets of any financial institution or any other  
15 organization, person or entity.

16 4. Each application which is made under this section must be  
17 accompanied by a fee payment of ~~[\$150.]~~ *not more than \$300*. The  
18 responsibility for payment of the fee must be shared equally by the  
19 associations participating in each proposed plan.

20 *5. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
21 *amount of the fee required pursuant to this section.*

22 **Sec. 79.** NRS 673.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 673.630 1. After the holding of the meeting of stockholders,  
24 the state company, association or corporation shall take such action,  
25 in the manner prescribed or authorized by the laws of the United  
26 States or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as  
27 shall make it a federal savings and loan association, and there shall  
28 thereupon be filed in the Office of the Commissioner a copy of the  
29 charter of authorization issued to the association by the ~~[Federal~~  
30 ~~Home Loan Bank Board]~~ *supervising federal regulatory body* or a  
31 certificate showing the organization of the association as a federal  
32 savings and loan association, certified by the ~~[Federal Home Loan~~  
33 ~~Bank Board.]~~ *supervising federal regulatory body*. Upon filing with  
34 the Commissioner, the association ceases to be a state savings and  
35 loan association, but retains all rights, privileges and exemptions of  
36 a domestic association of the same kind and character.

37 2. A fee of ~~[\$20]~~ *not more than \$40* must accompany the copy  
38 of the charter of authorization.

39 3. Federal associations so converted and their members are  
40 subject to the same form of taxation and on the same basis as state  
41 associations and their stockholders.

42 *4. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
43 *amount of the fee required pursuant to this section.*

44 **Sec. 80.** NRS 673.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 673.820 *In addition to any other remedy or penalty:*



1       1. Any association which violates any provisions of this  
2 chapter or fraudulently misrepresents the terms of any contract or of  
3 any securities, and thereby secures a sale therefor, shall be punished  
4 by ~~[a]~~ *an administrative* fine of not ~~[exceeding \$1,000]~~ *more than*  
5 *\$10,000* and forfeiture and revocation of all licenses issued to it  
6 under the provisions of this chapter.

7       2. *The Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of*  
8 *not more than \$10,000 upon a person who, without a license,*  
9 *conducts any business or activity for which a license is required*  
10 *pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.*

11       Sec. 81. Chapter 675 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
12 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 82 to 85, inclusive, of this  
13 act.

14       Sec. 82. 1. *In addition to any other requirements set forth*  
15 *in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to*  
16 *the Commissioner that the applicant:*

17       (a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and*  
18 *integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the*  
19 *applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the*  
20 *interests of the general public.*

21       (b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the*  
22 *application for the license.*

23       (c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

24       (d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter*  
25 *suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding*  
26 *the date of the application.*

27       (e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo*  
28 *contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,*  
29 *misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

30       (f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

31       (1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*

32       (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to*  
33 *remain and work in the United States.*

34       2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner*  
35 *may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

36       (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
37 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
38 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

39       (b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this*  
40 *chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

41       (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
42 *refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

43       (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
44 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*



1     **Sec. 83.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
2     *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
3     *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
4     *pursuant this chapter.*

5     **Sec. 84.** *1. A licensee must obtain the approval of the*  
6     *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

7     *2. A licensee shall not:*

8     *(a) Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
9     *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
10    *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

11    *(b) Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
12    *public.*

13    **Sec. 85.** *In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
14    *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
15    *than \$10,000 upon a person who, without a license, conducts any*  
16    *business or activity for which a license is required pursuant to the*  
17    *provisions of this chapter.*

18    **Sec. 86.** NRS 675.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19    675.090 1. Application for a license must be in writing, under  
20    oath, and in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

21    2. The application must:

22    (a) Provide the address of the office or other place of business  
23    for which the application is submitted.

24    (b) Contain such further relevant information as the  
25    Commissioner may require, including the names and addresses of  
26    the partners, officers, directors or trustees, and of such of the  
27    principal owners or members as will provide the basis for the  
28    investigations and findings contemplated by NRS 675.110 and  
29    675.120.

30    3. A person may apply for a license for an office or other place  
31    of business located outside this State from which the applicant will  
32    conduct business in this State if the applicant or a subsidiary or  
33    affiliate of the applicant has a license issued pursuant to this chapter  
34    for an office or other place of business located in this State and if  
35    the applicant submits with the application for a license a statement  
36    signed by the applicant which states that the applicant agrees to:

37    (a) Make available at a location within this State the books,  
38    accounts, papers, records and files of the office or place of business  
39    located outside this State to the Commissioner or a representative of  
40    the Commissioner; or

41    (b) Pay the reasonable expenses for travel, meals and lodging of  
42    the Commissioner or a representative of the Commissioner incurred  
43    during any investigation or examination made at the office or place  
44    of business located outside this State.





1    ➤ The person must be allowed to choose between paragraph (a) or  
2    (b) in complying with the provisions of this subsection.

3    *4. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
4    *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
5    *and fees required to complete the application within 6 months*  
6    *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
7    *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
8    *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
9    *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
10    *pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws*  
11    *an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
12    *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
13    *any required fees.*

14    **Sec. 87.** NRS 675.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15    675.100 1. At the time of making the application, the  
16    applicant shall pay to the Commissioner ~~{a}~~ :

17    (a) A nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$500]~~ *not more than \$1,000* for the  
18    application and survey ~~[. The applicant shall also pay such]~~ ;

19    (b) *Any* additional expenses incurred in the process of  
20    investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary ~~[. In addition, a]~~  
21    ;

22    (c) A fee of not less than ~~[\$100 nor]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$500,]~~  
23    *\$1,000*, prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by  
24    the Commissioner ~~[, must be paid at the time of making the~~  
25    ~~application.] ; and~~

26    (d) *A fee of not more than \$500 for each branch office,*  
27    *prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the*  
28    *Commissioner.*

29    2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
30    *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.* All money  
31    received by the Commissioner pursuant to this section must be  
32    placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

33    **Sec. 88.** NRS 675.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34    675.140 1. A license expires on December 31 of each year  
35    unless renewed by the licensee through the payment, on or before  
36    that date, of an annual fee of ~~[\$500]~~ *not more than \$1,000* for each  
37    license held by him ~~[;]~~ *and an additional fee of not more than \$500*  
38    *for each branch office.* The Commissioner may reinstate an expired  
39    license upon receipt of the annual fee and a fee of ~~[\$200]~~ *not more*  
40    *than \$400* for reinstatement.

41    2. *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
42    *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

43    **Sec. 89.** NRS 675.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44    675.440 1. If the Commissioner has reason to believe that  
45    grounds for revocation or suspension of a license exist, he shall give



1 20 days' written notice to the licensee stating the contemplated  
2 action and, in general, the grounds therefor and set a date for a  
3 hearing.

4 2. At the conclusion of a hearing, the Commissioner shall:

5 (a) Enter a written order either dismissing the charges, revoking  
6 the license, or suspending the license for a period of not more than  
7 60 days, which period must include any prior temporary suspension.  
8 A copy of the order must be sent by registered or certified mail to  
9 the licensee.

10 (b) Impose upon the licensee ~~{a}~~ *an administrative* fine of  
11 ~~[\$500]~~ *not more than \$10,000* for each violation by the licensee of  
12 any provision of this chapter or any lawful regulation adopted under  
13 it.

14 (c) If a fine is imposed pursuant to this section, enter such order  
15 as is necessary to recover the costs of the proceeding, including his  
16 investigative costs and attorney's fees.

17 3. The grounds for revocation or suspension of a license are  
18 that:

19 (a) The licensee has failed to pay the annual license fee;

20 (b) The licensee, either knowingly or without any exercise of  
21 due care to prevent it, has violated any provision of this chapter or  
22 any lawful regulation adopted under it;

23 (c) The licensee has failed to pay a tax as required pursuant to  
24 the provisions of chapter 363A of NRS;

25 (d) Any fact or condition exists which would have justified the  
26 Commissioner in denying the licensee's original application for a  
27 license hereunder; or

28 (e) The applicant failed to open an office for the conduct of the  
29 business authorized under this chapter within 120 days ~~{from}~~ *after*  
30 the date the license was issued, or has failed to remain open for the  
31 conduct of the business for a period of 120 days without good cause  
32 therefor.

33 4. Any revocation or suspension applies only to the license  
34 granted to a person for the particular office for which grounds for  
35 revocation or suspension exist.

36 5. An order suspending or revoking a license becomes effective  
37 5 days after being entered unless the order specifies otherwise or a  
38 stay is granted.

39 **Sec. 90.** Chapter 676 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
40 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 91 to 94, inclusive, of this  
41 act.

42 **Sec. 91. 1. *In addition to any other requirements set forth***  
43 ***in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to***  
44 ***the Commissioner that the applicant:***



1 (a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and*  
2 *integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the*  
3 *applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the*  
4 *interests of the general public.*

5 (b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the*  
6 *application for the license.*

7 (c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

8 (d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter*  
9 *suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding*  
10 *the date of the application.*

11 (e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo*  
12 *contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,*  
13 *misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

14 (f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

15 (1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*

16 (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to*  
17 *remain and work in the United States.*

18 2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner*  
19 *may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

20 (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
21 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
22 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

23 (b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this*  
24 *chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

25 (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
26 *refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

27 (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
28 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*

29 **Sec. 92.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
30 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
31 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
32 *pursuant this chapter.*

33 **Sec. 93.** 1. *A licensee must obtain the approval of the*  
34 *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

35 2. *A licensee shall not:*

36 (a) *Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
37 *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
38 *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

39 (b) *Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
40 *public.*

41 **Sec. 94.** *In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
42 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
43 *than \$10,000 upon a person who, without a license, conducts any*  
44 *business or activity for which a license is required pursuant to the*  
45 *provisions of this chapter.*



1     **Sec. 95.** NRS 676.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     676.120 1. ~~[Application]~~ *An application* for a license must  
3 be in writing, under oath and in the form prescribed by the  
4 Commissioner.

5     2. The application ~~[shall:]~~ *must:*

6     (a) Give the business name, location of the office, names and  
7 addresses of all officers and directors, if a corporation or  
8 association, and names and addresses of partners, if a copartnership.

9     (b) Be accompanied by a copy of the fictitious name certificate  
10 or the articles of incorporation, where applicable.

11     (c) Contain such further relevant information as the  
12 Commissioner may require.

13     3. *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
14 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
15 *and fees required to complete the application within 6 months*  
16 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
17 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
18 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
19 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
20 *pursuant to this subsection or if an applicant otherwise withdraws*  
21 *an application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
22 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
23 *any required fees.*

24     **Sec. 96.** NRS 676.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25     676.130 1. At the time of making the application, the  
26 applicant shall:

27     (a) Pay to the Commissioner a nonrefundable fee of ~~[\$250]~~ *not*  
28 *more than \$500* for the application and survey. The applicant shall  
29 also pay such additional expenses incurred in the process of  
30 investigation as the Commissioner deems necessary. In addition, a  
31 fee of not less than ~~[\$100 nor]~~ *\$200 or* more than ~~[\$200,]~~ *\$400,*  
32 prorated on the basis of the licensing year as provided by the  
33 Commissioner, must be paid at the time of making the application.  
34 *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
35 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this paragraph.* All money  
36 received by the Commissioner pursuant to this subsection must be  
37 placed in the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

38     (b) Furnish a satisfactory bond to the State of Nevada, executed  
39 by an admitted surety company approved by the Commissioner, in  
40 the amount of \$10,000, or an appropriate substitute pursuant to NRS  
41 676.135, conditioned upon the faithful accounting of all money  
42 collected upon accounts and entrusted to the licensee, or its  
43 employees or agents.

44     (c) Provide a blank copy of the debt-adjustment contract which  
45 will be used by the licensee in its business.



2. Not later than 3 months after the issuance of the license and thereafter semiannually the Commissioner shall determine the appropriate amount of bond or appropriate substitute which must be maintained by the licensee in accordance with the licensee's average monthly balance in the trust account maintained pursuant to NRS 676.220:

AVERAGE MONTHLY BALANCE	AMOUNT OF BOND REQUIRED
Less than \$50,000.....	\$10,000
\$50,000 or more but less than \$100,000 .....	25,000
\$100,000 or more but less than \$150,000 .....	30,000
\$150,000 or more but less than \$200,000 .....	40,000
\$200,000 or more .....	50,000

**Sec. 97.** NRS 676.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

676.160 1. A license expires on December 31 of each year. On or before that date, each licensee may apply to the Commissioner for a renewal of ~~his~~ *his* license.

2. The application must be on the form prescribed by the Commissioner and must be accompanied by a fee of ~~[\$200]~~ *not less than \$400* and a bond, as in the case of the original application.

3. If the application, fee for renewal or bond is filed after December 31, the Commissioner may renew the expired license upon receipt of the application, fee for renewal and bond, and a fee of ~~[\$200]~~ *not more than \$400* for reinstatement.

4. Each license, as renewed, remains in force until surrendered, suspended or revoked as provided in this chapter.

*5. The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 98.** NRS 676.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

676.290 1. The Commissioner may, pursuant to the procedure provided in this chapter, deny, suspend or revoke any license for which application has been made or which has been issued under the provisions of this chapter if he finds, as to the licensee, its associates, directors or officers, grounds for action.

2. Any one of the following grounds may provide the requisite grounds for denial, suspension or revocation:

(a) Conviction of a felony relating to the practice of debt adjusters or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

(b) Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations of the Commissioner.

(c) Fraud or deceit in procuring the issuance of the license.

(d) Continuous course of unfair conduct.

(e) Insolvency, filing in bankruptcy, receivership or assigning for the benefit of creditors by any licensee or applicant for a license under this chapter.



(f) Failure to pay a tax as required pursuant to the provisions of chapter 363A of NRS.

(g) Failure to pay the fee for renewal or reinstatement of a license.

3. The Commissioner shall, after notice and hearing, impose upon the licensee ~~an~~ *an administrative* fine of ~~[\$500]~~ *not more than \$10,000* for each violation by the licensee of any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations of the Commissioner. If a fine is imposed pursuant to this section, the costs of the proceeding, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, may be recovered by the Commissioner.

**Sec. 99.** Chapter 677 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 100 to 103, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 100. 1.** *In addition to any other requirements set forth in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that the applicant:*

(a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the interests of the general public.*

(b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the application for the license.*

(c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

(d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application.*

(e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud, misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

(f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

(1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*

(2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.*

2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

(a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license.*

(b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

(c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

(d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*



1     **Sec. 101.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
2 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
3 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
4 *pursuant this chapter.*

5     **Sec. 102.** *1. A licensee must obtain the approval of the*  
6 *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

7     *2. A licensee shall not:*

8     *(a) Use any business name which is identical or similar to a*  
9 *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
10 *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

11     *(b) Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the*  
12 *public.*

13     **Sec. 103.** *In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the*  
14 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
15 *than \$10,000 upon a person who, without a license, conducts any*  
16 *business or activity for which a license is required pursuant to the*  
17 *provisions of this chapter.*

18     **Sec. 104.** NRS 677.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19     677.160 1. The request for authority to engage in business  
20 pursuant to this chapter must be set forth in an application in such  
21 form and containing such information as the Commissioner requires.

22     2. The filing fees are:

23     (a) For filing an original application, ~~[\$1,000]~~ *not more than*  
24 *\$2,000* for the principal office and ~~[\$150]~~ *not more than \$300* for  
25 each branch office. The applicant shall also pay such additional  
26 expenses incurred in the process of investigation as the  
27 Commissioner deems necessary. All money received by the  
28 Commissioner pursuant to this paragraph must be placed in  
29 the Investigative Account created by NRS 232.545.

30     (b) If the license is approved for issuance, ~~[\$500]~~ *not more than*  
31 *\$1,000* for the principal office and ~~[\$100]~~ *not more than \$200* for  
32 each branch office before issuance.

33     **3.** *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
34 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

35     **4.** *The Commissioner shall consider an application to be*  
36 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
37 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
38 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
39 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
40 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
41 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
42 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
43 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
44 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
45 *any required fees.*





1     **Sec. 105.** NRS 677.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2     677.360   **1.** A license expires on December 31 of each year.  
3     On or before that date, each licensee must pay to the Commissioner  
4     ~~{the sum of \$500}~~ **a fee not more than \$1,000** for the renewal of  
5     each license held by him. The Commissioner may reinstate an  
6     expired license upon receipt of the fee for renewal and a fee of  
7     ~~[\$200]~~ **not more than \$400** for reinstatement.

8     **2.** *The Commissioner shall adopt regulations establishing the*  
9     *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

10    **Sec. 106.** NRS 677.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11    677.510   **1.** If the Commissioner has reason to believe that  
12    grounds for revocation or suspension of a license exist, he shall give  
13    20 days' written notice to the licensee stating the contemplated  
14    action and, in general, the grounds therefor and set a date for a  
15    hearing.

16    **2.** At the conclusion of a hearing, the Commissioner shall:

17    (a) Enter a written order either dismissing the charges, or  
18    revoking the license, or suspending the license for a period of not  
19    more than 60 days, which period must include any prior temporary  
20    suspension. A copy of the order must be sent by registered or  
21    certified mail to the licensee.

22    (b) Impose upon the licensee ~~{a}~~ **an administrative** fine of  
23    ~~[\$500]~~ **not more than \$10,000** for each violation by the licensee of  
24    any provision of this chapter or any lawful regulation adopted  
25    pursuant thereto.

26    (c) If a fine is imposed pursuant to this section, enter such order  
27    as is necessary to recover the costs of the proceeding, including his  
28    investigative costs and attorney's fees.

29    **3.** The grounds for revocation or suspension of a license are  
30    that:

31    (a) The licensee has failed to pay the annual license fee;

32    (b) The licensee, either knowingly or without any exercise of  
33    due care to prevent it, has violated any provision of this chapter, or  
34    any lawful regulation adopted pursuant thereto;

35    (c) The licensee has failed to pay a tax as required pursuant to  
36    the provisions of chapter 363A of NRS;

37    (d) Any fact or condition exists which would have justified the  
38    Commissioner in denying the licensee's original application for a  
39    license hereunder; or

40    (e) The applicant failed to open an office for the conduct of the  
41    business authorized under this chapter within 120 days ~~{from}~~ **after**  
42    the date the license was issued, or has failed to remain open for the  
43    conduct of the business for a period of 120 days without good cause  
44    therefor.



1       4. Any revocation or suspension applies only to the license  
2 granted to a person for the particular office for which grounds for  
3 revocation or suspension exist.

4       5. An order suspending or revoking a license becomes effective  
5 5 days after being entered unless the order specifies otherwise or a  
6 stay is granted.

7       **Sec. 107.** Chapter 678 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
8 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 108 to 111, inclusive, of  
9 this act.

10       **Sec. 108. 1.** *In addition to any other requirements set forth*  
11 *in this chapter, each applicant must submit proof satisfactory to*  
12 *the Commissioner that the applicant:*

13       (a) *Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and*  
14 *integrity and is competent to transact the business for which the*  
15 *applicant seeks to be licensed in a manner which protects the*  
16 *interests of the general public.*

17       (b) *Has not made a false statement of material fact on the*  
18 *application for the license.*

19       (c) *Has not committed any of the acts specified in subsection 2.*

20       (d) *Has not had a license issued pursuant to this chapter*  
21 *suspended or revoked within the 10 years immediately preceding*  
22 *the date of the application.*

23       (e) *Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of nolo*  
24 *contendere to, a felony or any crime involving fraud,*  
25 *misrepresentation or moral turpitude.*

26       (f) *If the applicant is a natural person:*

27           (1) *Is at least 21 years of age; and*

28           (2) *Is a citizen of the United States or lawfully entitled to*  
29 *remain and work in the United States.*

30       2. *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the Commissioner*  
31 *may refuse to issue a license to an applicant if the applicant:*

32       (a) *Has committed or participated in any act which, if*  
33 *committed or done by a holder of a license, would be grounds for*  
34 *the suspension or revocation of the license.*

35       (b) *Has previously been refused a license pursuant to this*  
36 *chapter or has had such a license suspended or revoked.*

37       (c) *Has participated in any act which was a basis for the*  
38 *refusal or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter.*

39       (d) *Has falsified any of the information submitted to the*  
40 *Commissioner in support of the application for the license.*

41       **Sec. 109.** *In addition to any other lawful reasons, the*  
42 *Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee has*  
43 *engaged in any act that would be grounds for denying a license*  
44 *pursuant this chapter.*



1     **Sec. 110. 1. A licensee must obtain the approval of the**  
2 *Commissioner before using or changing a business name.*

3     **2. A licensee shall not:**

4     **(a) Use any business name which is identical or similar to a**  
5 *business name used by another licensee under this chapter or*  
6 *which may mislead or confuse the public.*

7     **(b) Use any printed forms which may mislead or confuse the**  
8 *public.*

9     **Sec. 111. In addition to any other remedy or penalty, the**  
10 *Commissioner may impose an administrative fine of not more*  
11 *than \$10,000 upon a person who:*

12     **1. Without a license, conducts any business or activity for**  
13 *which a license is required pursuant to the provisions of this*  
14 *chapter; or*

15     **2. Violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation**  
16 *adopted pursuant thereto.*

17     **Sec. 112. NRS 678.343 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

18     678.343 Each application for an initial certificate of authority  
19 submitted by a foreign credit union must be filed with the  
20 Commissioner on a form prescribed by him and must include:

21     1. A copy of the instrument or authority by which the credit  
22 union was created and a copy of its bylaws.

23     2. A statement of its membership, if not contained in its  
24 bylaws.

25     3. A copy of the most recent report submitted by the credit  
26 union to the authorized officer of the state in which it was  
27 organized.

28     4. Any other information required by the Commissioner.

29     **5. The Commissioner shall consider an application to be**  
30 *withdrawn if the Commissioner has not received all information*  
31 *and fees required to complete the application within 12 months*  
32 *after the date the application is first submitted to the*  
33 *Commissioner or within such later period as the Commissioner*  
34 *determines in accordance with any existing policies of joint*  
35 *regulatory partners. If an application is deemed to be withdrawn*  
36 *pursuant to this subsection or if the applicant otherwise withdraws*  
37 *the application, the Commissioner may not issue a license to the*  
38 *applicant unless the applicant submits a new application and pays*  
39 *any required fees.*

40     **Sec. 113. NRS 678.3435 is hereby amended to read as**  
41 *follows:*

42     678.3435 **1.** The Commissioner shall charge and collect a fee  
43 of ~~[\$500]~~ **not more than \$1,000** for an initial investigation from  
44 each foreign credit union which applies for certification. The fee is  
45 not refundable. An annual fee of ~~[\$500]~~ **not more than \$1,000** must



1 be paid by each foreign credit union for its initial office and ~~[\$100]~~  
2 *not more than \$200* for each branch office. Costs for additional  
3 examinations and investigations must be paid by the credit union at  
4 an hourly rate deemed reasonable by the Commissioner.

5 *2. The Commissioner shall by regulation determine the*  
6 *amount of the fees required pursuant to this section.*

7 **Sec. 114.** NRS 678.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 678.790 1. The ~~[Division shall annually conduct or cause to~~  
9 ~~be conducted an]~~ *Commissioner shall make a thorough*  
10 examination of *and into the affairs of* each credit union organized  
11 under the provisions of this chapter ~~[.]~~ , *as often as the*  
12 *Commissioner may deem necessary, but at least once within each*  
13 *18-month period. In lieu thereof, the Commissioner may accept*  
14 *any or all of a report of an examination of a credit union made by*  
15 *a federal regulatory agency. If the Commissioner accepts any part*  
16 *of such a report in one 18-month period, he shall examine the*  
17 *credit union to which the report pertains in the succeeding*  
18 *18-month period.* For the purpose of performing the examination,  
19 the ~~[personnel of the Division]~~ *Commissioner* may:

20 (a) Subpoena witnesses and documents;

21 (b) Administer oaths; and

22 (c) Compel the giving of testimony.

23 2. The report of the examination must contain comments to the  
24 members relative to the management of the affairs of the credit  
25 union and the general condition of the assets. Within 30 days  
26 following the receipt of the report, the directors shall call a general  
27 meeting of key personnel to consider matters contained in the report.

28 3. The ~~[Division]~~ *Commissioner* shall forward a copy of the  
29 report to the chairman of each credit union within 30 days after it is  
30 completed. The board of directors shall inform the members of the  
31 credit union of its general condition at the next annual meeting.

32 4. For each examination the credit union shall pay a fee based  
33 on the rate established pursuant to NRS 658.101.

34 5. The board of directors may engage a certified public  
35 accountant to perform such an examination in lieu of the ~~[Division~~  
36 ~~staff.]~~ *Commissioner*. In such cases, the examination must be  
37 equivalent to the type of examination made by the ~~[Division]~~  
38 *Commissioner* and the expense must be borne by the credit union  
39 being inspected.

40 6. The Commissioner shall determine whether an examination  
41 performed by an accountant pursuant to subsection 5 is equivalent to  
42 an examination conducted by the ~~[Division.]~~ *Commissioner*. The  
43 Commissioner may examine any area of the operation of a credit  
44 union if the Commissioner determines that the examination of that



1 area is not equivalent to an examination conducted by the  
2 ~~[Division.]~~ *Commissioner.*

3 **Sec. 115.** If, on October 1, 2005, a person holds a valid  
4 certificate of registration that was issued by the Commissioner of  
5 Financial Institutions pursuant to chapter 604 of NRS before  
6 October 1, 2005, the person's certificate of registration shall be  
7 deemed to be a license issued pursuant to chapter 604 of NRS, as  
8 amended by the provisions of this act, until the date of its renewal.

9 **Sec. 116.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 60, inclusive, and  
10 62 to 115, inclusive, of this act become effective on October 1,  
11 2005.

12 2. The provisions of section 60 of this act expire by limitation  
13 on the date on which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring  
14 each state to establish procedures under which the state has  
15 authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of  
16 professional, occupational and recreational licenses of persons who:

17 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to  
18 a proceeding to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or  
19 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

20 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more  
21 children,

22 ➤ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.

23 3. Section 61 of this act becomes effective on the date on  
24 which the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 666 requiring each state to  
25 establish procedures under which the state has authority to withhold  
26 or suspend, or to restrict the use of professional, occupational and  
27 recreational licenses of persons who:

28 (a) Have failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to  
29 a procedure to determine the paternity of a child or to establish or  
30 enforce an obligation for the support of a child; or

31 (b) Are in arrears in the payment for the support of one or more  
32 children,

33 ➤ are repealed by the Congress of the United States.



