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House of Representatives, February 8, 2011

### An Act To Apply the Federal Truth in Lending Act in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop. Cosponsored by Representative: RICHARDSON of Warren.

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#### 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §9-311-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §8 and 3 affected by §10, is amended to read:

#### 4 **§9-311-A.** Real estate settlement procedures

A creditor and its loan officers shall comply with the provisions of the federal Real
Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, 12 United States Code, Section 2601 et seq.
and its implementing regulation, Regulation X, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Section
3500 et seq. and the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 United States Code,
Section 1601 et seq. and its implementing regulation, Regulation Z, 12 Code of Federal
Regulations, Part 226.

11 Sec. 2. 9-A MRSA §10-307, as amended by PL 2007, c. 466, Pt. B, §9 and 12 affected by §10, is further amended to read:

#### 13 §10-307. Real estate settlement procedures

A loan broker and its loan officers shall comply with the provisions of 12 United States Code, Section 2601 et seq., the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 16 1974 and its implementing regulation, Regulation X, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, 17 Section 3500 et seq. and the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 United States 18 Code, Section 1601 et seq. and its implementing regulation, Regulation Z, 12 Code of 19 Federal Regulations, Part 226.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This bill ensures that, if Maine's exemption under the federal Truth in Lending Act is revoked, Maine law will continue to require that mortgage lenders regulated by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection comply with the federal Truth in Lending Act. The bill requires creditors and loan brokers to comply with the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act and its implementing regulation pursuant to the federal Truth in Lending Act, Regulation Z.