

From: Jordan Estey **On Behalf Of** NCOIL President Sen. James Seward, NY
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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), I am forwarding to you a model law that would establish critical mortgage licensing standards in your state. The *State Model Legislation for Implementation of Public Law 110-289, Title V—S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act* was unanimously approved by the NCOIL Executive Committee during the NCOIL Spring Meeting in Washington, DC.

The model legislation provides a template for states to enact and comply with the *S.A.F.E. Act's* minimum requirements for licensing state residential loan originators—including that all mortgage loan originators be either licensed or registered through a Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS), which state regulators launched in 2008.

If a state legislature fails to implement all of the S.A.F.E. Act requirements by July 31, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) could establish a duplicative and costly regulatory regime to license and regulate loan originators in your state.

The model bill—developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR)—addresses national testing, prelicensing, continuing education, background checks, and license suspension, termination, and nonrenewal, among other things.

For your reference, I am also forwarding a CSBS document that provides additional information on the *Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008* and on the *S.A.F.E. Act*, specifically.

NCOIL is an organization of state legislators whose primary area of interest is insurance legislation and regulation. Many legislators active in NCOIL either chair or are members of the committees responsible for insurance legislation in their respective state houses across the country. More information is available at www.ncoil.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mike Humphreys in the NCOIL Washington, DC, Office at 202-220-3014 or at mhumphreys@ncoil.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator James Seward
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