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DELAWARE STATE SENATE

144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 252 AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6 & 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO FORECLOSURE PROTECTION FOR HOMEOWNERS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Title 6 of the Delaware Code by adding a new Chapter 24B to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 24B. FORECLOSURE CONSULTANTS AND RECONVEYANCES.

SUBCHAPER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§2400B. Short Title.

This chapter may be cited as the "Mortgage Rescue Fraud Protection Act."

§2401B. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect homeowners from unfair or deceptive practices by foreclosure consultants or through foreclosure reconveyance agreements.

§2402B. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) 'Foreclosure consultant' means a person who:
- a. Solicits or contacts a homeowner in writing, in person, or through any electronic or telecommunications medium, and directly or indirectly makes a representation or offer to perform any service that the person represents will:
 - (i) Stop, enjoin, delay, void, set aside, annul, stay, or postpone a foreclosure

sale;

(ii) Obtain forbearance from any mortgager servicer, mortgagee or mortgage

assignee;

(iii) Assist the homeowner to exercise a right of reinstatement provided in the

mortgage loan documents or to refinance a mortgage loan that is in foreclosure and for which an action to foreclose

the mortgage has been filed;

(iv) Obtain an extension of the period within which the homeowner may

reinstate the homeowner's obligation or extend the deadline to object to a ratification;

(v) Obtain a waiver of an acceleration clause contained in any promissory note

or contract secured by a mortgage on a residence in foreclosure or contained in the mortgage;

(vi) Assist the homeowner to obtain a loan or advance of funds;

(vii) Avoid or ameliorate the impairment of the homeowner's credit resulting

from an action to foreclose the mortgage or the conduct of a foreclosure sale;

(viii) Save the homeowner's residence from foreclosure;

(ix) Purchase or obtain an option to purchase the homeowner's residence in

foreclosure within twenty days prior to the date advertised for a foreclosure sale;

(x) Arrange for the homeowner to become a lessee or renter entitled to continue

to reside in the homeowner's residence in foreclosure;

Arrange for the homeowner to have an option to repurchase the

homeowner's residence in foreclosure; or

(xii) Engage in any documentation, grant, conveyance, sale, lease, trust, or gift

by which the homeowner limits or impairs the homeowner's equity of redemption in the homeowner's residence in

foreclosure: or

Systematically contacts owners of property that court records or newspaper

advertisements show are in foreclosure or in danger of foreclosure.

(2) 'Foreclosure consulting contract' means a written, oral, or equitable agreement between a

foreclosure consultant and a homeowner for the provision of any foreclosure consulting service or foreclosure

reconveyance.

(3) 'Foreclosure consulting service' includes:

a. Receiving money for the purpose of distributing it to creditors in payment or partial

payment of any obligation secured by a lien on a residence in foreclosure;

b. Contacting creditors on behalf of a homeowner;

c. Arranging or attempting to arrange for an extension of the period within which a

homeowner may cure the homeowner's default and reinstate the homeowner's obligation;

d. Arranging or attempting to arrange for any delay or postponement of the foreclosure

sale of a residence in foreclosure:

e. Arranging or facilitating the purchase of a homeowner's equity of redemption or legal

or equitable title in the homeowner's residence in foreclosure within twenty days prior to date advertised for a

foreclosure sale;

f. Arranging or facilitating any transaction through which a homeowner will become a

lessee, optionee, life tenant, partial owner, or vested or contingent remainderman of the homeowner's residence in

foreclosure;

g. Arranging or facilitating the sale of a homeowner's residence in foreclosure or the

transfer of legal title, in any form, to another party as an alternative to foreclosure;

h. Arranging for a homeowner to have an option to repurchase the homeowner's

residence in foreclosure after its sale or transfer;

i. Arranging for or facilitating a homeowner remaining in the homeowner's residence in

foreclosure as a tenant, renter, or lessee; or

j. Arranging or facilitating any other grant, conveyance, sale, lease, trust, or gift of the

homeowner's residence in foreclosure.

(4) 'Foreclosure purchaser' means a person who acquires title or possession of a deed or other

document transferring title to a residence in foreclosure as a result of a foreclosure reconveyance.

(5) 'Foreclosure reconveyance' means a transaction involving:

a. The transfer of title to a residence in foreclosure by a homeowner during or incident to

a foreclosure proceeding, either by transfer of interest from the homeowner to another party or by creation of a

mortgage, trust, or other lien or encumbrance that allows the acquirer to obtain legal or equitable title to all or part of

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the property; and

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b. The subsequent conveyance, or promise of a subsequent conveyance, of an interest

back to the homeowner by the acquirer, or a person acting in participation with the acquirer, that allows the

homeowner to possess the real property following the completion of the foreclosure proceeding, including an interest

in a contract for deed, purchase agreement, land installment sale, contract for sale, option to purchase, lease, trust, or

other contractual arrangement.

(6) 'Homeowner' means an individual holding record title to real property used as the individual's

principal place of residence as of the date on which an action to foreclose on that residence is filed.

(7) 'Primary housing expenses' means the total amount required to pay regular mortgage principal,

mortgage interest, rent, utilities, hazard insurance, real estate taxes, and association dues on a property.

(8) 'Related person' for an individual, means the individual's parents, spouse, children (natural or

adopted), and siblings of the whole or half blood; and for an entity, means a person who directly or indirectly or with

another related person owns 5% or more of the equity in that entity.

(9) "Resale" means a bona fide market sale of property subject to a foreclosure reconveyance by

the foreclosure purchaser to an unaffiliated third party.

(10) 'Resale price' means the gross sale price of a property on resale.

(11) 'Residence in foreclosure' means residential real property consisting of not more than four

single family dwelling units, one of which is occupied by the owner as the individual's principal place of residence,

and against which any type of foreclosure action has been filed.

(12) 'Settlement' means an in-person, face-to-face meeting with the homeowner to complete final

documents incident to the sale or transfer of real property, or the creation of a mortgage or equitable interest in real

property, conducted by a settlement agent who is not employed by, or an affiliate of, the foreclosure purchaser,

during which the homeowner must be presented with a completed copy of the HUD-1 Settlement form.

§2403B. Exempt Agreements and Persons.

This chapter does not apply to:

(1) An individual admitted to practice law in this State, while performing any activity related to

the individual's regular practice of law in this State;

(2) A person who holds, or is owed as an obligation secured by, a lien on any residence in

foreclosure with respect to which the person performs services in connection with the obligation or lien, if the

obligation or lien did not arise as a result of a foreclosure reconveyance;

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(3) A person doing business under any law of this State or the United States, which law regulates

banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, credit unions, insurance companies-while performing services

as part of the person's normal business activities.

(4) A person originating or closing a loan in a person's normal course of business if, as to that

loan:

a. The loan is subject to the requirements of the federal 'Real Estate Settlement Procedures

Act', 12 USC §§2601-2617; or

b. With respect to any second mortgage or home equity line of credit, the loan is

subordinate to, and closed simultaneously with, a qualified first mortgage loan under subparagraph a. or is initially

payable on the face of the note or contract to an entity included in paragraph (3);

(5) A judgment creditor of the homeowner, if the judgment creditor's claim accrued before the

action to foreclose is filed;

(6) A title insurer authorized to conduct business in this State while performing title insurance

services;

(7) A person licensed as a mortgage broker or lender under Title 5 of the Delaware Code while

acting under the authority of that license;

(8) A person licensed as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson under the Delaware Code

while engaging in any activity for which the person is licensed;

(9) A non-profit organization that offers counseling or advice to homeowners in foreclosure or

loan default, if the organization is not directly or indirectly related to, and does not contract for services with, for-

profit lenders or foreclosure purchasers;

(10) An organization that is licensed to practice debt management services under Chapter 24A of

this title while the person engages in any activity for which the organization is licensed; or

(11) A public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality.

(12) A lien hold mortgagee who takes title through the normal state prescribed foreclosure process

or through a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

§2405B. Required Language.

SD: JJC: smf:2971440022 LC: JWH: RAY:0661440178 The disclosures and documents required by this chapter must be in English. If a person communicates with

an individual primarily in a language other than English, that person must furnish a translation into the other

language of the disclosures and documents required by this chapter.

§2406B - §2412B. Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER II. FORECLOSURE CONSULTANTS.

§2413B. Foreclosure Consulting Contract.

(a) A foreclosure consulting contract shall be in writing and provided to the homeowner, without changes,

alterations, or modification, for review at least twenty-four hours before it signed by the homeowner.

(b) A foreclosure consulting contract shall be printed in at least twelve point type and shall include the

name and address of the foreclosure consultant to which a Notice of Cancellation can be mailed and the date the

homeowner signed the contract.

(c) A foreclosure consulting contract shall fully disclose the exact nature of the foreclosure consulting

services to be provided and the total amount and terms of any compensation to be received by the foreclosure

consultant.

(d) A foreclosure consulting contract shall be dated and personally signed, with each page being initialed,

by both the homeowner of the residence in foreclosure and the foreclosure consultant and shall be witnessed and

acknowledged by a notary public in the presence of the homeowner at the time the contract is signed by the

homeowner.

(e) A foreclosure consulting contract shall contain the following notice, which shall be printed in at least

fourteen point bold-face type, completed with the name of the foreclosure consultant, and located in immediate

proximity to the space reserved for the homeowner's signature:

'NOTICE REQUIRED BY DELAWARE LAW

[Name of foreclosure consultant] or anyone working for that company or individual CANNOT ask

you to sign or have you sign any lien, mortgage or deed as part of signing this agreement unless the terms of

the transfer or encumbrance are specified in this document and you are given a separate explanation of the

precise nature of the transaction.

[Name of foreclosure consultant] or anyone working for that company or individual CANNOT

guarantee you that they will be able to refinance your home or arrange for you to keep your home. Continue

making mortgage payments until a refinancing, if applicable, is approved.

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You may at any time cancel this contract, without penalty of any kind. If you want to cancel

this contract, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of the Notice of Cancellation, or any other written notice

indicating your intent to cancel, to [name and address of the foreclosure consultant].

As part of any cancellation, you, the homeowner, must repay any money actually spent on your

behalf by [name of foreclosure consultant] prior to receipt of this notice and as a result of this agreement,

within sixty days, along with interest at the primary credit rate established by the United States Federal

Reserve Board plus 2 percentage points, with the total interest rate not to exceed 8% per year.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL CONTRACT AND COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR

HOME. CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE OR A HOUSING COUNSELOR APPROVED

BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER

OPTIONS WITH YOUR LENDER BEFORE SIGNING.'

(f) A completed form in duplicate, entitled 'NOTICE OF CANCELLATION', shall accompany the

foreclosure consulting contract. The Notice of Cancellation shall:

(1) be on a separate sheet of paper attached to the contract;

(2) be easily detachable; and

(3) contain the following statement, printed in at least fourteen point type:

'NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Date of Contract: [Contract date]

To: [Name of foreclosure consultant]

[Address of foreclosure consultant]

I hereby cancel this contract.

[Signature date]

[Homeowner's signature] '.

(g) A notice of cancellation need not take the particular form specified in this subchapter or any form

contained in any agreement with the foreclosure consultant, and is effective, however expressed, if it indicates the

intention of the homeowner to cancel the foreclosure consulting contract.

(h) If a foreclosure reconveyance is included in a foreclosure consulting contract or arranged after the

execution of a foreclosure consulting contract, the foreclosure purchaser shall provide the homeowner with a

document entitled 'NOTICE OF RIGHT TO RESCIND TRANSFER OF DEED OR TITLE' in the form required

under Subchapter III of this chapter.

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(i) The foreclosure consultant shall provide to the homeowner a signed, dated, and acknowledged copy of

the foreclosure consulting contract and the attached Notice of Cancellation immediately upon execution of the

contract.

§2414B. Waiver of Rights.

Any provision in a foreclosure consulting contract that attempts or purports to waive the homeowner's

rights under this chapter, consent to jurisdiction for litigation or choice of law in a state other than this State, consent

to a venue in a county other than the county in which the property is located or impose any costs or filing fees greater

than the actual costs and fees, is void.

§2415B. Prohibited Acts.

(a) A foreclosure consultant may not:

(1) Claim, demand, charge, collect, or receive any compensation until after the foreclosure

consultant has fully performed each and every service the foreclosure consultant contracted to perform or represented

that the foreclosure consultant would perform;

(2) Claim, demand, charge, collect, or receive any interest or any other compensation for any loan

that the foreclosure consultant makes to the homeowner that exceeds 8% per year;

(3) Take any wage assignment, any lien, or any type of real or personal property, or other security

to secure the payment of compensation;

(4) Receive any consideration from any third party in connection with foreclosure consulting

services provided to a homeowner unless the consideration is first fully disclosed in writing to the homeowner;

(5) Acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, or by means of a related person, in a residence in

foreclosure from a homeowner with whom the foreclosure consultant has contracted;

(6) Take any power of attorney from a homeowner to enter into a foreclosure consulting contract

that does not comply in all respects with this subchapter; or

Facilitate or engage in any transaction that is unconscionable under the terms and

circumstances of the transaction.

(b)No person may engage in any of the activities identified in §2402B(1) or (3) of this chapter if such

activities are prohibited by §910 of Title 11 of the Delaware Code.

(c)No person may engage in any of the activities identified in §2402B(1) or (3) of this chapter for which

registration is required under Chapter 24 of this title, unless such person has registered and fulfilled all other

applicable requirement of that chapter.

§2416B - §2422B. Reserved.

SUBCHAPTER III. FORECLOSURE RECONVEYANCES.

§2423B. Notice of Transfer of Deed or Title.

(a) If a foreclosure reconveyance is included in a foreclosure consulting contract or arranged after the

execution of a foreclosure consulting contract, the foreclosure purchaser shall provide the homeowner with a

document entitled 'NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF DEED OR TITLE.'

(b) The 'NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF DEED OR TITLE' shall:

(1) Contain the entire agreement of the parties;

(2) Be printed in at least twelve point type;

(3) Be dated and personally signed, with each page being initialed by both the homeowner of the

residence in foreclosure and the foreclosure purchaser and witnessed and acknowledged by a notary public in the

presence of the homeowner at the time the contract is signed by the homeowner;

(4) Describe in detail the terms of any foreclosure reconveyance including:

a. The name, business address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the person to

whom the deed or title will be transferred;

b. The address of the residence in foreclosure;

c. The total consideration to be given by the foreclosure purchaser, the foreclosure

consultant, and any other party as a result of the transfer;

d. The time at which title is to be transferred to the foreclosure purchaser and the terms of

any conveyance;

e. Any financial or legal obligations that the homeowner may remain subject to, including

a description of any mortgages, liens, or other obligations that will remain in place;

f. A description of any services of any nature that the foreclosure purchaser will perform

for the homeowner before or after the sale or transfer;

g. A complete description of the terms of any related agreement designed to allow the

homeowner to remain in the home, including the terms of any rental agreement, repurchase agreement, contract for

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deed, land installment contract, or option to buy, and any provisions for eviction or removal of the homeowner in the

case of late payment; and

h. How any repurchase price or fee associated with any transfer of title or deed back to

the homeowner will be calculated; and

(5) Contain the following statement printed in at least fourteen point bold-face type and located in

immediate proximity to the space reserved for the homeowner's signature:

'If you change your mind about transferring ownership of your property, you, the homeowner, may cancel

or rescind the transfer of the deed or title to your property at any time before midnight of the third business

day that begins the day after you sign the deed or title.

To rescind this transaction, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of the Notice of Rescission

provided, or any other written notice indicating your intent to rescind, to [name of foreclosure purchaser] at

[address of foreclosure purchaser].

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HOME. CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE OR A HOUSING COUNSELOR APPROVED

BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER

OPTIONS WITH YOUR LENDER BEFORE SIGNING'.

(c) If a foreclosure reconveyance is included in a foreclosure consulting contract or arranged after the

execution of a foreclosure consulting contract, the foreclosure purchaser shall provide the homeowner with a

document entitled 'NOTICE OF RIGHT TO RESCIND TRANSFER OF DEED OR TITLE' which shall:

(1) Be on a separate sheet of paper attached to the Notice of Transfer of Deed or Title;

(2) Be easily detachable; and

(3) Contain the following statement printed in at least fourteen point type:

'NOTICE OF RIGHT TO RESCIND TRANSFER OF DEED OR TITLE

[Date]

You may cancel or rescind the transfer of ownership of your property through the transfer of a deed or title before

midnight of the third business day that begins the day after you sign the deed or title.

To rescind or cancel this transaction, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of the Notice of Rescission, or

any other written notice expressing a similar intent to [name of foreclosure purchaser] at [address of foreclosure

purchaser].

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OPTIONS WITH YOUR LENDER BEFORE SIGNING.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

To: [Name of foreclosure purchaser]

[Address of foreclosure purchaser]

I hereby rescind the transfer of deed or title to my property. Please return all executed documents to me.

[Signature date]

[Homeowner's signature] '.

(d) The foreclosure purchaser shall provide the homeowner with a copy of the Notice of Right to Rescind

Transfer of Deed or Title immediately on execution of any document that includes a foreclosure reconveyance.

(e) The time during which the homeowner may rescind the contract or transfer does not begin to run until

the foreclosure purchaser has complied with this section.

(f) A foreclosure reconveyance may not be carried out using a power of attorney from the homeowner.

(g) A notice of rescission need not take the particular form specified in this subchapter or any form

contained in any agreement with the foreclosure consultant or foreclosure purchaser and is effective, however

expressed, if it indicates the intention of the homeowner to rescind the foreclosure reconveyance agreement.

(h) The right to rescind may not be conditioned on the repayment of any funds.

(i) Within ten days after receipt of a notice of rescission, the foreclosure purchaser shall return, without

condition, any original deed, title, contract, and any other document signed by the homeowner.

(j) During the three day rescission period, a deed or other document affecting title to the homeowner's

residence in foreclosure may not be recorded.

§2424B. Waiver of Rights.

Any provision in an agreement concerning a foreclosure reconveyance that attempts or purports to waive the

homeowner's rights under this chapter, consent to jurisdiction for litigation or choice of law in a state other than this

State, consent to a venue in a county other than the county in which the property is located or impose any costs or

filing fees greater than the actual costs and fees, is void.

§2425B. Prohibited Acts.

A foreclosure purchaser may not:

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(1) Enter into, or attempt to enter into, a foreclosure reconveyance with a homeowner unless:

a. The foreclosure purchaser verifies and can demonstrate that the homeowner has or will

have a reasonable ability to pay for the subsequent reconveyance of the property back to the homeowner on

completion of the terms of a foreclosure reconveyance, or, if the foreclosure reconveyance provides for a lease with

an option to repurchase the property, the homeowner has or will have a reasonable ability to make the lease payments

and repurchase the property within the term of the option to repurchase;

b. The foreclosure purchaser and the homeowner complete a settlement before any

transfer of an interest in the property is effected; and

c. The foreclosure purchaser complies with the requirements of the federal Home

Ownership Equity Protection Act, 15 USC §1639, and its implementing regulations for any foreclosure reconveyance

in which the homeowner obtains a vendee interest in a contract for deed;

(2) Fail to:

a. Ensure that the title to the property has been reconveyed to the homeowner in a timely

manner if this subchapter or the terms of a foreclosure reconveyance agreement require a reconveyance; or

b. Make payment to the homeowner within ninety days of any resale of the property so

that the homeowner receives cash payments or consideration in an amount equal to at least 82% of the net proceeds

from any resale of the property should a property subject to a foreclosure reconveyance be sold within eighteen

months after entering into a foreclosure reconveyance agreement;

(3) Enter into repurchase or lease terms as part of the foreclosure conveyance that are unfair or

commercially unreasonable, or engage in any other unfair conduct;

(4) Represent, directly or indirectly, that:

a. The foreclosure purchaser is acting as an advisor or a consultant, or in any other

manner represent that the foreclosure purchaser is acting on behalf of the homeowner;

b. The foreclosure purchaser has certification or licensure that the foreclosure purchaser

does not have; or

c. The foreclosure purchaser is assisting the homeowner to 'save the house' or use a

substantially similar phrase;

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(5) Make any other statements, directly or by implication, or engage in any other conduct that is

false, deceptive, or misleading, or that has the likelihood to cause confusion or misunderstanding, including

statements regarding:

a. The value of the residence in foreclosure,

b. The amount of proceeds the homeowner will receive after a foreclosure sale,

c. Any contract term, or

d. The homeowner's rights or obligations incident to, or arising out of, the foreclosure

reconveyance; or

(6) Until the homeowner's right to cancel the transaction has expired:

a. Record any document, including an instrument of conveyance, signed by the

homeowner: or

b. Transfer or encumber or purport to transfer or encumber any interest in the residence in

foreclosure to any third party.

§2426B. Presumptions, Accounting, Bona Fide Purchaser.

(a) For the purposes of subsection (1)a. of §2425B of this chapter, there is a rebuttable presumption that:

(1) A homeowner has a reasonable ability to pay for a subsequent reconveyance of the property if

the homeowner's payments for primary housing expenses and regular principal and interest payments on other

personal debt, on a monthly basis, do not exceed 60% of the homeowner's monthly gross income; and

(2) The foreclosure purchaser has not verified reasonable payment ability if the foreclosure

purchaser has not obtained documents other than a statement by the homeowner of assets liabilities, and income.

(b) The foreclosure purchaser shall make a detailed accounting of the basis for the amount of a payment

made to the homeowner of a property resold within eighteen months after entering into a foreclosure reconveyance

agreement in accordance with subsection (2)b. of §2425B of this chapter. The accounting shall include

documentation of expenses and other consideration paid by the foreclosure purchaser and deducted from the resale

price.

(c) A bona fide purchaser for value or bona fide lender for value who enters into a transaction with a

homeowner or a foreclosure purchaser when a foreclosure consulting contract is in effect or during the period when a

foreclosure reconveyance may be cancelled, without notice of those facts, receives good title to the property, free and

SD: JJC: smf:2971440022 LC: JWH: RAY:0661440178 clear of the right of the parties to the foreclosure consulting contract or the right of the homeowner to rescind the

foreclosure reconveyance.

(d) This subchapter may not be construed to impose any duty on a purchaser, title insurer, or title

insurance producer with respect to the application of the proceeds of a sale of property by a foreclosure purchaser.

SUBCHAPTER IV. ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES

§2427B. Enforcement.

(a) The Attorney General shall have the same authority to enforce and carry out this chapter as is granted

by §2517 of Title 29 and by §§2511-2527 and §§2531-2536 of this title.

(b) If a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction finds that any person has willfully violated this chapter,

the Attorney General, upon petition to the court or tribunal, shall recover from the person, on behalf of the State, in

addition to all costs, a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation pursuant to \$2533 of this title. If the

violation is against an elderly or disabled person an additional civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation

shall be recovered pursuant to §2581 of this title. Each day that a willful violation continues shall be considered a

separate violation.

(c) For the purpose of this chapter, a willful violation occurs when the party committing the violation knew

or should have known that the party's conduct was of the nature prohibited by this chapter.

§2428B. Remedies, Penalties, and Violation of Order or Injunction.

(a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice and is subject to the remedies available in §2533 of this

title when, in the course, of such person's business, vocation, or occupation, such person violates any provision of

this chapter.

(b) Any homeowner who brings an action under this chapter may be awarded monetary damages by a court

of competent jurisdiction.

(c) A person who violates any order or injunction issued pursuant to this chapter is subject to the provisions

of §2598 of this title.

(d) A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

§2429B. Remedies and Penalties Not Exclusive.

The remedies and penalties provided for in this chapter are not exclusive and shall be in addition to any

other procedures, rights or remedies which exist with respect to any other provisions of law including but not limited

to state and/or federal criminal prosecutions and/or actions brought by private parties."

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Section 2. Amend §2517(c) of Title 29 of the Delaware Code by adding to each of paragraphs (1) and (2) the phrase "Chapter 24B of Title 6," after the existing phrase "Chapter 35 of Title 6,".

Section 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2009.

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