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To: Business and Financial Institutions; Judiciary

## SENATE BILL NO. 2563 (As Passed the Senate)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 89-1-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST THAT SECURE LINES OF CREDIT SHALL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED UPON PAYMENT OF THE MONEY SECURED; TO AMEND SECTION 89-5-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY WHEN SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGES OR DEEDS OF TRUST SECURING A LINE OF CREDIT SHALL BE ENTERED UPON THE RECORD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 9 SECTION 1. Section 89-1-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 10 amended as follows:
- 11 89-1-49. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and
- 12 (4) of this section, payment of the money secured by any mortgage
- or deed of trust shall extinguish it, and revest the title in the
- 14 mortgagor as effectually as if reconveyed.
- 15 (2) This section shall have no application to security
- 16 agreements executed under the Mississippi Uniform Commercial Code
- 17 nor to security interests created by such security agreements.
- 18 (3) This section shall not apply to a mortgage or deed of
- 19 trust which states on its face that it secures a line of credit if
- 20 such line of credit is:
- 21 (a) Used primarily for business, commercial or
- 22 agricultural purposes; or
- 23 (b) To other than a natural person.
- 24 This subsection (3) shall not apply to consumer loans used
- 25 primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Mortgages
- 26 or deeds of trust not covered by this section shall be
- 27 extinguished as provided in subsection (2) of Section 89-5-21. As
- 28 used in this section, the term "line of credit" means any loan,

- 29 extension of credit or financing arrangement where the lender has
- 30 agreed to make additional or future advances.
- 31 (4) This section shall have no application to a mortgage or
- 32 <u>deed of trust which secures a line of credit.</u>
- 33 SECTION 2. Section 89-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 34 amended as follows:
- 35 89-5-21. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
- 36 any mortgagee or cestui que trust, or assignee of any mortgagee or
- 37 cestui que trust, of real or personal estate, having received full
- 38 payment of the money due by the mortgage or deed of trust, shall
- 39 enter satisfaction upon the margin of the record of the mortgage
- 40 or deed of trust, which entry shall be attested by the clerk of
- 41 the chancery court and discharge and release the same, and shall
- 42 bar all actions or suits brought thereon, and the title shall
- 43 thereby revest in the grantor.
- 44 (2) With respect to a mortgage or deed of trust which states
- 45 on its face that it secures a line of credit, if such line of
- 46 credit is:
- 47 (a) Used primarily for business, commercial or
- 48 agricultural purposes, or
- 49 (b) To other than a natural person, satisfaction of
- 50 record shall be accomplished as set forth in subsection (3) of
- 51 this section, and extinguishment shall occur as provided in
- 52 subsection (4) of this section.
- 53 (3) A mortgagee or cestui que trust, or the assignee of a
- 54 mortgagee or cestui que trust, under a mortgage or deed of trust
- 55 described in subsection (2) of this section, shall, upon
- 56 (a) The termination or maturity of the line of credit
- 57 and the payment of all sums owing in connection with the line of
- 58 credit, or
- 59 (b) The payment of all sums owing in connection with
- 60 the line of credit and the written request by the debtor to cancel
- 61 the line of credit and mortgage or deed of trust securing the line
- of credit, enter satisfaction of the mortgage or deed of trust in
- 63 the same manner as with other mortgages or deeds of trust.
- (4) Upon the occurrence of either paragraph (a) or (b) of
- 65 subsection (3) of this section, a mortgage or deed of trust

66 described in subsection (2) of this section shall be extinguished

67 and title shall revest in the mortgagor as effectually as if

68 reconveyed.

- (5) Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section shall not
- 70 apply to consumer loans used primarily for personal, family or
- 71 household purposes.
- 72 (6) Any such mortgagee or cestui que trust, or such assignee,
- 73 by himself or his attorney, who does not, after payment of all sums
- 74 owed, within one (1) month after written request, cancel on the
- 75 record the mortgage or deed of trust shall forfeit the sum of Two
- 76 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), which can be recovered by suit on part
- 77 of the party aggrieved, and if after request, he fails or refuses
- 78 to make such acknowledgment of satisfaction, the person so
- 79 neglecting or refusing shall forfeit and pay to the party aggrieved
- 80 any sum not exceeding the mortgage money, to be recovered by
- 81 action; but such entry of satisfaction may be made by anyone
- 82 authorized to do it by the written authorization of the mortgagee
- 83 or beneficiary, duly acknowledged and recorded, and shall have the
- 84 same effect as if done by the mortgagee or beneficiary.
- 85 (7) As used in this section, the term "line of credit" means
- 86 any loan, extension of credit or financing arrangement where the
- 87 lender has agreed to make additional or future advances.
- 88 (8) Any mortgagee or cestui que trust, or the assignee of a
- 89 <u>mortgagee or cestui que trust, under a mortgage or deed of trust</u>
- 90 securing a line of credit shall, upon (a) the termination or
- 91 maturity of the line of credit and the payment of all sums owing
- 92 <u>in connection with the line of credit, or (b) the payment of all</u>
- 93 sums owing in connection with the line of credit and a written
- 94 request by the debtor to cancel the line of credit and the
- 95 mortgage or deed of trust securing the line of credit, enter
- 96 <u>satisfaction upon the margin of the record of the mortgage or deed</u>
- 97 of trust, which entry shall be attested by the clerk of the
- 98 chancery court and discharge and release the same, and shall bar

- 99 all actions or suits brought thereon, and the title shall thereby
- 100 revest in the grantor. For the purpose of this subsection (8),
- 101 the requirement of a written request by the debtor may be
- 102 <u>satisfied</u> by a prospective creditor's delivery of a document,
- 103 signed by the debtor, requesting cancellation of the line of
- 104 credit and the mortgage or deed of trust securing the line of
- 105 <u>credit.</u>
- 106 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 107 and after its passage.