

Editorial statement on

S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008

The SAFE Mortgage Act of 2008 will take away the consumer protection rights.

S. 2595: S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008

Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008, or S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 – This is a summary of the law.

- Encourages the states to establish a Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry for the residential mortgage industry through the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators.
- Sets forth procedures, requirements (including education and testing), and standards for mandatory registration and state licensing of mortgage loan originators.
- Requires the federal banking agencies jointly, through the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, to develop and maintain a system for registering depository institution employees as registered loan originators with the Registry.
- Directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish and maintain a backup licensing and registration system for loan originators operating in a state that either: (1) does not, after a certain period of time, have a licensing and registering system for loan originators that meets the requirements of this Act; or (2) does not participate in the Registry.
- Requires the HUD Secretary also to establish and maintain a backup licensing, supervisory, and tracking system for loan originators if the Registry is failing to meet the requirements and purposes of this Act.
- *•Declares that this Act does not preempt state law which provides greater protection to consumers than is provided under this Act.
- Directs the HUD Secretary to study and report to Congress on the root causes of default and foreclosure of home loans.

*My concern on this is that Federal Law always supercedes State Law.

Will this really help us or hurt us more???

**Those who forget their history are bound to repeat it! I am not sure if that is the exact quote, but close, if not....Remember, "It's a Wonderful Life"? I'm dating myself...