

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 28,000.

Dated: May 28, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0251]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved

collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the status of a loan account gone into default.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0251" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Request to Lender for Status of Loan Account-LCS, VA Form 26-8778.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0251.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used to collect information from the servicer and it serves as a code sheet to input data in the automated Liquidation and Claims System (LCS). The form is computer-generated and sent directly to the servicer of the loan. The servicer completes its portion and sends the form to the VA regional office having responsibility for the loan. Upon receipt of the form, VBA takes whatever action is necessary to properly service the loan.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 29,167 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 175,000.

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