

Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3765, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, and also as part of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and not as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 which comprises this chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the date on which final regulations implementing such section take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date if such regulations have not been issued by that date, see section 1400(c) of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as an Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note under section 1601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

§ 5220. Assistance to homeowners

(a) Definitions

As used in this section—

(1) the term “Federal property manager” means—

(A) the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in its capacity as conservator of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;

(B) the Corporation, with respect to residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities held by any bridge depository institution pursuant to section 1821(n) of this title; and

(C) the Board, with respect to any mortgage or mortgage-backed securities or pool of securities held, owned, or controlled by or on behalf of a Federal reserve bank, other than mortgages or securities held, owned, or controlled in connection with open market operations under sections 348a and 353 to 359 of this title,¹ or as collateral for an advance or discount that is not in default;

(2) the term “consumer” has the same meaning as in section 1602 of title 15;

(3) the term “insured depository institution” has the same meaning as in section 1813 of this title; and

(4) the term “servicer” has the same meaning as in section 2605(i)(2) of this title.

(b) Homeowner assistance by agencies

(1) In general

To the extent that the Federal property manager holds, owns, or controls mortgages, mortgage backed² securities, and other assets secured by residential real estate, including multifamily housing, the Federal property manager shall implement a plan that seeks to maximize assistance for homeowners and use its authority to encourage the servicers of the underlying mortgages, and considering net present value to the taxpayer, to take advantage of the HOPE for Homeowners Program under section 1715z-23 of this title or other available programs to minimize foreclosures.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original. Probably should be “mortgage-backed”.

(2) Modifications

In the case of a residential mortgage loan, modifications made under paragraph (1) may include—

- (A) reduction in interest rates;
- (B) reduction of loan principal; and
- (C) other similar modifications.

(3) Tenant protections

In the case of mortgages on residential rental properties, modifications made under paragraph (1) shall ensure—

(A) the continuation of any existing Federal, State, and local rental subsidies and protections; and

(B) that modifications take into account the need for operating funds to maintain decent and safe conditions at the property.

(4) Timing

Each Federal property manager shall develop and begin implementation of the plan required by this subsection not later than 60 days after October 3, 2008.

(5) Reports to Congress

Each Federal property manager shall, 60 days after October 3, 2008, and every 30 days thereafter, report to Congress specific information on the number and types of loan modifications made and the number of actual foreclosures occurring during the reporting period in accordance with this section.

(6) Consultation

In developing the plan required by this subsection, the Federal property managers shall consult with one another and, to the extent possible, utilize consistent approaches to implement the requirements of this subsection.

(c) Actions with respect to servicers

In any case in which a Federal property manager is not the owner of a residential mortgage loan, but holds an interest in obligations or pools of obligations secured by residential mortgage loans, the Federal property manager shall—

(1) encourage implementation by the loan servicers of loan modifications developed under subsection (b); and

(2) assist in facilitating any such modifications, to the extent possible.

(d) Limitation

The requirements of this section shall not supersede any other duty or requirement imposed on the Federal property managers under otherwise applicable law.

(Pub. L. 110-343, div. A, title I, § 110, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3775.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 348a and 353 to 359 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(C), was in the original a reference to “section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 353)”. For classification of section 14 to the Code, see Codification note set out under section 353 of this title.

EFFECT OF FORECLOSURE ON PREEXISTING TENANCY

Pub. L. 111-22, div. A, title VII, § 702, May 20, 2009, 123 Stat. 1660, as amended by Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, § 1484(1), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2204, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any foreclosure on a federally-related mortgage loan or on any dwelling or residential real property after the date of enactment of this title [May 20, 2009], any immediate successor in interest in such property pursuant to the foreclosure shall assume such interest subject to—

“(1) the provision, by such successor in interest of a notice to vacate to any bona fide tenant at least 90 days before the effective date of such notice; and

“(2) the rights of any bona fide tenant, as of the date of such notice of foreclosure—

“(A) under any bona fide lease entered into before the notice of foreclosure to occupy the premises until the end of the remaining term of the lease, except that a successor in interest may terminate a lease effective on the date of sale of the unit to a purchaser who will occupy the unit as a primary residence, subject to the receipt by the tenant of the 90 day notice under paragraph (1); or

“(B) without a lease or with a lease terminable at will under State law, subject to the receipt by the tenant of the 90 day notice under subsection (1), except that nothing under this section shall affect the requirements for termination of any Federal- or State-subsidized tenancy or of any State or local law that provides longer time periods or other additional protections for leases.

“(b) BONA FIDE LEASE OR TENANCY.—For purposes of this section, a lease or tenancy shall be considered bona fide only if—

“(1) the mortgagor or the child, spouse, or parent of the mortgagor under the contract is not the tenant;

“(2) the lease or tenancy was the result of an arms-length transaction; and

“(3) the lease or tenancy requires the receipt of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property or the unit’s rent is reduced or subsidized due to a Federal, State, or local subsidy.

“(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘federally-related mortgage loan’ has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2602).”

[Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §§1400(c), 1484(1), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2136, 2204, provided that, section 702 of Pub. L. 111-22, set out above, is amended, effective on the date on which final regulations implementing such amendment take effect, or on the date that is 18 months after the designated transfer date (defined in section 1495 of Pub. L. 111-203, set out as a note under section 1601 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade) if such regulations have not been issued by that date, in subsection (a)(2), by striking “, as of the date of such notice of foreclosure” and, in subsection (c), by inserting after the period the following: “For purposes of this section, the date of a notice of foreclosure shall be deemed to be the date on which complete title to a property is transferred to a successor entity or person as a result of an order of a court or pursuant to provisions in a mortgage, deed of trust, or security deed.”]

[Section 702 of Pub. L. 111-22, set out above, repealed Dec. 31, 2014, see section 704 of Pub. L. 111-22, set out as a Termination Date of 2009 Amendment note under section 1437f of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.]

§ 5220a. Application of GSE conforming loan limit to mortgages assisted with TARP funds

In making any assistance available to prevent and mitigate foreclosures on residential properties, including any assistance for mortgage modifications, using any amounts made available to the Secretary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 [12 U.S.C. 5211 et seq.], the Secretary shall provide that the limitation on the maximum original principal obligation of a mortgage that may be modified, refinanced, made, guaranteed, insured, or otherwise assisted, using such amounts shall not be less than the dollar

amount limitation on the maximum original principal obligation of a mortgage that may be purchased by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation that is in effect, at the time that the mortgage is modified, refinanced, made, guaranteed, insured, or otherwise assisted using such amounts, for the area in which the property involved in the transaction is located.

(Pub. L. 111-22, div. A, title II, §205, May 20, 2009, 123 Stat. 1654.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, referred to in text, is div. A of Pub. L. 110-343, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3765. Title I of the Act is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009, and not as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 which comprises this chapter.

§ 5220b. Multifamily mortgage resolution program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall develop a program under this subsection to ensure the protection of current and future tenants and at-risk multifamily properties, where feasible, based on criteria that may include—

(1) creating sustainable financing of such properties, that may take into consideration such factors as—

(A) the rental income generated by such properties; and

(B) the preservation of adequate operating reserves;

(2) maintaining the level of Federal, State, and city subsidies in effect as of July 21, 2010;

(3) providing funds for rehabilitation; and

(4) facilitating the transfer of such properties, when appropriate and with the agreement of owners, to responsible new owners and ensuring affordability of such properties.

(b) Coordination

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, in carrying out the program developed under this section, coordinate with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and any other Federal Government agency that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) Definition

For purposes of this section, the term “multifamily properties” means a residential structure that consists of 5 or more dwelling units.

(d) Prevention of qualification for criminal applicants

(1) In general

No person shall be eligible to begin receiving assistance from the Making Home Affordable Program authorized under the Emergency