

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

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**§ 3354. Automated valuation models used to estimate collateral value for mortgage lending purposes****(a) In general**

Automated valuation models shall adhere to quality control standards designed to—

- (1) ensure a high level of confidence in the estimates produced by automated valuation models;
- (2) protect against the manipulation of data;
- (3) seek to avoid conflicts of interest;
- (4) require random sample testing and reviews; and
- (5) account for any other such factor that the agencies listed in subsection (b) determine to be appropriate.

**(b) Adoption of regulations**

The Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration Board, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, in consultation with the staff of the Appraisal Subcommittee and the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal Foundation, shall promulgate regulations to implement the quality control standards required under this section.

**(c) Enforcement**

Compliance with regulations issued under this subsection shall be enforced by—

- (1) with respect to a financial institution, or subsidiary owned and controlled by a financial institution and regulated by a Federal financial institution regulatory agency, the Federal financial institution regulatory agency that acts as the primary Federal supervisor of such financial institution or subsidiary; and
- (2) with respect to other participants in the market for appraisals of 1-to-4 unit single family residential real estate, the Federal Trade Commission, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and a State attorney general.

**(d) Automated valuation model defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “automated valuation model” means any computerized model used by mortgage originators and secondary market issuers to determine the collateral worth of a mortgage secured by a consumer’s principal dwelling.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1125, as added Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §1473(q), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2198.)

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**§ 3355. Broker price opinions****(a) General prohibition**

In conjunction with the purchase of a consumer’s principal dwelling, broker price opinions may not be used as the primary basis to determine the value of a piece of property for the purpose of a loan origination of a residential mortgage loan secured by such piece of property.

**(b) Broker price opinion defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “broker price opinion” means an estimate prepared by a real estate broker, agent, or sales person that details the probable selling price of a particular piece of real estate property and provides a varying level of detail about the property’s condition, market, and neighborhood, and information on comparable sales, but does not include an automated valuation model, as defined in section 3354(c)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1126, as added Pub. L. 111-203, title XIV, §1473(r), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 2198.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3354(c) of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), probably means section 3354(d) of this title, which defines “automated valuation model”.

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**§ 3356. Exemption from appraisals of real estate located in rural areas****(a) Definitions**

In this section—

- (1) the term “mortgage originator” has the meaning given the term in section 1602 of title 15; and
- (2) the term “transaction value” means the amount of a loan or extension of credit, including a loan or extension of credit that is part of a pool of loans or extensions of credit.

**(b) Appraisal not required**

Except as provided in subsection (d), notwithstanding any other provision of law, an appraisal in connection with a federally related transaction involving real property or an interest in real property is not required if—

- (1) the real property or interest in real property is located in a rural area, as described in

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.