

PUBLIC NOTICE

BANKING AND INSURANCE

DIVISION OF BANKING

OFFICE OF CONSUMER FINANCE

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

Requested Reduction in Surety Bond Requirement for Residential Mortgage Brokers

Petitioner: Wayne Watkinson, Esq.

Take notice that on June 3, 2014, the Department of Banking and Insurance (Department) received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioner. The petitioner requests the Department decrease the required bond amount specified in N.J.A.C. 3:15-3.1 for mortgage brokers licensed by the Department pursuant to the New Jersey Residential Mortgage Lending Act, P.L. 2009, c. 53, codified at N.J.S.A. 17:11C-1 et seq. The minimum surety bond amount for residential mortgage lenders and brokers is currently set by N.J.A.C. 3:15-3.1 at \$150,000. For companies with closed loan volumes exceeding \$50,000,000 on an annual basis, the amount of the required bond increases to a maximum amount of \$300,000. The petitioner requests that the Department reduce the surety bond amount required for licensed mortgage brokers to \$50,000.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2 and 3:3-4.3, the Department shall subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petitioner's request.