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**BULLETIN 09-38**

**TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: NEIL N. JASEY, COMMISSIONER**

**RE: THE NEW JERSEY HOME OWNERSHIP SECURITY ACT OF 2002**

The New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (Department) is issuing this bulletin in accordance with the New Jersey Home Ownership Security Act of 2002 (the Act), N.J.S.A. 46:10B-22 et seq.

This Bulletin addresses the annual review required in the Act's definition of a "high cost home loan," set forth at N.J.S.A. 46:10B-24. The Act, effective on November 27, 2003, requires an annual adjustment of the maximum principal amount that will, subject to the other triggering provisions in the Act, result in a loan being considered a "high cost home loan." This adjustment is based on the last published increase in the housing component of the national Consumer Price Index, New York - Northern New Jersey Region (Index). The maximum principal amount as specified in the Act upon enactment was \$350,000. The adjustment for the year 2008 was contained in [Bulletin 08-25](#) and raised the maximum amount to \$428,615.60.

The Index is compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is released on their web site at <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/srgate> as series "Cuura 101 Sah." The Index represents a measure of the average change over time in housing prices. As of November 18, 2009, the last published data in the Index did not reflect an increase between October, 2008 and October, 2009. Accordingly, as required by N.J.S.A. 46:10B-24, the Department is not adjusting the definition of "high-cost home loan" for this year. Therefore, the maximum principal amount of a loan that may be considered a high cost home loan will continue to be \$ 428,615.60

The amount of \$ 428,615.60 shall continue to be effective for all completed applications on loans that may be subject to the Act received by the lender on or after January 1, 2010. The Department will annually review this number, using the same methodology and effective date in future years, and adjust this number as necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

December 3, 2009  
Date

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Neil N. Jasey  
Commissioner

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