

## CHAPTER 53

## INDUSTRIAL LOAN AND THRIFT COMPANIES

53.01 Organization.  
 53.03 Certificate.  
 53.04 Special powers.  
 53.05 Powers, limitation.

53.06 Directors, residence.  
 53.07 Reserve.  
 53.10 Mandatory insurance or guarantee.

**53.01 ORGANIZATION.**

It is lawful for three or more persons, who desire to form a corporation for the purpose of carrying on primarily the business of loaning money to persons within the conditions set forth in this chapter, to organize, under this chapter, an industrial loan and thrift company, by filing with the secretary of state a certificate of incorporation, and upon paying the fees prescribed by sections 301.07 and 301.071 or chapter 302A and upon compliance with the procedure provided for the organization and government of ordinary corporations under the laws of this state, and upon compliance with the additional requirements of this chapter prior to receiving authorization to do business.

**History:** 1983 c 250 s 19

**53.03 CERTIFICATE.**

Subdivision 1. **Application, fee, notice.** Any corporation hereafter organized as an industrial loan and thrift company, shall, after compliance with the requirements set forth in sections 53.01 and 53.02, file a written application with the department of commerce for a certificate of authorization. The application, in triplicate, must be in the form prescribed by the department of commerce. The application must be made in the name of the corporation, executed and acknowledged by two of its officers designated by the board of directors of the corporation for that purpose, requesting a certificate authorizing the corporation to transact business as an industrial loan and thrift company, at the place and in the name stated in the application. At the time of filing the application the applicant shall pay a \$1,000 filing fee and a \$500 investigation fee. The fees must be turned over by the commissioner to the state treasurer and credited to the general fund. The applicant shall also submit a copy of the bylaws of the corporation, its articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto at that time. If the application is contested, 50 percent of an additional fee equal to the actual costs incurred by the department of commerce in approving or disapproving the application, payable to the state treasurer and credited to the general fund shall be paid by the applicant and 50 percent equally by the intervening parties. A notice of the filing of the application must be published once within 30 days of the receipt of the form prescribed by the department of commerce, at the expense of the applicant, in a newspaper published in the municipality in which the proposed industrial loan and thrift company is to be located, or, if there be none, in a newspaper published at the county seat of the county in which the company is proposed to be located. If the department of commerce receives a written objection to the application from any person within 20 days of the notice having been fully published a contested case hearing must be conducted on the application. The department of commerce may without cause order a contested case hearing on the application. Notice of a hearing in connection with this section must be published once in the form

prescribed by the department of commerce, at the expense of the applicant, in the same manner as a notice of application.

*[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1982]*

**Subd. 5. Place of business.** Not more than one place of business may be maintained under any certificate of authorization issued subsequent to the enactment of Laws 1943, chapter 67, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, but the department of commerce may issue more than one certificate of authorization to the same corporation upon compliance with all the provisions of this chapter governing an original issuance of a certificate of authorization. The filing fee for a branch application shall be \$500 and the investigation fee \$250. If a corporation has been issued more than one certificate of authorization, the corporation shall allocate a portion of contributed capital to each office for which a certificate has been issued, in order to comply with the capital requirements of section 53.02 and section 53.05, clause (2), which sections are applicable to each office and the capital allocated thereto in the same manner as if each certificate had been issued to a separate corporation. Each additional certificate of authorization issued pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision must be filed with the secretary of state and the county recorder of the county in which the corporation is authorized to do business thereunder. A corporation may change one or more of its locations upon the written approval of the commissioner of banks. A fee of \$100 must accompany each application to the commissioner for approval to change the location of an established office.

**Subd. 6. Amended certificates, thrift certificates for investment, application, fee, notice.** Upon approval by the commissioner of banks of a commitment for insurance or guarantee of certificates to be held for investment as required in section 53.10, subdivision 3, an industrial loan and thrift company may apply to the department of commerce for an amended certificate of authorization and consent to sell and issue thrift certificates for investment.

The application, in triplicate, must be in the form prescribed by the department of commerce and filed in its office. At the time of filing the application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee of \$500 and if an application is contested, 50 percent of an additional fee equal to the actual costs incurred by the department of commerce in approving or disapproving the application, payable to the state treasurer and credited by the treasurer to the general fund, must be paid by applicant and 50 percent equally by the intervening parties. A notice of the filing of the application must be published once within 30 days of the receipt of the form prescribed by the department of commerce, at the expense of the applicant, in a newspaper published in the municipality in which the place of business under the application is located, or if there is none, in a newspaper published at the county seat of the county in which the place of business is located. Not more than one place of business maintained under a certificate of authorization may be the subject of an application.

*[For text of subds 7 and 8, see M.S.1982]*

**History:** 1983 c 250 s 20-22; 1983 c 252 s 4

### 53.04 SPECIAL POWERS.

*[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1982]*

**Subd. 3a.** (a) The right to make loans, secured or unsecured, at the rates and on the terms and other conditions permitted licensees under chapter 56. Loans

made under the authority of chapter 56 must be in amounts in compliance with section 53.05, clause (3), or 56.131, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), whichever is less. The right to extend credit or lend money and to collect and receive charges therefor as provided by chapter 334, or in lieu thereof to charge, collect, and receive interest at the rate of 21.75 percent per annum. The provisions of sections 47.20 and 47.21 do not apply to loans made under this section, except as specifically provided in this subdivision. Nothing in this subdivision is deemed to supersede, repeal, or amend any provision of section 53.05. A licensee making a loan under this chapter secured by a lien on real estate shall comply with the requirements of section 47.20, subdivision 8.

(b) Loans made under this section at a rate of interest not in excess of that provided for in paragraph (a) may be secured by real or personal property, or both. If the proceeds of a loan made after August 1, 1984 are used in whole or in part to satisfy the balance owed on a contract for deed, the rate of interest charged on the loan must not exceed the rate provided in section 47.20, subdivision 4a. If the proceeds of a loan secured by a first lien on the borrower's primary residence are used to finance the purchase of the borrower's primary residence, the loan must comply with the provisions of section 47.20.

(c) A loan made under this section that is secured by real estate and that is in a principal amount of \$7,500 or more and a maturity of 60 months or more may contain a provision permitting discount points, if the loan does not provide a loan yield in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by this subdivision. Loan yield means the annual rate of return obtained by a licensee computed as the annual percentage rate is computed under Federal Regulation Z. If the loan is prepaid in full, the licensee must make a refund to the borrower to the extent that the loan yield will exceed the maximum rate of interest provided by this subdivision when the prepayment is taken into account.

Subd. 5. The right, with the consent of the department of commerce, to (1) sell and issue for investment certificates of indebtedness, under any descriptive name, which may bear interest, if any, as their terms provide, and which may require the payment to the company of amounts, from time to time as their terms provide, and permit the withdrawal of amounts paid on them, in whole or in part, from time to time, and the credit of amounts thereon upon conditions set forth therein; and (2) receive savings accounts or savings deposits. No certificate of indebtedness shall have a surrender value which is less than the total amount paid to the company therefor.

**History:** 1983 c 250 s 23; 1983 c 252 s 5,6

NOTE: Subdivision 3a refers to section 53.05, clause (3), which was stricken by Laws 1983, chapter 252, section 7.

### 53.05 POWERS, LIMITATION.

No industrial loan and thrift company may do any of the following:

(1) carry commercial or demand banking accounts; use the word "bank" or "banking" in its corporate name; operate as a savings bank;

(2) have outstanding at any one time certificates of indebtedness, savings accounts, and savings deposits, exclusive of those held by the company, as security for loans made by it of more than seven times the sum of the contributed capital and appropriated reserves of the company until July 1, 1985, or the date an industrial loan and thrift company obtains a commitment for insurance or guarantee of accounts acceptable to the commissioner as required by section 53.10, whichever is earlier, and thereafter 15 times the sum of contributed capital and appropriated reserves of the company;

(3) accept trusts or act as guardian, administrator, or judicial trustee in any form;

(4) deposit any of its funds in any banking corporation, unless that corporation has been designated by vote of a majority of directors or of the executive committee present at a meeting duly called, at which a quorum was in attendance;

(5) change any allocation of capital made pursuant to section 53.03 or reduce or withdraw in any way any portion of the contributed capital and appropriated reserves without prior written approval of the commissioner of banks;

(6) take any instrument in which blanks are left to be filled in after execution;  
or

(7) lend money in excess of ten percent of its contributed capital and appropriated reserves to a person primarily liable. "Contributed capital and appropriated reserves" means the total of the company's contributed capital and appropriated reserves at all its authorized locations.

If a loan has been made to a person primarily liable and payments have been made on a certificate of indebtedness securing it, the amount of the payments may be added to the limitation contained in this clause for the purpose of determining whether additional loans may be made to that person.

**History:** 1983 c 250 s 24; 1983 c 252 s 7

### 53.06 DIRECTORS, RESIDENCE.

At least three-fourths of the directors of any industrial loan and thrift company must be residents of the county in which the industrial loan and thrift company maintains its principal place of business, an adjacent county or any county in which the industrial loan and thrift company maintains a place of business pursuant to this chapter.

**History:** 1983 c 250 s 25

### 53.07 RESERVE.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]*

Subd. 2. **Temporary reserve minimum.** Until an industrial loan and thrift company obtains a commitment for insurance or guarantee of accounts acceptable to the commissioner as required by section 53.10, it shall establish a minimum reserve against the certificates of indebtedness, savings accounts, and savings deposits described in section 53.04, subdivision 5, of not less than ten percent of the amount of indebtedness thus created. Three percent of this indebtedness shall be in cash in the actual possession of the industrial loan company or on demand deposit in approved banks of this state, and seven percent of the total indebtedness may be in bonds admissible for investment by mutual savings banks under the laws of this state.

**History:** 1983 c 252 s 8

### 53.10 MANDATORY INSURANCE OR GUARANTEE.

Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** Not later than July 1, 1983, every industrial loan and thrift company operating under this chapter with consent or holding a certificate of authorization, which includes the right to sell and issue for investment certificates of indebtedness, savings accounts, and savings deposits, other than those to be pledged as security for a loan made contemporaneously therewith, shall obtain a commitment for insurance or guarantee of the certificates, accounts,

or deposits by or through an insurance company or guarantee fund acceptable to the commissioner of banks. The insurance or guarantee shall provide for the redemption of the investment of certificate, account, or deposit holders in the event of liquidation, insolvency or bankruptcy of the industrial loan and thrift company. The amount of insurance or guarantee benefit to each certificate, account, or deposit holder, as an individual or multiparty account, shall at all times be in full force and equal to the lesser of the industrial loan and thrift company's liability under a certificate, account, or deposit or \$100,000. For purposes of this section, an insurance company or guarantee fund includes an insurance company authorized to do business in this state, an insurance or guarantee fund organized under the laws of the United States, this state or any other state with the expressed purpose or authority to guarantee the accounts of industrial loan and thrift companies or any other person who contracts with industrial loan and thrift companies to guarantee accounts.

Subd. 2. The commissioner of banks shall grant additional time or times to obtain the commitment for insurance or guarantee upon satisfactory evidence that the industrial loan and thrift company has made or is making a substantial effort to achieve the conditions precedent to issuance of the commitment. Additional time or times shall not extend later than July 1, 1985.

Subd. 3. No industrial loan and thrift company shall hereafter be granted consent, or issued a certificate of authorization which includes the right to issue for investment certificates of indebtedness, savings accounts, and savings deposits, other than those to be pledged as security for a loan made contemporaneously therewith, unless the industrial loan and thrift company has obtained a commitment for insurance or guarantee of such certificates which meets the conditions of subdivision 1.

**History:** 1983 c 252 s 9