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- [5] AN INCREASED RATE OF INTEREST OR ACCELERATED PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST IF THE GROUP HOME BORROWER NO LONGER QUALIFIES FOR THE LOAN.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, as long as it complies with any applicable federal treasury regulations governing the borrowing of moneys by the State, a loan shall permit:
 - (i) The interest rate to be increased:
 - 1. Variably; or
 - 2. To a stated rate; or
 - (ii) Acceleration of maturity.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the interest rate of a loan may not be increased and the maturity may not be accelerated unless:
- (i) 5 years have passed from the date of the loan; [or]
- (ii) The financial circumstances of the OWNER-OCCUPANT borrower have changed and the borrower no longer would qualify as an original borrower under the program; OR
- (III) THE GROUP HOME SPONSOR NO LONGER PROVIDES A GROUP HOME.
- (3) If a borrower violates §13-317 of this subtitle, the Department immediately may accelerate the maturity.
- (c) To determine whether to increase the interest rate or accelerate maturity, the Department, on a continuing basis, may require any information from or relating to the borrower, including certified copies of State income tax returns.
- (D) IN THE CASE OF LOANS TO GROUP HOME SPONSORS WHICH--ARE NONPROFIT-ORGANIZATIONS, PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST MAY BE DEFERRED UNTIL:
 - (1) A STATED DATE, WHICH MAY BE THE MATURITY DATE;
- (2) THE DATE OF ANY SALE OR OTHER TRANSFER OF THE GROUP HOME OR A SUBSTANTIAL CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE HOME; OR
 - (3) DISCONTINUANCE OF USE AS A GROUP HOME.
- (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PLACE LIMITS ON THE RETURN ON EQUITY ALLOWED TO A GROUP HOME SPONSOR AND THAT PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN EQUITY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH A GROUP HOME SPONSOR.