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DOLLAR LOAN CENTER, LLC, a domestic limited-liability company,

Claimant,

VS.

STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION,

Respondent.

Case No.: A-15-720959-C

Dept. No.: XIII

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

This matter was commenced by Dollar Loan Center, LLC ("DLC") on July 6, 2015, in the form of an action seeking declaratory relief against the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division (the "FID"). On September 16, 2015, the parties stipulated to convert this action into a proceeding as set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 29.010, asking this Court to determine whether NRS 604A.480 prohibits licensees from initiating civil suits or alternate dispute resolution proceedings against a debtor that is in default on a high-interest loan. The parties submitted competing briefs, and oral argument was held on January 28, 2016, with Patrick J. Reilly, Esq. appearing on behalf of DLC and David J. Pope, Esq. appearing on behalf of the FID.

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This Court, having carefully reviewed the briefs, together with all exhibits filed, being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefor, makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and enters the decision and order set forth herein:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This Court finds that the controversy between the parties is real and these proceedings are brought in good faith, to determine their respective rights.
- 2. Any of the foregoing Findings of Fact which constitute Conclusions of Law shall deemed as a conclusion of law.

II. <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>

NRS 604A.480 provides:

604A.480. Limitations on using proceeds of new loan to pay balance of outstanding loan; exceptions

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if a customer agrees in writing to establish or extend the period for the repayment, renewal, refinancing or consolidation of an outstanding loan by using the proceeds of a new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan to pay the balance of the outstanding loan, the licensee shall not establish or extend the period beyond 60 days after the expiration of the initial loan period. The licensee shall not add any unpaid interest or other charges accrued during the original term of the outstanding loan or any extension of the outstanding loan to the principal amount of the new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan.
- 2. This section does not apply to a new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan if the licensee:
 - (a) Makes the new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan to a customer pursuant to a loan agreement which, under its original terms:
 - (1) Charges an annual percentage rate of less than 200 percent;
 - (2) Requires the customer to make a payment on the loan at least once every 30 days;
 - (3) Requires the loan to be paid in full in not less than 150 days; and
 - (4) Provides that interest does not accrue on the loan at the annual percentage rate set forth in the loan agreement after the date of maturity of the loan;
 - (b) Performs a credit check of the customer with a major consumer reporting agency before making the loan;

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- Reports information relating to the loan experience of the customer (c) to a major consumer reporting agency;
- Gives the customer the right to rescind the new deferred deposit (d) loan or high-interest loan within 5 days after the loan is made without charging the customer any fee for rescinding the loan;
- (e) Participates in good faith with a counseling agency that is:
 - Accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for (1)Families and Children, Inc., or its successor organization; and
 - (2)A member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, or its successor organization; and
- (f) Does not commence any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution on a defaulted loan or any extension or repayment plan thereof.

This Court must give a clear and unambiguous statute its plain meaning. D.R. Horton, Inc. v. District Ct. ex rel. County of Clark, 123 Nev. 468, 476, 168 P.3d. 731, 737 (2007); State Dep't of Ins. v. Humana Health, Ins., 112 Nev. 356, 360 (1999) (quoting McKay v. Bd. of Supervisors, 102 Nev. 644, 648 (1986)). In doing so, the Court must consider a statute's provisions as a whole, reading them "in a way that would not render words or phrases superfluous or make provisions nugatory." Southern Nev. Homebuilders Ass'n v. Clark County, 121 Nev. 446, 449, 117 P.3d 171, 173 (2005). Meaningless or unreasonable results should be avoided by courts when interpreting statutes. Matter of Petition of Phillip A.C., 122 Nev. 1284, 1293 (2006).

NRS 604A.480 is unambiguous. Subsection 1 of the statute sets forth the general limitations that apply to a licensee when a "customer agrees in writing to establish or extend the period for the repayment, renewal, refinancing or consolidation of an outstanding loan by using the proceeds of a new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan to pay the balance of the outstanding loan..." If the customer agrees to such an action on an outstanding loan, then the licensee "shall not": (i) "establish or extend the period beyond 60 days after the expiration of the initial loan period" or; (ii) "add any unpaid interest or other charges accrued during the original term of the outstanding loan or any extension of the outstanding loan to the principal amount of

the new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan." The foregoing prohibitions set forth in NRS 604A.480(1) shall be referred to herein as the "Subsection 1 Prohibitions."

NRS 604A.480(2) provides that the Subsection 1 Prohibitions do not apply to a licensee who complies with the conditions listed in NRS 604A.480(2). Subsection 2 contains no prohibition of any kind against a licensee, but are merely the conditions precedent that must be satisfied for a licensee to be exempt from the Subsection 1 Prohibitions. NRS 604A.480 therefore contains no prohibition against a licensee from initiating civil suits or alternate dispute resolution proceedings against a debtor that is in default. Rather, NRS 604A.480 only provides that a licensee cannot be exempt from the requirements set forth in NRS 604A.480(1) "if" the licensee has already commenced any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution against a debtor.

III. DECISION, ORDER, AND JUDGMENT

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court, having been persuaded by DLC's arguments, finds that NRS 604A.480 does not prohibit licensees from initiating civil suits or alternate dispute resolution proceedings against a debtor that is in default.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that no party shall be entitled to attorney's fees or costs of suit.

JUDGMENT IS THEREFORE ENTERED as to the foregoing question of law, as set forth herein.

DATED this 23 day of February, 2016.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Appellant was represented by retained counsel in the district court.

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Appellant was not granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

- 9. Indicate the date the proceedings commenced in the district court: The Complaint was filed on July 6, 2015.
- 10. Provide a brief description of the nature of the action and result in the district court, including the type of judgment or order being appealed and the relief granted by the district court:

In its complaint, Dollar Loan Center ("DLC") sought declaratory relief and a preliminary and permanent injunction. The issue before the court was whether DLC must comply with the statutory requirement of NRS 604A.480 which prohibits initiating civil actions or alternative dispute resolutions against consumers in default when Respondent issues a new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan pursuant to the statute. Specifically, NRS 604A.480(2)(f) explicitly prohibits a licensee from commencing "any civil action or process of alternative dispute resolution on a defaulted loan or repayment plan thereof." DLC asserts that NRS 604A.480(2)(f) does not prohibit civil actions or alternative dispute resolution processes for new loans under NRS 604A.480(2). However, such an assertion is contrary to the plain meaning of the

statute as well as the legislative intent, history, and underlying public policy of the statute.

On September 15, 2015, the parties stipulated to convert the action into a proceeding as set forth in NRS 29.010, and oral arguments were held regarding the matter on January 28, 2016. On February 23, 2016, the District Court entered an Order and Judgment in favor of DLC. The Financial Institutions Division now appeals said Order and Judgment.

11. Indicate whether the case has previously been the subject of an appeal to or original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court and, if so, the caption and Supreme Court docket number of the prior proceeding:

The case has not previously been the subject of an appeal and is not an original writ proceeding in the Supreme Court.

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This case does not involve child custody or visitation.

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This case involves statutory interpretation, and therefore, it does not appear that there is a possibility of settlement.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2016.

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- 1. This Court finds that the controversy between the parties is real and these proceedings are brought in good faith, to determine their respective rights.
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II. <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>

NRS 604A.480 provides:

604A.480. Limitations on using proceeds of new loan to pay balance of outstanding loan; exceptions

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- 2. This section does not apply to a new deferred deposit loan or high-interest loan if the licensee:
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III. DECISION, ORDER, AND JUDGMENT

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court, having been persuaded by DLC's arguments, finds that NRS 604A.480 does not prohibit licensees from initiating civil suits or alternate dispute resolution proceedings against a debtor that is in default.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that no party shall be entitled to attorney's fees or costs of suit.

JUDGMENT IS THEREFORE ENTERED as to the foregoing question of law, as set forth herein.

DATED this day of February, 2016.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL

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Respondent,

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DATED this 3 day of February, 2016.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:

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Attorneys for Dollar Loan Center, LLC

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-15-720959-C Dollar Loan Center LLC, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
Nevada Dept of Business and Industry Financial Institutions, Defendant(s)

January 25, 2016 9:00 AM Hearing

HEARD BY: Denton, Mark R. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 12A

COURT CLERK: Marwanda Knight

RECORDER: Debbie Winn

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Patrick Reilly, Esq., appearing on behalf of Plaintiff David Pope, Esq., and Vivienne Rakowsky, Esq., appearing on behalf of Defendant

At Stipulation and Order to: (i) Convert the Civil Action to a Proceeding as Set Forth in NRS 29.010; and (ii) to Set Briefing Schedule, the Court and Mr. Reilly discussed the matter before the Court today. Additional colloquy held as to whether the Court would hear argument today; if the matter would be continued; and the briefs received by the Court.

After hearing for the attorneys, COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED to Thursday, January 28, 2016. The matter will be placed on the 9:00am calendar, but will not be called before 9:30am.

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-15-720959-C Dollar Loan Center LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs.
Nevada Dept of Business and Industry Financial Institutions, Defendant(s)

January 28, 2016 9:00 AM Hearing

HEARD BY: Denton, Mark R. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 12A

COURT CLERK: Marwanda Knight

RECORDER: Angie Calvillo

REPORTER:

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Court noted the calendar shows the Stipulation and Order to: (i) Convert the Civil Action to a Proceeding as Set Forth in NRS 29.010; and (ii) To Set Briefing Schedule; however, the briefing is completed and the matter is now ready for argument.

After hearing argument as to the Court's interpretation of the statue, NRS 604A.480, the Court stated it was persuaded by the Plaintiff's position, and will enter an order accordingly.

Certification of Copy

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County of Clark
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I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; CASE APPEAL STATEMENT; CERTIFICATE THAT NO TRANSCRIPT IS BEING REQUESTED; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER AND JUDGMENT; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER AND JUDGMENT; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES

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Plaintiff(s),

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Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 17 day of March 2016.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk