

No. 209

AN ACT

HB 2316

Amending the act of May 28, 1858 (P.L.622), entitled "An act regulating the Rate of Interest," further regulating the rate of interest.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of May 28, 1858 (P.L.622), entitled "An act regulating the Rate of Interest," amended June 12, 1968 (Act No. 97) and July 20, 1968 (Act No. 198), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the lawful rate of interest for the loan or use of money in an amount of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), in all cases where no express contract shall have been made for a less rate, shall be six per cent per annum, *except with respect to loans secured by a mortgage or contract of sale on residential real property, in which case such lawful rate of interest shall not exceed nine per cent per annum: Provided, however, That such rate of nine per cent per annum shall not apply to any such loan existing on the effective date of this amendatory act or to a renewal or extension thereof or loan granted in substitution thereof secured by the same residential real property, nor to any such loan contracted for after a period of two years from the effective date of this amendatory act except that such rate of interest contracted for during such two year period may continue to be collected thereafter: And provided further, That loans contracted subsequent to the effective date of this enactment may be repayed without any penalty for such repayment before the end of the loan period: And provided further, That such interest rate shall include the total amortized cost of such loan, including any points, premiums, finder's fees or other charges levied directly or indirectly against the person obtaining the loan or against the seller, lender, mortgagee or any other party to the transaction but not including premiums for insurance, fees for title and legal work, conveyancing, surveying, engineering, credit reports, appraisals, inspections, notary and recording services: Provided, however, That any loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration, pursuant to the provisions of the National Housing Act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, its amendments and supplements, may bear such rate of interest or be discounted at such rate as is permitted under the National Housing Act and the regulations promulgated from time to time by the Federal Housing Administration: And provided further, That any loan guaranteed or insured by the Veterans Administration pursuant to the provisions of the Veterans' Benefits Code approved September 2, 1958, its amendments and supplements may bear*

such rate of interest or be discounted at such rate as is permitted under the Veterans' Benefits Code and the regulations promulgated from time to time by the Veterans Administration. The first and second sections of the act passed second March, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An Act to reduce the interest of money from eight to six per cent, per annum," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. The act of May 17, 1968 (Act No. 63), entitled "An act authorizing the charge of a premium for a mortgage loan in addition to interest and other charges permitted by law," is repealed in so far as it is inconsistent herewith.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of July, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 209.


Secretary of the Commonwealth.