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DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427 - 3273.69] (Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.) PART 4. OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM PARTICULAR TRANSACTIONS [1738 - 3273.69] (Part 4 enacted 1872.) TITLE 14. LIEN [2872 - 3081] (Title 14 enacted 1872.) CHAPTER 2. Mortgage [2920 - 2968] (Chapter 2 enacted 1872.)

ARTICLE 4. State of Emergency [2968-2968.] (Article 4 added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 873, Sec. 1.)

- **2968.** (a) For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:
 - (1) "Mortgage servicer" has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 2920.5.
 - (2) "Property" means residential real property that is improved by four or fewer residential dwelling units, affixed mobilehomes, and manufactured homes.
 - (3) "State of emergency" and "local emergency" have the same meanings as defined in subdivisions (b) and (c), respectively, of Section 8558 of the Government Code.
- (b) A transferor mortgage servicer servicing a mortgage secured by property within the geographic limits of a proclaimed state of emergency or local emergency shall deliver to a transferee mortgage servicer any material written records between the borrower and the mortgage servicer relating to the borrower's election to use insurance proceeds to repair or replace property damaged by a disaster for which the state of emergency or local emergency was proclaimed.
- (c) A transferee mortgage servicer pursuant to subdivision (b) shall not dishonor a previous written agreement to repair property made prior to the transfer between the transferor mortgage servicer and the borrower and approved by the owner of the promissory note.
- (d) This article shall not be interpreted to prohibit a mortgage servicer from delivering to a transferee mortgage servicer any material written records relating to a borrower's election to use insurance proceeds to repair or replace damaged property that was not caused by a disaster for which a state of emergency or local emergency was proclaimed.

(Added by Stats. 2023, Ch. 873, Sec. 1. (SB 455) Effective January 1, 2024.)