

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Today, the Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury solicits comments on the Request to Amend Association's Bylaws Package.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** *Mail:* Send comments to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, Attention 1550-0017.

*Delivery:* Hand deliver comments to the Guard's Desk, East Lobby Entrance, 1700 G Street, NW., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on business days, Attention: Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, 1550-0017.

*Facsimiles:* Send facsimile transmissions to FAX Number (202) 906-6518, Attention 1550-0017.

*E-Mail:* Send e-mails to "infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov", Attention 1550-0017, and include your name and telephone number.

*Public Inspection:* Interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reference Room, 1700 G St. NW., from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays or obtain comments and/or an index of comments by facsimile by telephoning the Public Reference Room at (202) 906-5900 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on business days. Comments and the related index will also be posted on the OTS Internet Site at "www.ots.treas.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadine Washington, Office of Examination Policy, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 906-6706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Request to Amend Association's Bylaws.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0017.

*Form Number:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* OTS regulations require Federally-chartered savings associations to obtain agency approval of any change in its bylaws that is not pre-approved by regulation.

*Current Actions:* OTS proposes to renew this information collection with revision.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Business or For Profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7.  
*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 8 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 56 hours.

**Request for Comments**

The OTS will summarize comments submitted in response to this notice or will include these comments in its request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The OTS invites comment on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or starting costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

**Deborah Dakin,**

*Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of Thrift Supervision**

[Docket No. 2001-29]

**Notification of Change in Hours of Operation for Public Reference Room**

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is giving notice of the change in hours of operation for its public reference room. Subsequent to the effective date of this Notice, OTS's Public Reference Room will be accessible by appointment.

**DATES:** This Notice is effective on May 15, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott E. Schwartz, Senior Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, General Law Division, (202) 906-6361, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice serves to inform the public of the change in the hours of operation of

OTS's Public Reference Room. Through a recent reorganization, OTS's Dissemination Branch, housing its Public Reference Room, has become part of the General Law Division in the Office of Chief Counsel. OTS's Public Reference Room is located on the lower level of the OTS Building at 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. To make an appointment for access to the Public Reference Room, you may call 202-906-5922, send an E-mail to publicinfo@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to 202-906-7755. (Prior notice identifying the Public Reference Room materials you will be requesting will assist us in serving you.) Appointments will be scheduled on business days between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. In most cases, appointments will be available the next business day following the date a request is received. Upon entering the OTS Building at the scheduled appointment time, you will check in with the guard on duty who will notify the Public Reference Room staff of your arrival and give you directions to the Room. Amendments to OTS's regulations at 12 CFR part 505 to reflect the new procedures and hours of operation will be included in the next OTS technical amendments rulemaking.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Ellen Seidman,**

*Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0387]

**Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This

notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether an applicant qualifies as a mortgagor for mortgage insurance or guaranty or as a borrower for a rehabilitation loan under VA's program.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0387" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Request for Verification of Deposit, VA Form 26-8497a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0387.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA is prohibited from guaranteeing or making any loan unless the contemplated terms of payment required in any mortgage to be given in part payment of the purchase price or the construction cost bear a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses and that the veteran is a satisfactory credit risk. The form is primarily used by lenders making guaranteed and insured loans to verify the applicant's deposits in banks and other savings institutions. It is also used to process direct loans,

offers on acquired properties, and release from liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed. In these types of cases, part I of the form is completed by the lender and signed by the applicant then forwarded to the depository. The depository completes part II, verifying the applicant's deposits, providing information and payment experience on outstanding loans, and returns the form to the lender.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 16,318 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 195,817.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0539]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to apply for Supplemental Service Disabled Insurance.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 25, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue,

NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [irmnkess@vba.va.gov](mailto:irmnkess@vba.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0539" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Application for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance, (RH) Life Insurance, VA Forms 29-0188, 29-0189 and 29-0190.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0539.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The form is used by veterans to apply for Supplemental Service Disabled Veterans Insurance. The information is used by VA to establish a veteran's eligibility for insurance coverage under this program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,333 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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