## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 58-ASSEMBLYMAN BEERS

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## Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Changes references to "real estate salesman" to "real estate sales associate" and references to "real estate broker-salesman" to "real estate broker-associate." (BDR 54-1210)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to real estate licensure; changing references to "real estate salesman" to "real estate sales associate"; changing references to "real estate broker-salesman" to "real estate broker-associate"; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** NRS 645.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.002 "Advance fee" means a fee contracted for, claimed,
- demanded, charged, received or collected for an advance fee listing,
- advertisement or offer to sell or lease property, issued for the purpose of
- promoting to promote the sale or lease of a business or real estate or for
- referral to a business or real estate brokers or [salesmen,] real estate sales
- associates or both, before the last printing or other last issuance [thereof,]
- of the listing, advertisement or offer to sell or lease property, other than by a newspaper of general circulation.
- **Sec. 2.** NRS 645.035 is hereby amended to read as follows: 10
- 645.035 1. Within the meaning of this chapter, [a "real estate broker-11
- 12 salesman" is] "real estate broker-associate" means any person who holds
- a real estate broker's license, or who has passed the real estate broker's
- examination, but who, as an employee or as an independent contractor, for
- compensation or otherwise, is associated with a licensed real estate broker 15
- in the capacity of a [salesman,] real estate sales associate to do or to deal

- in any act, acts or transactions included within the definition of a real estate broker in NRS 645.030.
- 2. In this chapter the term "real estate [salesman"] sales associate" includes "real estate [broker salesman"] broker-associate" when applicable.
  - **Sec. 3.** NRS 645.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.040 [Within the meaning of this chapter, a "real estate salesman"
- is] "Real estate sales associate" means any person who, as an employee or
- 9 as an independent contractor, is associated with a licensed real estate
- broker or registered owner-developer to do or to deal in any act, acts or
- transactions set out or comprehended by the definition of a real estate
- broker in NRS 645.030, for a compensation or otherwise.
- Sec. 4. NRS 645.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 14 645.090 Each member of the commission must:
- 15 1. Be a citizen of the United States.

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- 16 2. Have been a resident of the State of Nevada for not less than 5 years.
  - 3. Have been actively engaged in business as:
- 19 (a) A real estate broker within the State of Nevada for at least 3 years 20 immediately preceding the date of his appointment; or
- 21 (b) A real estate [broker-salesman] broker-associate within the State of Nevada for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.
  - **Sec. 5.** NRS 645.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 25 645.120 The administrator shall:
- 1. Possess a broad knowledge of generally accepted real estate practice and be reasonably well informed on laws governing real estate agency contracts.
- 29 2. Not be interested in any real estate firm or brokerage firm, nor shall 30 he act as a *real estate* broker [or salesman], *real estate sales associate* or 31 agent [therefor.] for any real estate firm or brokerage firm.
  - **Sec. 6.** NRS 645.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 33 645.130 1. The real estate division may employ:
- 34 (a) Legal counsel, investigators and other professional consultants 35 without regard to the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS.
  - (b) Such other employees as are necessary to the discharge of its duties.
- 2. No employee of the real estate division may be interested in any real estate firm or brokerage firm, nor may any employee act as a *real estate* broker [or salesman], real estate sales associate or agent [therefor.] for any real estate firm or brokerage firm.
- Sec. 7. NRS 645.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 42 645.180 1. The division shall adopt a seal by which it shall
- 43 authenticate its proceedings.

- 2. Records kept in the office of the division [under] pursuant to the authority of this chapter are open to public inspection [under] pursuant to the regulations adopted by the real estate division, except that the division may refuse to make public, unless ordered to do so by a court:
- (a) [Real estate brokers' and real estate salesmen's examinations;]

  Examinations taken by real estate brokers and real estate sales

  associates:
- (b) Files compiled by the division while investigating possible violations of this chapter or chapter 119 of NRS; and

- (c) The criminal and financial records of licensees, applicants for licenses and owner-developers.
- 3. Copies of all records and papers in the office of the division, certified and authenticated by the seal of the division, must be received in evidence in all courts equally and with like effect as the originals.
  - **Sec. 8.** NRS 645.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.230 1. It is unlawful for any person, limited-liability company, partnership, association or corporation to engage in the business of, act in the capacity of, advertise or assume to act as, a:
- (a) Real estate broker, real estate [broker salesman or real estate salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate within the State of Nevada without first obtaining the appropriate license from the real estate division [as provided for in] pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; or
- (b) Property manager within the State of Nevada without first obtaining from the real estate division [as provided for in] pursuant to the provisions of this chapter a license as a real estate broker, real estate [broker salesman or real estate salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate and a permit to engage in property management.
- 2. The real estate division may prefer a complaint for a violation of this section before any court of competent jurisdiction and may assist in presenting the law or facts upon any trial for a violation of this section.
- 3. The district attorney of each county shall prosecute all violations of this section in their respective counties in which violations occur, unless prosecuted by the attorney general. Upon the request of the administrator, the attorney general shall prosecute any violation of this section in lieu of the district attorney.
- **Sec. 9.** NRS 645.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.240 1. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to, and the terms "real estate broker" and "real estate [salesman"] sales associate" do not include, any:
- 41 (a) Person who, as owner or lessor, performs any of the acts mentioned 42 in NRS 645.030, 645.040, 645.230 and 645.260, with reference to property 43 owned or leased by them, or to the regular employees [thereof] with

- respect to the property so owned or leased, where those acts are performed in the regular course of or as an incident to the management of such property and the investment therein. For the purposes of this paragraph, "management" means activities which tend to preserve or increase the income from the property by preserving the physical desirability of the property or maintaining high standards of service to tenants. The term does not include sales activities.
  - (b) Employee of a real estate broker while engaged in the collection of rent for or on behalf of the broker.

- (c) Person while performing the duties of a property manager for a property [,] if the person maintains an office on the property and does not engage in property management with regard to any other property.
- (d) Person while performing the duties of a property manager for a common-interest community governed by the provisions of chapter 116 of NRS, a condominium project governed by the provisions of chapter 117 of NRS, a time share governed by the provisions of chapter 119A of NRS, or a planned unit development governed by the provisions of chapter 278A of NRS [,] if the person is a member in good standing of, and, if applicable, holds a current certificate, registration or other similar form of recognition from, a nationally recognized organization or association for persons managing such properties that has been approved by the real estate division by regulation.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 645.606 to 645.609, inclusive, the provisions of this chapter do not apply to:
- (a) Any bank, thrift company, credit union, trust company, savings and loan association or any mortgage or farm loan association licensed [under] pursuant to the laws of this state or of the United States, with reference to property it has acquired for development, for the convenient transaction of its business, or as a result of foreclosure of property encumbered in good faith as security for a loan or other obligation it has originated or holds.
- (b) A corporation which, through its regular officers who receive no special compensation for it, performs any of those acts with reference to the property of the corporation.
- (c) The services rendered by an attorney at law in the performance of his duties as an attorney at law.
- (d) A receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, administrator or executor, or any other person doing any of the acts specified in NRS 645.030 [under] pursuant to the jurisdiction of any court.
- (e) A trustee acting **[under]** *pursuant to* a trust agreement, deed of trust or will, or the regular salaried employees thereof.
- (f) The purchase, sale or locating of mining claims or options thereon or interests therein.
- 43 (g) The State of Nevada or a political subdivision thereof.

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   cities and towns to tax, license and regulate real estate brokers or real
   estate [salesmen.] sales associates. The requirements of this chapter shall
   be in addition to the requirements of any existing or future ordinance of
   any city or town so taxing, licensing or regulating real estate brokers or
   real estate [salesmen.] sales associates.
      Sec. 11. NRS 645.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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   association or corporation who, for another, in consideration of
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   contained in the definition of a real estate broker in NRS 645.030, whether
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                 NRS 645.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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   may not commence or maintain any action in the courts of this state for the
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   mentioned in NRS 645.030 without alleging and proving that the person,
   limited-liability company, partnership, association or corporation was a
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**Sec. 13.** NRS 645.280 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645.280 1. It is unlawful for any licensed real estate broker, for broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate to offer, promise, allow, give or pay, directly or indirectly, any part or share of his commission, compensation or finder's fee arising or accruing from any real estate transaction to any person who is not a licensed real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate in consideration of services performed or to be performed by the unlicensed person. A licensed real estate broker may pay a commission to a licensed broker of another state.

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2. A real estate [broker salesman or salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate shall not be associated with or accept compensation from any person other than the real estate broker or owner-developer under whom [he] the real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate is at the time

licensed.

- 3. It is unlawful for any licensed real estate [broker salesman or salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate to pay a commission to any person except through the real estate broker or owner-developer under whom [he] the real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate is at the time licensed.
- **Sec. 14.** NRS 645.283 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.283 1. An owner-developer who is registered with the real estate division may employ one or more licensed real estate [salesmen] sales

  9 associates to sell any single-family residence, owned by the ownerdeveloper and not previously sold, which is within the area covered by his current registration.
- 12 2. The area covered by an owner-developer's registration may be 13 enlarged from time to time upon application and payment of the required 14 fee.
  - 3. Registration may be kept in force by annual renewal.

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- **Sec. 15.** NRS 645.287 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.287 1. Regulations adopted by the [real estate] commission shall not establish any educational qualification or require any examination of an owner-developer, but shall provide appropriate standards of good moral character and financial stability.
- 2. Each owner-developer shall maintain a principal place of business and keep there the records concerning [salesmen] real estate sales associates employed by [him.] the owner-developer.
  - **Sec. 16.** NRS 645.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.310 1. All deposits accepted by every real estate broker or person registered as an owner-developer pursuant to this chapter, which are retained by him pending consummation or termination of the transaction involved, must be accounted for in the full amount at the time of the consummation or termination.
  - 2. Every real estate [salesman or broker salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate who receives any money on behalf of a real estate broker or owner-developer shall pay over the money promptly to the real estate broker or owner-developer.
  - 3. A real estate broker shall not commingle the money or other property of his client with his own.
- 4. If a real estate broker receives money, as a *real estate* broker, which belongs to others, he shall promptly deposit the money in a separate checking account located in a bank in this state which must be designated a trust account. All down payments, earnest money deposits, rents, or other money which he receives, on behalf of his client or any other person, must be deposited in the account unless all persons who have any interest in the money have agreed otherwise in writing. A real estate broker may pay to
- any seller or the seller's authorized agent the whole or any portion of such

- special deposit. The real estate broker is personally responsible and liable for such deposit at all times. A real estate broker shall not [permit] allow any advance payment of money belonging to others to be deposited in the real estate broker's business or personal account or to be commingled with any money he may have on deposit.
- 5. Every real estate broker required to maintain a separate trust account shall keep records of all money deposited therein. The records must clearly indicate the date and from whom he received money, the date deposited, the dates of withdrawals, and other pertinent information concerning the transaction, and must show clearly for whose account the money is deposited and to whom the money belongs. The real estate broker shall balance each separate trust account at least monthly. The real estate broker shall provide to the division, on a form provided by the division, an annual accounting which shows an annual reconciliation of each separate trust account. All such records and money are subject to inspection and audit by the division and its authorized representatives. All such separate trust accounts must designate the real estate broker as trustee and provide for withdrawal of money without previous notice.

- 6. Each real estate broker shall notify the division of the names of the banks in which he maintains trust accounts and specify the names of the accounts on forms provided by the division.
- 7. If a real estate broker who has money in a trust account dies or becomes mentally disabled, the division, upon application to the district court, may have a trustee appointed to administer and distribute the money in the account with the approval of the court. The trustee may serve without posting a bond.
  - **Sec. 17.** NRS 645.323 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.323 A person shall not accept an advance fee listing unless he is licensed as a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate pursuant to this chapter.
  - **Sec. 18.** NRS 645.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.330 1. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, the division may approve an application for a license for a person who meets all the following requirements:
- (a) Has a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and integrity and who offers proof of those qualifications satisfactory to the division.
  - (b) Has not made a false statement of material fact on his application.
- (c) Is competent to transact the business of a real estate broker,
- [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate in a manner which will safeguard the interests of the public.
- (d) Has submitted the statement required pursuant to NRS 645.358 if the person is a natural person.
- 43 (e) Has passed the examination.

- 2. The division:
- (a) May deny a license to any person who has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to, forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, engaging in a real estate business without a license, possessing for [the purpose of] sale any controlled substance or any crime involving moral turpitude, in any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States or elsewhere; and
  - (b) Shall not issue a license to such a person until at least 3 years after:
  - (1) The person pays any fine or restitution ordered by the court; or
- 11 (2) The expiration of the period of the person's parole, probation or sentence,
- whichever is later.

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- 3. Suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to this chapter or any prior revocation or current suspension in this or any other state, district or territory of the United States or any foreign country within 10 years before the date of the application is grounds for refusal to grant a license.
- 4. A person may not be licensed as a real estate broker unless he has been actively engaged as a full-time licensed real estate [broker salesman or salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate in this state, or actively engaged as a full-time licensed real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate in another state or the District of Columbia, for at least 2 of the 4 years immediately preceding the issuance of a real estate broker's license.
- **Sec. 19.** NRS 645.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.335 1. For the purposes of this section, "depository financial institution" means any bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, thrift company, credit union or other institution which:
  - (a) Holds or receives deposits, savings or share accounts;
  - (b) Issues certificates of deposit; or
- (c) Provides to its customers other depository accounts which are subject to withdrawal by checks, drafts or other instruments or by electronic means to effect payment to a third party.
- 2. The purposes of this section are to help maintain the separation between depository financial institutions and the business of real estate and to minimize the possibility of unfair competitive activities by depository financial institutions against real estate brokers and [salesmen.] real estate sales associates.
- 3. No depository financial institution or its holding company, parent, subsidiary or affiliate may directly or indirectly be licensed to sell real estate in this state.

- Sec. 20. NRS 645.343 is hereby amended to read as follows: 1 645.343 1. In addition to the other requirements contained in this 2 chapter, an applicant for an original real estate [salesman's] sales associate's license must furnish proof satisfactory to the real estate division that he has successfully completed a course of instruction in the principles, practices, procedures, law and ethics of real estate, which course may be an extension or correspondence course offered by the University and Community College System of Nevada, any other accredited college or university or by any other college or school approved by the commission. The course of instruction must include the subject of 10 disclosure of required information in real estate transactions, including 11 instruction on methods a seller may use to obtain the required information. 12
  - 2. An applicant for an original real estate broker's or [broker-salesman's] real estate broker-associate's license must furnish proof satisfactory to the real estate division that he has successfully completed 45 semester units or the equivalent in quarter units of college level courses which include:

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- (a) Three semester units or an equivalent number of quarter units in real estate law, including at least 18 classroom hours of the real estate law of Nevada and another course of equal length in the principles of real estate;
- (b) Nine semester units or the equivalent in quarter units of college level courses in real estate appraisal and business or economics; and
- (c) Nine semester units or the equivalent in quarter units of college level courses in real estate, business or economics.
- 3. On and after January 1, 1986, in addition to other requirements contained in this chapter, an applicant for an original real estate broker's or [broker salesman's] real estate broker-associate's license must furnish proof satisfactory to the real estate division that he has completed 64 semester units or the equivalent in quarter units of college level courses. This educational requirement includes and is not in addition to the requirements listed in subsection 2.
- 4. For the purposes of this section, each person holding a valid real estate [salesman's license under] sales associate's license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is entitled to receive credit for the equivalent of 16 semester units of college level courses for each two years of active experience he has as a licensed real estate [salesman.] sales associate. This credit may not be applied against the requirement in subsection 2 for 18 classroom hours of the real estate law of Nevada.
- 5. The educational requirements of this section may be waived
  partially or completely by the commission if the applicant for an original
  real estate broker's or [broker-salesman's] real estate broker-associate's
  license furnishes proof satisfactory to the commission that he resides in a
  rural county where educational resources are not available and where

excess travel would work a hardship on the applicant in meeting the requirements.

- 6. An applicant for a *real estate* broker's license pursuant to NRS 645.350 must meet the educational prerequisites applicable on the date his application is received by the real estate division.
- 7. For the purposes of this section, "college level courses" are courses offered by any accredited college or university or by any other institution which meet the standards of education established by the commission. The commission may adopt regulations setting forth standards of education which are equivalent to the college level courses outlined in this subsection. The regulations may take into account the standard of instructors, the scope and content of the instruction, hours of instruction and such other criteria as the commission requires.
- **Sec. 21.** NRS 645.345 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645.345 The division, with the approval of the commission, shall:
  - 1. Adopt reasonable regulations defining what constitutes:
- (a) A course of instruction in real estate principles, practices, procedures, law and ethics, which course of instruction must include the subjects upon which an applicant is examined in determining his fitness to receive an original real estate [salesman's] sales associate's license.
  - (b) A school offering such a course.

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- 22 2. Adopt regulations providing for the establishment and maintenance of a uniform and reasonable standard of instruction to be observed in and by such schools.
  - **Sec. 22.** NRS 645.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 26 645.350 1. An application for a license as a real estate broker,
- 27 [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate
  28 sales associate must be submitted in writing to the division upon [blanks]
  29 forms prepared or furnished by the division.
- 2. Every application for a real estate broker's, [broker salesman's or salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license must set forth the following information:
  - (a) The name, age and address of the applicant. If the applicant is a partnership or an association which is applying to do business as a real estate broker, the application must contain the name and address of each member thereof. If the application is for a corporation which is applying to do business as a real estate [salesman, real estate broker salesman] sales associate, real estate broker-associate or real estate broker, the application must contain the name and address of each officer and director thereof. If the applicant is a limited-liability company which is applying to do
- business as a real estate broker, the company's articles of organization
- 42 must designate a manager, and the name and address of the manager and
- 43 each member must be listed in the application.

- (b) In the case of a *real estate* broker, the name under which the business is to be conducted. The name is a fictitious name if it does not contain the name of the applicant or the names of the members of the applicant's company, firm, partnership or association. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 645.387, a license must not be issued under a fictitious name which includes the name of a real estate **[salesman or broker**salesman.] sales associate or real estate broker-associate. A license must not be issued under the same fictitious name to more than one licensee within the state. All licensees doing business under a fictitious name shall comply with other pertinent statutory regulations regarding the use of 10 fictitious names.
  - (c) In the case of a *real estate* broker, the place or places, including the street number, city and county, where the business is to be conducted.

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- (d) If the applicant is a natural person, the social security number of the applicant.
- (e) The business or occupation engaged in by the applicant for at least 2 years immediately preceding the date of the application, and the location
- (f) The time and place of the applicant's previous experience in the real estate business as a real estate broker for salesman., real estate brokerassociate or real estate sales associate.
- (g) Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of or is under indictment for a felony or has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to a charge of felony, and if so, the nature of the felony.
- (h) Whether the applicant has been convicted of or entered a plea of nolo contendere to forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, engaging in the business of selling real estate without a license or any crime involving moral turpitude.
- (i) Whether the applicant has been refused a real estate broker's, [broker-salesman's or salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license in any state, or whether his license as a real estate broker for salesman, real estate broker associate or real estate sales associate has been revoked or suspended by any other state, district or territory of the United States or any other country.
- (j) If the applicant is a member of a limited-liability company, partnership or association, or an officer of a corporation, the name and address of the office of the limited-liability company, partnership, association or corporation of which the applicant is a member or officer.
- An applicant for a license as a [broker-salesman or salesman] real 41 estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate shall provide a verified statement from the *real estate* broker with whom [he] the real

estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate will be associated, expressing the intent of that real estate broker to associate the applicant with him and to be responsible for the applicant's activities as a licensee.

- 4. If a limited-liability company, partnership or association is to do business as a real estate broker, the application for a *real estate* broker's license must be verified by at least two members [thereof.] of the limited-liability company, partnership or association. If a corporation is to do business as a real estate broker, the application must be verified by the president and the secretary [thereof.] of the corporation.
- **Sec. 23.** NRS 645.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 645.355 An applicant for a license as a *real estate* broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] *real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate* in this state must, as part of his application, be fingerprinted. Each applicant shall, at his own expense [,] and on a card provided by the division, arrange to be fingerprinted by any police or sheriff's office and shall attach his fingerprint card, after his fingerprints are taken, to his application. The division may mail the applicant's fingerprint card to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., for its report, and to such other law enforcement agencies as the division may deem necessary.
  - **Sec. 24.** NRS 645.358 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.358 1. A natural person who applies for the issuance or renewal of a license as a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate shall submit to the division the statement prescribed by the welfare division of the department of human resources pursuant to NRS 425.520. The statement must be completed and signed by the applicant.
  - 2. The division shall include the statement required pursuant to subsection 1 in:
  - (a) The application or any other forms that must be submitted for the issuance or renewal of the license; or
    - (b) A separate form prescribed by the division.
  - 3. A license as a real estate broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate may not be issued or renewed by the division if the applicant is a natural person who:
    - (a) Fails to submit the statement required pursuant to subsection 1; or
  - (b) Indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order.
- 4. If an applicant indicates on the statement submitted pursuant to 42 subsection 1 that he is subject to a court order for the support of a child and 43 is not in compliance with the order or a plan approved by the district

attorney or other public agency enforcing the order for the repayment of the amount owed pursuant to the order, the division shall advise the applicant to contact the district attorney or other public agency enforcing the order to determine the actions that the applicant may take to satisfy the arrearage.

**Sec. 25.** NRS 645.387 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 645.387 1. Any natural person who meets the qualifications of a real estate [broker salesman or salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate and:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, is the sole shareholder of a corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of chapter 89 of NRS; or
- (b) Is the manager of a limited-liability company organized pursuant to the provisions of chapter 86 of NRS,
- may be licensed on behalf of the corporation or limited-liability company

  [for the purpose of associating] to associate with a licensed real estate

  broker in the capacity of a [broker-salesman or salesman.] real estate

  broker-associate or real estate sales associate.
  - 2. The spouse of the owner of the corporation who has a community interest in any shares of the corporation shall not be deemed a second shareholder of the corporation for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 [.] if the spouse does not vote any of those shares.
  - 3. A license issued pursuant to this section entitles only the sole shareholder of the corporation or the manager of the limited-liability company to act as a [broker-salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, and only as an officer or agent of the corporation or limited-liability company and not on his own behalf. The licensee shall not do or deal in any act, acts or transactions included within the definition of a real estate broker in NRS 645.030, except as that activity is [permitted] allowed pursuant to this chapter to licensed [broker-salesmen and salesmen.] real estate broker-associates and real estate sales associates.
  - 4. The corporation or limited-liability company shall, within 30 days after a license is issued on its behalf pursuant to this section and within 30 days after any change in its ownership, file an affidavit with the division stating:
  - (a) For a corporation, the number of issued and outstanding shares of the corporation and the names of all persons to whom the shares have been issued.
- (b) For a limited-liability company, the names of members who have an interest in the company.
- 42 5. A license issued pursuant to this section automatically expires upon:

- (a) The death of the licensed shareholder in the corporation or the manager of the limited-liability company.
- (b) The issuance of shares in the corporation to more than one person other than the spouse.
- Nothing in this section alters any of the rights, duties or liabilities which otherwise arise in the legal relationship between a real estate broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate and a person who deals with him.
  - Sec. 26. NRS 645.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 645.400 1. In addition to the information required by this chapter, 10 applications for *real estate* brokers' [or salesmen's], real estate broker-11 associate's or real estate sales associate's licenses must contain such other information pertaining to the applicants as the division may require. 13
  - The division may require such other proof through the application or otherwise, with due regard to the paramount interests of the public as to the honesty, truthfulness, integrity and competency of the applicant.
  - The commission may adopt regulations connected with the application for any examination and license.
- NRS 645.410 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19
- The commission shall adopt regulations establishing the 20 fee for an examination for a license as a real estate broker, [broker-21 salesman or salesman real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate and all other fees necessary for the administration of the examination.
  - 2. Every application for examination for a license as a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman under] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter must be accompanied by the applicable fees established pursuant to subsection 1. The applicant must pay the original license fee and the fee for the real estate education, research and recovery fund at the time he files his application for a license.
  - NRS 645.420 is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 28. The division shall notify each applicant in writing 645.420 whether he passed or failed the examination.
  - The division shall act upon all applications for licenses as real estate brokers, [broker-salesmen or real estate salesmen] real estate brokerassociates or real estate sales associates within 60 days [from] after the date of receiving the completed application for a license.
- If in the opinion of the real estate division additional investigation 39 40 of the applicant appears necessary, the real estate division may extend the 60-day period and may make such additional investigation as is necessary 41 42
  - desirable before acting the applicant's application.

The burden of proof is on the applicant to establish to the satisfaction of the real estate division that he is qualified to receive a license.

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- Passing the examination creates no vested right in the applicant to hold a license pending his appeal of a denial of his licensing by the division.
- The division, upon the discovery of any error in the issuance of a license which is related to the qualification or fitness of the licensee, may invalidate the license. The division shall promptly notify the licensee, in writing, of the invalidation and the licensee shall surrender the license to the division within 20 days after notice is sent by the division. A licensee whose license is invalidated **[under]** pursuant to this subsection and is surrendered within the time specified is entitled to a hearing as for a denial of application in accordance with the provisions of NRS 645.440.
  - Sec. 29. NRS 645.475 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.475 An applicant for a real estate broker's license may take the written examination before he has complied with the experience requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 645.330, but the division shall not approve the issuance of a *real estate* broker's license until all the requirements of this chapter are met.
- An applicant, pursuant to subsection 1, who passes the *real estate* broker's examination must be issued a **broker salesman's** real estate broker-associate's license. The applicant may be issued a real estate broker's license upon:
  - (a) Making proper application to the division; and
- (b) Satisfying the experience requirements of subsection 4 of NRS 26 645.330.
- Sec. 30. NRS 645.490 is hereby amended to read as follows: 28 645.490 [1. Upon satisfactorily passing the written examination and upon complying with all other provisions of law and conditions of this 30 chapter, a license shall thereupon be granted by the division to the successful applicant therefor as a real estate broker, broker-salesman or 32 salesman, and the The division shall issue a license as a real estate 33 34 broker, real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate to an applicant who satisfactorily passes the written examination and complies 35 with all other provisions of law and requirements of this chapter. The applicant, upon receiving the license, may conduct the business of a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate in this state. 39
  - [2. The division shall issue licenses as real estate broker, brokersalesman or salesman to all applicants who qualify and comply with all provisions of law and all requirements of this chapter.]
    - **Sec. 31.** NRS 645.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 645.520 1. The division shall issue to each licensee a license in such form and size as is prescribed by the division.
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- (a) Show the name and address of the licensee, and in case of a real estate [broker salesman's or salesman's] broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license show the name of the real estate broker with whom the the real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate will be associated.
  - (b) Have imprinted [thereon] the seal of the division [...] on the license.
  - (c) Contain any additional matter prescribed by the division.
- No real estate [broker salesman] broker-associate or *real estate sales associate* may be associated with or employed by more than one *real estate* broker or owner-developer at the same time.
  - **Sec. 32.** NRS 645.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- The license of each real estate [broker-salesman or salesman broker-associate or real estate sales associate must be delivered or mailed to the real estate broker with whom the licensee is associated or to the owner-developer by whom **[he]** the licensee is employed and must be kept in the custody and control of the *real estate* broker or ownerdeveloper.
  - 2. Each real estate broker shall:
- (a) Display his license conspicuously in his place of business. If a real estate broker maintains more than one place of business within the state, an additional license must be issued to the *real estate* broker for each branch office so maintained by him, and the additional license must be displayed conspicuously in each branch office.
- (b) Prominently display in his place of business the **flicenses of all** license of each real estate [broker salesmen and salesmen] brokerassociate and real estate sales associate associated with [him therein] the real estate broker in his place of business or in connection [therewith.] with his place of business.
- Each owner-developer shall prominently display in his place of 32 business the license of each real estate [broker salesman and salesman] 33 34 broker-associate and real estate sales associate employed by him.
  - **Sec. 33.** NRS 645.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 645.570 1. Notice in writing must be given by the broker or a corporate officer The real estate broker or corporate officer must give written notice to the division within 10 days for after any change of name or business location of any licensee or of a change of association of any [broker-salesman or salesman] licensee [.] who is a real estate brokerassociate or real estate sales associate. Upon the surrender of the license previously issued and the payment of the fee required [by law] pursuant to
- NRS 645.830, the division shall issue the license for the unexpired term.

- Upon the transfer of association of any [broker salesman or salesman licensee, application accompanied by the fee required by law must be made] licensee who is a real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, the licensee must apply and pay in the fee required pursuant to NRS 645.830 to the division for the reissuance of the license to the [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate for the unexpired term. Such a transfer may only be into an association with a licensed *real estate* broker or registered ownerdeveloper who must certify to the honesty, truthfulness and good reputation of the transferee. 10
- Failure to give notice as required by this section constitutes cause for the revocation of any outstanding license or involuntary inactivation of 12 the license.
  - Sec. 34. NRS 645.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 645.575 1. The commission shall prescribe standards for the continuing education of persons licensed pursuant to this chapter by adopting regulations which include:
- (a) For renewal of a license which is on active status, a requirement for the hours of attendance at any approved educational course, seminar or conference of:
- (1) Thirty hours within the 2-year period immediately after initial licensing; and
- (2) Fifteen hours within each subsequent 2-year period before renewal.
- For each period, at least 6 of the hours must be devoted to ethics, professional conduct or the legal aspects of real estate. 26
  - (b) For reinstatement of a license which has been placed on inactive status, a requirement for total attendance at any approved educational course, seminar or conference of:
  - (1) Thirty hours if the license was on inactive status for 2 years or less during the initial license period;
  - (2) Fifteen hours if the license was on inactive status for a period of 2 years or less, no part of which was during the initial license period;
  - (3) Forty-five hours if the license was on inactive status for a period of more than 2 years, part of which was during the initial license period; or
  - (4) Thirty hours if the license was on inactive status for a period of more than 2 years, no part of which was during the initial license period. For each period, at least 6 of the hours must be devoted to ethics, professional conduct or the legal aspects of real estate.
  - (c) A basis and method of qualifying educational programs and certifying attendance which will satisfy the requirements of this section.
- 42 (d) A procedure for the evaluation of petitions based on a claim of equivalency the requirements (b). with of paragraph or

- (e) A system of controlling and reporting qualifying attendance.
- (f) A statement of the conditions for which an extension of time may be granted to comply with the continuing education requirements as well as a method of applying and qualifying for an extension.
- 2. The standards prescribed in subsection 1 must [permit] allow alternatives of subject material, taking cognizance of specialized areas of practice and alternatives in sources of programs considering availability in area and time. The standards must include, where qualified, generally accredited educational institutions, private vocational schools, educational programs and seminars of professional societies and organizations, other organized educational programs on technical subjects, or equivalent offerings. The commission shall qualify only those educational courses that it determines address the appropriate subject matter and are given by an accredited university or community college. Subject to the provisions of this section, the commission has exclusive authority to determine what is an appropriate subject matter for qualification as a continuing education course.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license of a *real estate* broker, [broker salesman or salesman] *real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate* must not be renewed or reinstated unless the administrator finds that the applicant for the renewal license or for reinstatement to active status has completed the continuing education required by this chapter. Any amendment or repeal of a regulation does not operate to prevent an applicant from complying with this section for the next licensing period following the amendment or repeal.
- **Sec. 35.** NRS 645.577 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645.577 1. The division may place a license on inactive status for any of the following reasons:
  - (a) At the request of the licensee.

- (b) If a *real estate* broker's license or a corporate officer's license, for failure to immediately notify the division in writing of any change in the name of his firm or its business location.
- (c) If a [broker-salesman's] real estate broker-associate's license or a [salesman's] real estate sales associate's license, for failure to notify the division of a change in the real estate broker or owner-developer with whom he will be associated within 30 days after his previous association was terminated.
- 38 (d) For failure to apply and pay the fee for renewal before the license expired.
- 40 (e) If inactivated upon the placing of the *real estate* broker under whose supervision the licensee worked in an inactive status.
- 42 (f) As a result of a formal disciplinary proceeding.

- Any licensee whose license has been placed on inactive status may not engage in the business of a real estate broker, broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate until he has met all of the requirements for reinstatement of his license to active 5 status.
- Sec. 36. NRS 645.580 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645.580 1. When any real estate broker-salesman or salesman broker-associate or real estate sales associate terminates, for any reason, his association with the real estate broker with whom he was associated, or his employment with the owner-developer by whom [he] the real estate 10 broker-associate or real estate sales associate was employed, the real estate broker or owner-developer shall: 12
  - (a) Deliver or mail by certified mail to the division the real estate [broker salesman's or salesman's] broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license, together with a written statement of the circumstances surrounding the termination of the association or the employment, within 10 days after the termination occurs.
  - (b) At the time of delivering or mailing the license to the division, address a communication to the last known residence address of the [broker salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, advising him that his license has been delivered or mailed to the division. A copy of the communication must accompany the license when delivered or mailed to the division.
  - A [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate must, within 30 days after termination of that association, become associated with or employed by another *real estate* broker or owner-developer or request that his license be placed on inactive status.
  - 3. It is unlawful for any real estate [salesman] sales associate to perform any of the acts contemplated by this chapter, either directly or indirectly, under authority of the license on or after the date of receipt of the license from the *real estate* broker or owner-developer by the division and until the license is transferred or reissued or a new license is issued.
  - **Sec. 37.** NRS 645.6052 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.6052 1. A person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter as a 35 real estate broker, real estate **broker-salesman** or real estate salesman broker-associate or real estate sales associate may apply to the real estate 37 38 division for a permit to engage in property management.
  - An applicant for a permit must:

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40 (a) Furnish proof satisfactory to the division that he has successfully completed at least 24 classroom hours of instruction in property 41 42 management;

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- (b) Comply with all other requirements established by the commission for the issuance of a permit.
- A permit expires, and may be renewed, at the same time as the license of the holder of the permit.
  - An applicant for the renewal of a permit must:

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- (a) Furnish proof satisfactory to the division that he has successfully completed at least 3 of the hours of the continuing education required for the renewal of his license pursuant to NRS 645.575 in an approved educational course, seminar or conference concerning property management; and 10
- (b) Comply with all other requirements established by the commission for the renewal of a permit. 12
  - The commission may adopt such regulations as it determines are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations may, without limitation:
  - (a) Establish additional requirements for the issuance or renewal of a permit.
    - (b) Establish a fee for the issuance and renewal of a permit.
  - (c) Set forth standards of education for the approval of a course of instruction to qualify a person for a permit pursuant to this section.
    - NRS 645.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 21 645.610 The administrator may investigate the actions of any real 22 estate broker, [broker salesman, salesman,] real estate broker-associate, real estate sales associate, owner-developer or any person who acts in any such capacity within this state.
- **Sec. 39.** NRS 645.630 is hereby amended to read as follows: 26
  - The commission may require a licensee or owner-developer 645.630 to pay an administrative fine of not more than \$5,000 for each violation he commits or suspend, revoke or place conditions upon his license or registration, or do both, at any time if the licensee or owner-developer has, by false or fraudulent representation, obtained a license or registration, or the licensee or owner-developer, whether or not acting as such, is found guilty of:
    - 1. Making any material misrepresentation.
- Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, 35 persuade or induce. 36
- Accepting a commission or valuable consideration as a real estate 37 38 [broker-salesman or salesman] broker-associate or real estate sales associate for the performance of any of the acts specified in this chapter or chapter 119 or 119A of NRS from any person except the licensed real estate broker with whom he is associated or the owner-developer by whom 41

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- 4. Representing or attempting to represent a real estate broker other than the *real estate* broker with whom he is associated, without the express knowledge and consent of the *real estate* broker with whom he is associated.
- 5. Failing to maintain, for review and audit by the division, each brokerage agreement governed by the provisions of this chapter and entered into by the licensee.
- 6. Failing, within a reasonable time, to account for or to remit any money which comes into his possession and which belongs to others.
  - 7. If he is required to maintain a trust account:

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- (a) Failing to balance the trust account at least monthly; and
- (b) Failing to submit to the division an annual accounting of the trust account as required in NRS 645.310.
- 8. Commingling the money or other property of his clients with his own or converting the money of others to his own use.
- 9. In the case of a [broker-salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, failing to place in the custody of his licensed real estate broker or owner-developer, as soon as possible, any deposit or other money or consideration entrusted to him by any person dealing with him as the representative of his licensed real estate broker.
- 10. Accepting other than cash as earnest money unless that fact is communicated to the owner before his acceptance of the offer to purchase and that fact is shown in the receipt for the earnest money.
- 11. Upon acceptance of an agreement, in the case of a *real estate* broker, failing to deposit any check or cash received as earnest money before the end of the next banking day unless otherwise provided in the purchase agreement.
- 12. Inducing any party to a brokerage agreement, sale or lease to break it [in order] to substitute a new brokerage agreement, agreement of sale or lease with the same or another party if the inducement to make the substitution is offered to secure personal gain to the licensee or owner-developer.
- If discipline is imposed pursuant to this section, the costs of the proceeding, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, may be recovered by the board.
- Sec. 40. NRS 645.633 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  645.633 The commission may take action pursuant to NRS 645.630
  against any person subject to that section who is guilty of:
- 1. Willfully using any trade name, service mark or insigne of membership in any real estate organization of which the licensee is not a member without the legal right to do

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- Violating any order of the commission, any agreement with the division, any of the provisions of this chapter, chapter 116, 119, 119A, 119B, 645A or 645C of NRS or any regulation adopted thereunder.
- Paying a commission, compensation or a finder's fee to any person for performing the services of a *real estate* broker, [broker salesman or salesman real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate who has not first secured his license pursuant to this chapter. This subsection does not apply to payments to a *real estate* broker who is licensed in his state of residence.
- 10 A felony, or has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to a charge of felony or any crime involving fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or moral turpitude. 12

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- 5. Guaranteeing, or having authorized or [permitted] allowed any 13 14 person to guarantee, future profits which may result from the resale of real 15 property.
  - 6. Failure to include a fixed date of expiration in any written brokerage agreement or to leave a copy of the brokerage agreement with the client.
  - Accepting, giving or charging any undisclosed commission, rebate or direct profit on expenditures made for a client.
  - Gross negligence or incompetence in performing any act for which he is required to hold a license pursuant to this chapter, chapter 119, 119A or 119B of NRS.
- Any other conduct which constitutes deceitful, fraudulent or dishonest dealing. 24
  - Any conduct which took place before his being licensed, which was in fact unknown to the division and which would have been grounds for denial of a license had the division been aware of the conduct.
- Knowingly [permitting] allowing any person whose license has 29 been revoked or suspended to act as a real estate broker, **broker salesman** or salesman, real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, 30 with or on behalf of the licensee.
- 32 Action may also be taken pursuant to NRS 645.630 against a person subject to that section for the suspension or revocation of a real estate 33 34 broker's, [broker salesman's or salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license issued to him by any other 35
- iurisdiction. 36
- Sec. 41. NRS 645.635 is hereby amended to read as follows: 37 38 645.635 The commission may take action pursuant to NRS 645.630 against any person subject to that section who is guilty of: 39
- 40 Offering real estate for sale or lease without the knowledge and consent of the owner or his authorized agent or on terms other than those 41 authorized by the owner or his authorized

agent.

- 2. Negotiating a sale, exchange or lease of real estate directly with an owner or lessor if he knows that the owner has a brokerage agreement in force in connection with the property granting an exclusive agency or an exclusive right to sell to another *real estate* broker, unless permission in writing has been obtained from the other *real estate* broker.
- 3. Failure to deliver within a reasonable time a completed copy of any purchase agreement or offer to buy or sell real estate to the purchaser or to the seller.
- 4. Failure to deliver to the seller in each real estate transaction, within 10 business days after the transaction is closed, a complete, detailed 10 closing statement showing all of the receipts and disbursements handled by 11 him for the seller, failure to deliver to the buyer a complete statement showing all money received in the transaction from the buyer and how and 13 for what it was disbursed, or failure to retain true copies of those statements in his files. The furnishing of those statements by an escrow 15 holder relieves the *real estate* broker's, [broker-salesman's or salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's responsibility 17 and must be deemed to be compliance with this provision. 18
  - 5. Representing to any lender, guaranteeing agency or any other interested party, verbally or through the preparation of false documents, an amount in excess of the actual sale price of the real estate or terms differing from those actually agreed upon.

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- 6. Failure to produce any document, book or record in his possession or under his control [,] concerning any real estate transaction under investigation by the division.
- 7. Failure to reduce a bona fide offer to writing where a proposed purchaser requests that it be submitted in writing.
- 8. Failure to submit all written bona fide offers to a seller when the offers are received before the seller accepts an offer in writing and until the *real estate* broker has knowledge of that acceptance.
- 9. Refusing because of race, color, national origin, sex or ethnic group to show, sell or rent any real estate for sale or rent to qualified purchasers or renters.
- 10. Knowingly submitting any false or fraudulent appraisal to any financial institution or other interested person.
  - **Sec. 42.** NRS 645.648 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 37 645.648 1. If the division receives a copy of a court order issued
- pursuant to NRS 425.540 that provides for the suspension of all
- 39 professional, occupational and recreational licenses, certificates and
- 40 permits issued to a person who is the holder of a license as a real estate
- 41 broker, [broker-salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real
- 42 *estate sales associate*, the division shall deem the license issued to that
- 43 person to be suspended at the end of the 30th day after the date on which

- the court order was issued unless the division receives a letter issued to the holder of the license by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 stating that the holder of the license has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.
- 2. The division shall reinstate a license as a real estate broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate that has been suspended by a district court pursuant to NRS 425.540 if the division receives a letter issued by the district attorney or other public agency pursuant to NRS 425.550 to the person whose license was suspended stating that the person whose license was suspended has complied with the subpoena or warrant or has satisfied the arrearage pursuant to NRS 425.560.
  - **Sec. 43.** NRS 645.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 645.660 1. Any unlawful act or violation of any of the provisions of this chapter by any licensee is not cause for the suspension or revocation of a license of any person associated with the licensee, unless it appears to the satisfaction of the commission that the associate knew or should have known [thereof.] of the unlawful act or violation. A course of dealing shown to have been persistently and consistently followed by any licensee constitutes prima facie evidence of such knowledge upon the part of the associate.
- 2. If it appears that a registered owner-developer knew or should have known of any unlawful act or violation [on the part] committed in the course of the employment of a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman employed by him, in the course of his employment,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate employed by the owner-developer, the commission may suspend or revoke his registration and may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.
- 3. The commission may suspend or revoke the license of a real estate broker and may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 against him if it appears he has failed to maintain adequate supervision of a [salesman or broker salesman] real estate sales associate or real estate broker-associate associated with [him] the real estate broker and that person commits any unlawful act or violates any of the provisions of this chapter.
  - Sec. 44. NRS 645.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.680 1. The procedure set forth in this section and NRS 645.690 must be followed before the revocation or suspension of any license.
- 2. Upon the initiation of a complaint by the administrator, the matter must be set for a hearing by the administrator, who shall schedule a hearing before the commission, and the licensee is entitled to be heard the hearing in person or by

counsel.

3. The commission shall hold the hearing within 90 days after the filing of a complaint by the administrator. The time of the hearing may be continued upon the motion of the commission or at the discretion of the commission, upon the written request of the licensee or of the division for good cause shown.

- 4. The licensee must be given at least 30 days' notice in writing by the division of the date, time and place of the hearing together with a copy of the complaint and copies of all communications, reports, affidavits or depositions in possession of the division relevant to the complaint. The division may present evidence obtained after the notice only if the division shows that the evidence was not available after diligent investigation before the time notice was given to the licensee and that the evidence was given or communicated to the licensee immediately after it was obtained.
- 5. Notice is complete upon delivery personally to the licensee, or by mailing by certified mail to the last known address of the licensee. If the licensee is a [broker-salesman or salesman,] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate, the division shall also notify the real estate broker with whom he is associated [,] or the owner-developer by whom he is employed [,] by mailing an exact statement of the charges and the date, time and place of the hearing by certified mail to the owner-developer or real estate broker's last known address.
- **Sec. 45.** NRS 645.830 is hereby amended to read as follows: 645.830 1. The following fees must be charged by and paid to the division:

For each original real estate broker's, [broker-salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or corporate real estate broker's license.....\$170 For each original real estate [salesman's] sales associate's For each original branch office license ......100 For real estate education, research and recovery to be paid at the time an application for a license is filed or at the time a license is renewed......40 —For each renewal of a real estate broker's, [broker-salesman's real estate broker-associate's or corporate *real estate* broker's license......170 For each renewal of a real estate [salesman's] sales For each renewal of a real estate branch office license For each penalty for late filing of a renewal for a *real estate* broker's, [broker-salesman's] real estate brokerassociate's or corporate real estate broker's license85 

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2	[salesman's] real estate sales associate's lic	ense .65
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3	associate's license and change of association or	
4	employment\$10	
5	For each duplicate license where the original license is lost	
6	or destroyed, and an affidavit is made thereof 10	
7	—For each change of status from <i>real estate</i> broker to <b>broker</b> -	
8	salesman, real estate broker-associate or the reverse 10	
9	For each reinstatement to active status of an inactive real	
10	estate broker's, [broker-salesman's or salesman's] real	
11	estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's	
12	license10	
13	For each reinstatement of a real estate broker's license when	
14	the licensee fails to give immediate written notice to the	
15	division of a change of name or business location 20	
16	—For each reinstatement of a real estate [salesman's or broker-	
17	salesman's] sales associate's or real estate broker-	
18	associate's license when he fails to notify the division of a	
19	change of <i>real estate</i> broker within 30 days [of] after	
20	termination by previous <i>real estate</i> broker20	
21	For each original registration of an owner-developer 100	
22	For each annual renewal of a registration of an owner-	
23	developer100	
24	For each enlargement of the area of an owner-developer's	
25	registration15	
26	For each cooperative certificate issued to an out-of-state <i>real</i>	
27	estate broker licensee for 1 year or fraction [thereof] of a	
28	<i>year</i> 40	
29	For each original accreditation of a course of continuing	
30	education50	
31	For each renewal of accreditation of a course of continuing	
32	education10	
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34	2. The fees prescribed for courses of continuing education do not	
35	apply to any university or community college of the University and	
36	Community College System of Nevada.	
37	Sec. 46. NRS 645.843 is hereby amended to read as follows:	
38	645.843 1. Upon application for or renewal of every real estate	
39	broker's, [broker salesman's and salesman's] real estate broker-	
40	associate's and real estate sales associate's license, every licensed real	
41	estate broker, [broker-salesman and salesman] real estate broker-associate	
42	and real estate sales associate shall pay, in addition to the original or	
43	renewal fee, a fee for real estate education, research and recovery. The	5

additional fee must be deposited in the state treasury for credit to the real estate education, research and recovery fund  $\frac{1}{12}$  and must be used solely for the purposes provided in NRS 645.841 to 645.8494, inclusive.

- 2. Owner-developers need not contribute to the fund.
- **Sec. 47.** NRS 645.847 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 645.847 If the administrator pays from the fund any amount in
- settlement of a claim or towards satisfaction of a judgment against a licensee, his license issued pursuant to chapter 119 of NRS and this chapter
- must be automatically suspended upon the effective date of an order by the
- court authorizing payment from the fund. The license of the *real estate* 10
- broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real 11
- estate sales associate may not be reinstated and no other license may be 12
- granted to him pursuant to this chapter until he has repaid in full, plus 13
- interest at a rate equal to the prime rate at the largest bank in Nevada, as
- ascertained by the commissioner of financial institutions, on January 1 or 15
- July 1, as the case may be, immediately preceding the date of judgment,
- plus 2 percent, the amount paid from the fund on his account. Interest is 17
- computed from the date payment from the fund was made by the 18
- administrator, and the rate must be adjusted accordingly on each January 1
- and July 1 thereafter until the judgment is satisfied. 20
  - NRS 118.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1. "Dwelling" means any building, structure or portion 22
- thereof which is occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a 23
- residence by one or more families, and any vacant land which is offered
- for sale or lease for the construction or location thereon of any such 25
- building, structure or portion thereof. 26

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- "Dwelling" does not include:
  - (a) A single-family house sold or rented by an owner if:
  - (1) The owner does not own more than three single-family houses at
- any one time or the owner does not own any interest in, nor is there owned 30 or reserved on his behalf, under any express or voluntary agreement, title 31
- to or any right to all or a portion of the proceeds from the sale or rental of, 32
- more than three single-family houses at any one time; and 33
- 34 (2) The house was sold or rented without the use in any manner of
- the sales or rental facilities or the sales or rental services of any real estate 35
- broker, real estate [broker salesman or real estate salesman] broker-36
- associate or real estate sales associate licensed pursuant to chapter 645 of 37 NRS. 38
- (b) Rooms or units in dwellings containing living quarters occupied or 39
- 40 intended to be occupied by not more than four families living
- independently of each other if the owner actually maintains and occupies 41
- 42 one of the living quarters as his residence and the owner has not within the
- preceding 12-month period participated:

- (1) As the principal in three or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein; or
- (2) As an agent, otherwise than in the sale of his own personal residence in providing sales or rental facilities or sales or rental services in two or more transactions involving the sale or rental of any dwelling or any interest therein.
- 3. The sale of a single-family house by an owner not residing in that house at the time of the sale or who was not the most recent resident of that house before the sale does not bring the house within the definition of dwelling unless there is more than one such sale within any 24-month period.
  - **Sec. 49.** NRS 119.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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- 119.170 [No] A person, broker, [salesman] real estate sales associate or registered representative shall not, in any manner, refer to the division or to any member or employee thereof in offering or selling in this state any subdivision lot, parcel or unit in a subdivision nor make any representation whatsoever that such property has been inspected or approved or otherwise passed upon by the division or any official, department or employee of this state.
- Sec. 50. NRS 119.175 is hereby amended to read as follows: 119.175 The developer is responsible for the acts of each broker, [salesman,] real estate sales associate, registered representative and any other person he employs or engages to represent him which are performed within the scope of such employment or engagement.
- Sec. 51. NRS 119.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 26 119.180 No subdivision or lot, parcel or unit in any subdivision may 27 be sold:
  - 1. Until the division has approved a written plan or the methods proposed to be employed for the procurement of prospective purchasers, the sale to purchasers and the retention of purchasers after sale. The plan or methods must describe with particularity:
    - (a) The form and content of advertising to be used;
    - (b) The nature of the offer of gifts or other free benefits to be extended;
- 34 (c) The nature of promotional meetings involving any person or act described in this subsection;
- 36 (d) The contracts, agreements and other papers to be employed in the 37 sale of the property; and
  - (e) Such other reasonable details as the division requires.
- The written plan, or the methods proposed, may be filed as a part of the application [under] pursuant to the provisions of NRS 119.140.
- 2. Except through a broker, and before any offering or disposition, pursuant to any license granted [under] pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the name of the broker must be placed on file with the division.

- Only that broker or his real estate [salesman] sales associate may offer or sell the subdivided property or any interest therein. Before a [salesman] *real estate sales associate* offers or sells any property or interest, the [salesman's] name of the sales associate must be placed on file with the division. The broker and [salesman,] real estate sales associate, if any, shall:
  - (a) Complete an application in such a form and containing such reasonable information as the division requires.
    - (b) Pay the fees prescribed in this chapter.

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A broker and a [salesman] real estate sales associate may represent one or more developers only after completing an application with respect to each developer in such a form and containing such reasonable information as the division requires and paying the fees prescribed in this chapter.

**Sec. 52.** NRS 119.181 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. No person, except a registered representative of the developer or a broker or [salesman] real estate sales associate who has complied with NRS 119.180, may induce, solicit or attempt to have any person attend any offer or sale of subdivision property or any interest therein. A broker is responsible for the inducing and soliciting activities of his registered representative. The registered representative and the developer must comply with the same standards of business ethics as apply to [licensed real estate] brokers and [salesmen.] real estate sales associates. A registered representative shall not make statements of any kind concerning prices, interests or values of the subdivision property. His activities must be limited to inducing and soliciting persons to attend an offer or sale of subdivision property and handing out information approved by the division, and he shall strictly conform to the written plan approved by the division pursuant to NRS 119.180.

- Before engaging in any activities specified in subsection 1, each registered representative of the developer, [under] pursuant to such regulations as the division may [promulgate,] adopt, shall:
- (a) Complete an application in such form and containing such reasonable information as the division may require.
- 34 (b) Pay the fees prescribed in this chapter. Such a person shall be known as a registered representative of the 35 developer and may not use the term "licensee." [Real estate brokers and 36 salesmen] A broker or real estate sales associate licensed in the State of 38 Nevada may function as *a* registered <del>representatives upon the completion</del> of whatever application and representative upon the submission of 39 [whatever] an application and such reasonable information as the division may prescribe [, and upon] and the payment of the fees prescribed in this 41 42 chapter.

- Sec. 53. NRS 119.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 119.190 Any broker, real estate [salesman] sales associate or 2

registered representative violating any provision of this chapter shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed by this chapter, have his license or

- registration suspended or revoked by the division for such time as in the circumstances it considers justified.
  - **Sec. 54.** NRS 119A.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 119A.210 The administrator shall issue a sales agent's license to 8 each applicant who submits an application to the division, in the manner provided by the division, which includes:
  - (a) Satisfactory evidence, affirmed by the project broker or another acceptable source, that the applicant has completed 14 hours of instruction
    - (1) Ethics.

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- (2) The applicable laws and regulations relating to time shares.
- (3) Principles and practices of selling time shares.
- (b) Satisfactory evidence that he has a reputation for honesty, trustworthiness and competence. 18
- (c) A designation of the developer for whom he proposes to sell time 19 shares. 20
  - (d) The social security number of the applicant.
  - (e) Any further information required by the division, including the submission by the applicant to any investigation by the police or the division.
  - In addition to or in lieu of the 14 hours of instruction required by paragraph (a) of subsection 1, the applicant may be required to pass an examination which may be adopted by the division to examine satisfactorily the knowledge of the applicant in those areas of instruction listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.
  - The application must be accompanied by the statement required pursuant to NRS 119A.263 and a fee of \$75. The fee must be used by the division to pay the costs of investigating, acting upon and reviewing applications for sales agents' licenses.
  - A person who is licensed as a [salesman] real estate sales associate pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS is not required to obtain a license pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- Upon the issuance of a license to an applicant, the applicant must pay a fee of \$100 for the license and an additional fee of \$25 for 38 investigation. 39
- Each sales agent's license issued pursuant to this section expires 2 40 years after the last day of the calendar month in which it was issued and must be renewed on or before that date. Each licensee must pay a renewal 43 fee

\$100.

- 7. If a sales agent fails to pay the renewal fee before the expiration of his license, the license may be reinstated if the licensee pays a
- reinstatement fee of \$50 and the renewal fee within 1 year after the license expires.
- 8. The administrator may adopt regulations establishing and governing requirements for the continuing education of sales agents.
  - **Sec. 55.** NRS 119A.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 119A.260 1. A representative shall not negotiate or make
- 9 representations concerning the merits or value of a time-share project. He 10 may only induce and solicit persons to attend promotional meetings for the 11 sale of time shares and distribute information approved by the division.
- 12 2. The representative's activities must strictly conform to the methods 13 for the procurement of prospective purchasers which have been approved 14 by the division.
  - 3. The representative shall comply with the same standards for conducting business as are applied to real estate brokers and [salesmen] real estate sales associates pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
- Sec. 56. NRS 119B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 20 119B.400 Unless the transaction is exempt [under] pursuant to the
- provisions of NRS 119B.120, it is unlawful for any person to act as a broker of record, [broker salesman, salesman,] real estate broker-
- 23 associate, real estate sales associate, sales agent or registered
- representative in this state in connection with the sale of memberships
- without first obtaining a license or registering pursuant to the provisions of chapter 645 or 119A of NRS.
- Sec. 57. NRS 612.133 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 28 612.133 "Employment" shall not include services performed by a
- 29 licensed real estate [salesman or licensed] sales associate or real estate
- 30 [broker] broker-associate who is employed as a [salesman or associate]
- 31 broker] sales associate or broker-associate by another licensed real estate
- broker, whether such services are performed for such employer or for a
- third person, if such services are performed for remuneration solely by way
- 34 of commission.

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- Sec. 58. NRS 616A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36 616A.110 "Employee" excludes:
- 1. Any person whose employment is both casual and not in the course of the trade, business, profession or occupation of his employer.
- 2. Any person engaged as a theatrical or stage performer or in an exhibition.
- 41 3. Musicians when their services are merely casual in nature and not
- 42 lasting more than 2 consecutive days, and not recurring for the same

employer, as in wedding receptions, private parties and similar miscellaneous engagements.

- Any person engaged in household domestic service, farm, dairy, agricultural or horticultural labor, or in stock or poultry raising, except as otherwise provided in chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS.
- Any person performing services as a voluntary ski patrolman who receives no compensation for his services other than meals, lodging, or use of the ski tow or lift facilities.
- Any clergyman, rabbi or lay reader in the service of a church, or any person occupying a similar position with respect to any other religion.
- Any real estate broker, [broker-salesman or salesman] real estate 11 broker-associate or real estate sales associate licensed pursuant to chapter 12 13 645 of NRS.
  - Any person who:

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- (a) Directly sells or solicits the sale of products, in person or by telephone:
- (1) On the basis of a deposit, commission, purchase for resale or similar arrangement specified by the administrator by regulation, if the products are to be resold to another person in his home or place other than a retail store; or
- (2) To another person from his home or place other than a retail store;
- (b) Receives compensation or remuneration based on sales to customers rather than for the number of hours that he works; and
- (c) Performs pursuant to a written agreement with the person for whom the services are performed which provides that he is not an employee for the purposes of this chapter.
  - **Sec. 59.** NRS 616A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 28 29 616A.220 1. Each person licensed pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS as a real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] real estate brokerassociate or real estate sales associate who does business in this state and 31 32 receives wages, commissions or other compensation based upon activities for which the license is required may elect coverage pursuant to chapters 34 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS. If coverage is so elected, the real estate broker, [broker salesman or salesman] broker-associate or sales associate 35 shall be deemed for the purpose of those chapters to earn wages of \$1,500 per month. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, not more than 37
- 38 one premium may be collected from such a licensee for the wages,
- commission or other compensation he receives from any activity for which 39 such a license is required. 40
- Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a licensee holds 41 42 both an individual *real estate* broker license and a corporate *real estate*
- broker license, the licensee shall pay the premium for coverage under the

1 corporate broker license only and is limited to recovery of benefits in

- accordance with the deemed compensation attributed to that license only.
- 2 If a licensee holds both an individual broker license and a corporate broker
- license and elects to pay premiums for coverage under the individual
- 4 broker license also, he may recover benefits in accordance with the
- 5 deemed compensation attributed to both licenses.
- **Sec. 60.** NRS 616B.603 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 616B.603 1. A person is not an employer for the purposes of chapters 616A to 616D, inclusive, of NRS if:
- 9 (a) He enters into a contract with another person or business which is an independent enterprise; and
  - (b) He is not in the same trade, business, profession or occupation as the independent enterprise.
- 2. As used in this section, "independent enterprise" means a person who holds himself out as being engaged in a separate business and:
  - (a) Holds a business or occupational license in his own name; or
  - (b) Owns, rents or leases property used in furtherance of his business.
    - 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to:
- (a) A principal contractor who is licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS.
  - (b) A real estate broker who has a [broker salesman or salesman] real estate broker-associate or real estate sales associate associated with him pursuant to NRS 645.520.
- 23 4. The administrator may adopt such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
  - **Sec. 61.** NRS 690B.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 26 690B.120 A person who sells insurance for home protection on behalf
- of an insurer who issues policies of casualty insurance or insurance for
- home protection is exempted from the provisions of chapter 683A of NRS
- 29 which require him to be licensed as an agent, broker or solicitor if:
- 1. His sales activity is conducted pursuant to a written contract with the insurer which regulates his activity.
- 2. He holds a valid *real estate* broker's, <del>[broker-salesman's or</del>
- salesman's] real estate broker-associate's or real estate sales associate's license issued pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS.
  - **Sec. 62.** The legislative counsel shall:
- 1. In preparing the reprint of the Nevada Revised Statutes, appropriately change any reference to:
  - (a) "Real estate salesman" to "real estate sales associate"; and
- 39 (b) "Real estate broker-salesman" to "real estate broker-associate,"
- 40 in any section which is not amended by this act or is further amended by
- 41 another act.

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- 2. In preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately change any reference to:(a) "Real estate salesman" to "real estate sales associate"; and(b) "Real estate broker-salesman" to "real estate broker-associate."