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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2705
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 2705 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4	"Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by
5	changing Section 4.30 and by adding Section 4.40 as follows:
6	(5 ILCS 80/4.30)
7	Sec. 4.30. Acts repealed on January 1, 2020. The following
8	Acts are repealed on January 1, 2020:
9	The Auction License Act.
10	The Community Association Manager Licensing and
11	Disciplinary Act.
12	The Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989.
13	The Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989.
14	The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989.
15	The Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act.
16	The Perfusionist Practice Act.

- 1 The Pharmacy Practice Act.
- The Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989. 2
- The Real Estate License Act of 2000-3
- 4 The Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.
- (Source: P.A. 100-497, eff. 9-8-17; 100-534, eff. 9-22-17; 5
- 6 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 7 (5 ILCS 80/4.40 new)
- 8 Sec. 4.40. Act repealed on January 1, 2030. The following
- 9 Act is repealed on January 1, 2030:
- 10 The Real Estate License Act of 2000.
- 11 Section 10. The Real Estate License Act of 2000 is amended
- by changing Sections 1-10, 5-5, 5-7, 5-10, 5-15, 5-20, 5-27, 12
- 13 5-28, 5-32, 5-35, 5-40, 5-41, 5-45, 5-50, 5-60, 5-70, 5-80,
- 10-5, 10-15, 10-20, 10-30, 10-45, 15-5, 15-10, 15-25, 15-45, 14
- 15-50, 15-65, 15-75, 20-10, 20-20, 20-21, 20-23, 20-25, 20-60, 15
- 20-64, 20-65, 20-66, 20-67, 20-68, 20-72, 20-85, 20-90, 25-10, 16
- 25-13, 25-15, 25-25, 25-35, 30-5, 30-15, and 30-25 and by 17
- 18 adding Sections 5-3, 5-27.5, 10-50, 10-55, 10-60, and 25-14.5
- as follows: 19
- 20 (225 ILCS 454/1-10)
- 21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 2.2 Sec. 1-10. Definitions. In this Act, unless the context
- 23 otherwise requires:

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1 "Act" means the Real Estate License Act of 2000.

"Address of record" means the designated address recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application file or license file as maintained by the Department's licensure maintenance unit. It is the duty of the applicant or licensee to inform the Department of any change of address, and those changes must be made either through the Department's website or by contacting the Department.

"Agency" means a relationship in which a broker or licensee, whether directly or through an affiliated licensee, represents a consumer by the consumer's consent, whether express or implied, in a real property transaction.

"Applicant" means any person, as defined in this Section, who applies to the Department for a valid license as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent.

"Blind advertisement" means any real estate advertisement that is used by a licensee regarding the sale or lease of real estate, licensed activities, or the hiring of any licensee under this Act that does not include the complete sponsoring broker's business name or, in the case of electronic advertisements, does not provide a direct link to a display with all the required disclosures. and that is used by any licensee regarding the sale or lease of real estate, licensed activities, or the hiring of any licensee under this Act. The broker's business name in the case of a franchise shall include the franchise affiliation as well as the name of the individual

1 firm.

- 2 "Board" means the Real Estate Administration
- 3 Disciplinary Board of the Department as created by Section
- 4 25-10 of this Act.
- 5 "Branch office" means a sponsoring broker's office other
- than the sponsoring broker's principal office. 6
- "Broker" means an individual, entity, corporation, foreign 7
- 8 or domestic partnership, limited liability company, registered
- 9 limited liability partnership, or other business entity other
- 10 than a leasing agent who, whether in person or through any
- 11 media or technology, for another and for compensation, or with
- the intention or expectation of receiving compensation, either 12
- 13 directly or indirectly:
- 14 (1) Sells, exchanges, purchases, rents, or leases real
- 15 estate.
- (2) Offers to sell, exchange, purchase, rent, or lease 16
- 17 real estate.
- Negotiates, offers, attempts, or agrees 18
- 19 negotiate the sale, exchange, purchase, rental, or leasing
- 20 of real estate.
- 2.1 (4) Lists, offers, attempts, or agrees to list real
- 22 estate for sale, rent, lease, or exchange.
- 23 (5) Buys, sells, offers to buy or sell, <u>markets for</u>
- sale, exchanges, or otherwise deals in options on or 24
- 25 contracts for the purchase or sale of real estate or
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- (7) Advertises or represents himself or herself as being engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, renting, or leasing real estate.
- (8) Assists or directs in procuring or referring of leads or prospects, intended to result in the sale, exchange, lease, or rental of real estate.
- (9) Assists or directs in the negotiation of any transaction intended to result in the sale, exchange, lease, or rental of real estate.
- (10) Opens real estate to the public for marketing purposes.
 - (11) Sells, rents, leases, or offers for sale or lease real estate at auction.
- (12) Prepares or provides a broker price opinion or comparative market analysis as those terms are defined in this Act, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-45 of this Act.
- "Broker associate" means a person who has completed all the requirements for obtaining a broker associate license, including completion of the necessary education requirements and successful passage of an examination.

"Brokerage agreement" means a written or oral agreement between a sponsoring broker and a consumer for licensed activities to be provided to a consumer in return for

- 1 compensation or the right to receive compensation from another.
- 2 Brokerage agreements may constitute either a bilateral or a
- 3 unilateral agreement between the broker and the broker's client
- 4 depending upon the content of the brokerage agreement. All
- 5 exclusive brokerage agreements shall be in writing.
 - "Broker price opinion" means an estimate or analysis of the probable selling price of a particular interest in real estate, which may provide a varying level of detail about the property's condition, market, and neighborhood and information on comparable sales. The activities of a real estate broker associate, broker, or managing broker licensee engaging in the ordinary course of business as a broker, as defined in this Section, shall not be considered a broker price opinion if no compensation is paid to the broker, or managing broker licensee, other than compensation based upon the sale or rental of real estate.
- "Client" means a person who is being represented by a licensee.

"Comparative market analysis" is an analysis or opinion regarding pricing, marketing, or financial aspects relating to a specified interest or interests in real estate that may be based upon an analysis of comparative market data, the expertise of the real estate <u>broker associate</u>, broker, or managing broker <u>licensee</u>, and such other factors as the <u>broker associate</u>, broker, or managing broker <u>licensee</u> may deem appropriate in developing or preparing such analysis or

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          "Compensation" means the valuable consideration given by
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              (3) bonuses;
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              (4) prizes;
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              (10) rebates;
              (11) a chance to win a raffle, drawing, lottery, or
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          similar game of chance not prohibited by any other law or
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(12) retainer fee; or

- 1 (13) salary.
- "Confidential information" means information obtained by a 2
- 3 licensee from a client during the term of a brokerage agreement
- 4 that (i) was made confidential by the written request or
- 5 written instruction of the client, (ii) deals with the
- negotiating position of the client, or (iii) is information the 6
- disclosure of which could materially harm the negotiating 7
- 8 position of the client, unless at any time:
- 9 (1) the client permits the disclosure of information
- 10 given by that client by word or conduct;
- 11 (2) the disclosure is required by law; or
- (3) the information becomes public from a source other 12
- 13 than the licensee.
- "Confidential information" shall not be considered to 14
- 15 include material information about the physical condition of
- 16 the property.
- "Consumer" means a person or entity seeking or receiving 17
- licensed activities. 18
- "Coordinator" means the Coordinator of Real Estate created 19
- 20 in Section 25-15 of this Act.
- "Credit hour" means 50 minutes of classroom instruction in 2.1
- 22 course work that meets the requirements set forth in rules
- 23 adopted by the Department.
- 24 "Customer" means a consumer who is not being represented by
- 25 the licensee but for whom the licensee is performing
- ministerial acts. 2.6

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1 "Department" means the Department of Financial 2 Professional Regulation.

"Designated agency" means a contractual relationship between a sponsoring broker and a client under Section 15-50 of this Act in which one or more licensees associated with or employed by the broker are designated as agent of the client.

"Designated agent" means a sponsored licensee named by a sponsoring broker as the legal agent of a client, as provided for in Section 15-50 of this Act.

"Designated testing <u>service</u>" <u>means</u> the <u>vendor</u> that is chosen and hired by the Department to administer, score, and report the results on the written examinations provided for in Section 5-35.

"Director" means the Director of Real Estate within the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

"Disclosed dual Dual agency" means an agency relationship in which a licensee is representing both buyer and seller or both landlord and tenant in the same transaction. When the agency relationship is a designated agency, the question of whether there is disclosed a dual agency shall be determined by the agency relationships of the designated agent of the parties and not of the sponsoring broker.

"Education provider" means a school licensed by the Department offering courses in pre-license, post-license, or continuing education required by this Act.

"Employee" or other derivative of the word "employee", when

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1 used to refer to, describe, or delineate the relationship between a sponsoring broker and a managing broker licensee, 2 3 broker, broker associate, or a leasing agent, shall be 4 construed to include an independent contractor relationship, 5 provided that a written agreement exists that clearly 6 establishes and states the relationship. All responsibilities 7 of a broker shall remain.

"Escrow moneys" means all moneys, promissory notes or any other type or manner of legal tender or financial consideration deposited with any person for the benefit of the parties to the transaction. A transaction exists once an agreement has been reached and an accepted real estate contract signed or lease agreed to by the parties. Escrow moneys includes without limitation earnest moneys and security deposits, except those security deposits in which the person holding the security deposit is also the sole owner of the property being leased and for which the security deposit is being held.

"Electronic means of proctoring" means a methodology providing assurance that the person taking a test and completing the answers to questions is the person seeking licensure or credit for continuing education and is doing so without the aid of a third party or other device.

"Exclusive brokerage agreement" means a written brokerage agreement that provides that the sponsoring broker has the sole right, through one or more sponsored licensees, to act as the exclusive designated agent or representative of the client and

- 1 that meets the requirements of Section 15-75 of this Act.
- 2 "Inoperative" means a status of licensure where the
- licensee holds a current license under this Act, but the 3
- 4 licensee is prohibited from engaging in licensed activities
- 5 because the licensee is unsponsored or the license of the
- 6 sponsoring broker with whom the licensee is associated or by
- whom he or she is employed is currently expired, revoked, 7
- suspended, or otherwise rendered invalid under this Act. 8
- 9 "Interactive delivery method" means delivery of a course by
- 10 an instructor through a medium allowing for 2-way communication
- between the instructor and a student in which either 11
- 12 initiate or respond to questions.
- 13 "Leads" means the name or names of a potential buyer,
- seller, lessor, lessee, or client of a licensee. 14
- 15 "Leasing Agent" means a person who is employed by a broker
- 16 to engage in licensed activities limited to leasing residential
- real estate who has obtained a license as provided for in 17
- Section 5-5 of this Act. 18
- 19 "License" means the authority conferred document issued by
- 20 the Department to a certifying that the person that named
- 2.1 thereon has fulfilled all requirements prerequisite to any type
- 22 of licensure under this Act.
- 23 "Licensed activities" means those activities listed in the
- definition of "broker" under this Section. 24
- 25 "Licensee" means any person, as defined in this Section,
- who holds a valid unexpired license as a managing broker 26

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"Listing presentation" means a communication between a managing broker or broker and a consumer in which the licensee is attempting to secure a brokerage agreement with the consumer to market the consumer's real estate for sale or lease.

"Managing broker" means a broker who has supervisory responsibilities for licensees in one or, in the case of a multi office company, more than one office and who has been appointed as such by the sponsoring broker.

"Managing broker licensee" means a licensee who has completed all the requirements set forth in Section 5-28 and has been issued a managing broker license. "Managing broker licensee" includes a named managing broker.

"Medium of advertising" means any method of communication intended to influence the general public to use or purchase a particular good or service or real estate.

"Ministerial acts" means those acts that a licensee may perform for a consumer that are informative or clerical in nature and do not rise to the level of active representation on behalf of a consumer. Examples of these acts include without limitation (i) responding to phone inquiries by consumers as to the availability and pricing of brokerage services, (ii) responding to phone inquiries from a consumer concerning the price or location of property, (iii) attending an open house and responding to questions about the property from a consumer, (iv) setting an appointment to view property, (v) responding to

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questions of consumers walking into a licensee's office concerning brokerage services offered or particular properties, (vi) accompanying an appraiser, inspector, contractor, or similar third party on a visit to a property, (vii) describing a property or the property's condition in response to a consumer's inquiry, (viii) completing business or factual information for a consumer on an offer or contract to purchase on behalf of a client, (ix) showing a client through a property being sold by an owner on his or her own behalf, or (x) referral to another broker or service provider.

"Named managing broker" means a managing broker licensee who has supervisory responsibilities for licensees in one or, in the case of a multi-office company, more than one office and who has been appointed as such by the sponsoring broker.

"Office" means a broker's place of business where the general public is invited to transact business and where records may be maintained and licenses displayed, whether or not it is a the broker's principal place of business or branch office.

individuals, entities, "Person" means and includes corporations, limited liability companies, registered limited liability partnerships, foreign and domestic partnerships, and other business entities, except that when the context otherwise requires, the term may refer to a single individual or other described entity.

"Personal assistant" means a licensed or unlicensed person

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- 1 who has been hired for the purpose of aiding or assist sponsored licensee in the performance of the sponsored 2 licensee's job.
- 4 "Pocket card" means the card issued by the Department to 5 signify that the person named on the card is currently licensed 6 under this Act.
 - "Pre-renewal period" means the period between the date of issue of a currently valid license and the license's expiration date.
- 10 "Proctor" means any person, including, but not limited to, an instructor, who has a written agreement to administer 11 examinations fairly and impartially with a licensed education 12 13 provider.
 - "Real estate" means and includes leaseholds as well as any other interest or estate in land, whether corporeal, incorporeal, freehold, or non-freehold and whether the real estate is situated in this State or elsewhere. "Real estate" does not include property sold, exchanged, or leased as a timeshare or similar vacation item or interest, vacation club membership, or other activity formerly regulated under the Real Estate Timeshare Act of 1999 (repealed).
 - "Regular employee" means a person working an average of 20 hours per week for a person or entity who would be considered as an employee under the Internal Revenue Service eleven main tests in three categories being behavioral control, financial control and the type of relationship of the parties, formerly

- 1 the twenty factor test.
- 2 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of
- 3 Financial and Professional Regulation, or a person authorized
- 4 by the Secretary to act in the Secretary's stead.
- 5 "Sponsoring broker" means the broker who has sponsored
- 6 issued a sponsor card to a licensed managing broker licensee,
- broker, broker associate, or a leasing agent. 7
- "Sponsor card" means the temporary permit issued by the 8
- 9 sponsoring broker certifying that the managing broker, broker,
- 10 or leasing agent named thereon is employed by or associated by
- 11 written agreement with the sponsoring broker, as provided for
- in Section 5-40 of this Act. 12
- 13 "Team" shall mean any 2 or more licensees who work together
- 14 to provide real estate brokerage services, represent
- 15 themselves to the public as being part of a team or group, are
- identified by a team name that is different than their 16
- sponsoring broker's name and who together are supervised by the 17
- same managing broker and sponsored by the same sponsoring 18
- 19 broker. "Team" does not mean a separately organized,
- 20 incorporated, or legal entity.
- "Team leader" means the person in a team designated by the 21
- 22 sponsoring broker and identified to the Department.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18; 23
- 100-534, eff. 9-22-17; 100-831, eff. 1-1-19; 100-863, eff. 24
- 25 8-14-18.

1	(225 ILCS 454/5-3 new)
2	Sec. 5-3. Online license information portal. The
3	Department shall create and maintain an online portal and
4	register of licensees that includes the following:
5	(1) a secure method for applicants and licensees to log
6	on and use the portal, including to change personal
7	information, such as their address and the personal name
8	under which they practice, and to submit required
9	documentation to the Department;
10	(2) a secure method of completing and submitting any
11	application required by this Act to the Department;
12	(3) an updated registry of licensees' names, the status
13	of their licenses, their sponsoring brokers, their named
14	managing brokers, and their primary office locations;
15	(4) a method for licensees to notify the Department and
16	their sponsoring brokers of the termination of their
17	employment or affiliation with their sponsoring brokers;
18	(5) a method for sponsoring brokers to terminate the
19	affiliation of any licensee and for providing notice to the
20	Department and the licensee of the termination;
21	(6) a method for sponsoring brokers to assent to the
22	new affiliation of a licensee; and
23	(7) a method for sponsoring brokers to identify the
24	named managing broker of any principal or branch office, to
25	identify the licensees associated with each of its offices,
26	to change the physical or website address of its offices,

- 1 and to identify the active team names associated with each
- of its offices. 2
- 3 (225 ILCS 454/5-5)

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- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 5 Sec. 5-5. Leasing agent license.
- (a) The purpose of this Section is to provide for a limited 6 7 scope license to enable persons who wish to engage in 8 activities limited to the leasing of residential real property 9 for which a license is required under this Act, and only those 10 activities, to do so by obtaining the license provided for
 - (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a leasing agent license that shall enable the licensee to engage only in residential leasing activities for which a license is required under this Act. Such activities include leasing or renting residential real property, or attempting, offering, or negotiating to lease or rent residential real property, or supervising the collection, offer, attempt, or agreement to collect rent for the use of residential real property. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a licensed managing broker licensee, or broker, or broker associate to obtain a leasing agent license in order to perform leasing activities for which a license is required under this Act. Licensed leasing agents, including those operating under subsection (d), may engage in activities

- 1 enumerated within the definition of "leasing agent" in Section
- 2 1-10 of this Act and may not engage in any activity that would
- otherwise require a broker's license, including, but not 3
- 4 limited to, selling, offering for sale, negotiating for sale,
- 5 listing or showing for sale, or referring for sale or
- 6 commercial lease real estate. Licensed leasing agents must be
- sponsored and employed by a sponsoring broker. 7
- 8 (c) The Department, by rule and in accordance with this
- 9 Act, shall provide for the licensing of leasing agents,
- 10 including the issuance, renewal, and administration of
- 11 licenses.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the 12
- 13 contrary, a person may engage in residential leasing activities
- 14 for which a license is required under this Act, for a period of
- 15 120 consecutive days without being licensed, so long as the
- 16 person is acting under the supervision of a sponsoring broker,
- the sponsoring broker has notified the Department that the 17
- 18 person is pursuing licensure under this Section, and the person
- has enrolled in the leasing agent pre-license education course 19
- 20 no later than 60 days after beginning to engage in residential
- leasing activities. During the 120-day period all requirements 2.1
- of Sections 5-10 and 5-65 of this Act with respect to 22
- 23 education, successful completion of an examination, and the
- 24 payment of all required fees must be satisfied. The Department
- 25 may adopt rules to ensure that the provisions of this
- 26 subsection are not used in a manner that enables an unlicensed

- person to repeatedly or continually engage in activities for 1
- 2 which a license is required under this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.) 3
- 4 (225 ILCS 454/5-7)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 5-7. Application for leasing agent license. Every 6
- 7 person who desires to obtain a leasing agent license shall
- apply to the Department and submit in writing on forms provided 8
- 9 by the Department which application shall be accompanied by the
- 10 nonrefundable non-refundable required fee. Anv
- 11 application shall require such information as in the judgment
- of the Department will enable the Department to pass on the 12
- qualifications of the applicant for licensure. 13
- 14 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)
- (225 ILCS 454/5-10) 15
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 16
- 17 Sec. 5-10. Requirements for license as leasing agent;
- 18 continuing education.
- (a) Every applicant for licensure as a leasing agent must 19
- 20 meet the following qualifications:
- 21 (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- 22 (2) be of good moral character;
- 23 (3) successfully complete a 4-year course of study in a
- 24 high school or secondary school or an equivalent course of

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study approved by the Illinois State Board of Education;

- (4) personally take and pass a written examination authorized by the Department sufficient to demonstrate the applicant's knowledge of the provisions of this Act relating to leasing agents and the applicant's competence to engage in the activities of a licensed leasing agent;
- (5) provide satisfactory evidence of having completed 15 hours of instruction in an approved course of study relating to the leasing of residential real property. The Board shall recommend to the Department the number of hours each topic of study shall require. The course of study shall, among other topics, cover the provisions of this Act applicable to leasing agents; fair housing and human rights issues relating to residential leasing; advertising and marketing issues; leases, applications, and credit and criminal background reports; owner-tenant relationships owner-tenant laws; the handling of funds; environmental issues relating to residential property;
- (6) complete any other requirements as set forth by rule; and
- (7) present a valid application for issuance of an initial license accompanied by a sponsor card and the fees specified by rule.
- (b) No applicant shall engage in any of the activities covered by this Act without a valid license and sponsorship by

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a sponsoring broker until a valid sponsor card has been issued 1 to such applicant. The sponsor card shall be valid for a 2 3 maximum period of 45 days after the date of issuance unless

extended for good cause as provided by rule.

- (c) Successfully completed course work, completed pursuant to the requirements of this Section, may be applied to the course work requirements to obtain a managing broker licensee, broker, or broker associate broker's or broker's license as provided by rule. The Board may recommend to the Department and the Department may adopt requirements for approved courses, course content, and the approval of courses, instructors, and education providers, as well as education provider and instructor fees. The Department may establish continuing education requirements for licensed leasing agents, by rule, consistent with the language and intent of this Act, with the advice of the Board.
- The continuing education requirement for leasing agents shall consist of a single core curriculum to be established by the Department as recommended by the Board. Leasing agents shall be required to complete no less than 8 $\frac{6}{3}$ hours of continuing education in the core curriculum for each 2-year renewal period. The curriculum shall consist of a single course or courses on the subjects of fair housing, leases and applications, advertising, the handling of funds, owner-tenant relationships and owner-tenant laws, all related to residential real estate.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 2 (225 ILCS 454/5-15)
- 3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 4 Sec. 5-15. Necessity of managing broker, broker, or leasing
- agent license or sponsor card; ownership restrictions. 5
- 6 (a) It is unlawful for any person to act as a managing
- broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent or 7
- 8 to advertise or assume to act as such managing broker licensee,
- 9 broker, broker associate, or leasing agent without a properly
- 10 issued sponsor card or a license issued under this Act by the
- Department, either directly or through its authorized 11
- 12 designee.
- 13 (b) No corporation shall be granted a license or engage in
- 14 the business or capacity, either directly or indirectly, of a
- 15 broker, unless every officer of the corporation who actively
- participates in the real estate activities of the corporation 16
- 17 holds a license as a managing broker <u>licensee</u> or broker and
- unless every employee who acts as a managing broker licensee, 18
- 19 broker, broker associate, or leasing agent for the corporation
- holds a license as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker 20
- 21 associate, or leasing agent. All nonparticipating owners or
- officers shall submit affidavits of nonparticipation as 22
- 23 required by the Department.
- 24 (c) No partnership shall be granted a license or engage in
- 25 the business or serve in the capacity, either directly or

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indirectly, of a broker, unless every partner in partnership who actively participates in the real estate activities of the partnership holds a license as a managing broker licensee or broker and unless every employee who acts as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent for the partnership holds a license as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent. All nonparticipating partners shall submit affidavits of nonparticipation as required by the Department. In the case of a registered limited liability partnership (LLP), every partner in the LLP that actively participates in the real estate activities of the limited liability partnership must hold a license as a managing broker licensee or broker and every employee who acts as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent must hold a license as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent. All nonparticipating limited liability partners shall submit affidavits of nonparticipation as required by the Department.

(d) No limited liability company shall be granted a license or engage in the business or serve in the capacity, either directly or indirectly, of a broker unless every member or manager in the limited liability company that actively participates in the real estate activities of the limited liability company holds a license as a managing broker licensee or broker and unless every other member and employee who acts

- 1 as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or
- leasing agent for the limited liability company holds a license 2
- as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or 3
- 4 leasing agent. All nonparticipating members or managers shall
- 5 submit affidavits of nonparticipation as required by the
- 6 Department.
- 7 (e) (Blank).
- 8 No person shall be granted a license if
- 9 participating owner, officer, director, partner, limited
- 10 liability partner, member, or manager has been denied a real
- 11 estate license by the Department in the previous 5 years or is
- otherwise currently barred from real estate practice because of 12
- 13 a suspension or revocation.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.) 14
- 15 (225 ILCS 454/5-20)
- 16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 5-20. Exemptions from managing broker <u>licensee</u>, 17
- 18 broker, broker associate, or leasing agent license
- 19 requirement. The requirement for holding a license under this
- Article 5 shall not apply to: 20
- 21 (1) Any person that as owner or lessor performs any of
- the acts described in the definition of "broker" under 22
- 23 Section 1-10 of this Act with reference to property owned
- 24 or leased by it, or to the regular employees thereof with
- 25 respect to the property so owned or leased, where such acts

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are performed in the regular course of or as an incident to the management, sale, or other disposition of such property and the investment therein, provided that such regular employees do not perform any of the acts described in the definition of "broker" under Section 1-10 of this Act in connection with a vocation of selling or leasing any real estate or the improvements thereon not so owned or leased.

- (2) An attorney in fact acting under a duly executed and recorded power of attorney to convey real estate from the owner or lessor or the services rendered by an attorney at law in the performance of the attorney's duty as an attorney at law.
- Any person acting as receiver, trustee bankruptcy, administrator, executor, or quardian or while acting under a court order or under the authority of a will or testamentary trust.
- (4) Any person acting as a resident manager for the owner or any employee acting as the resident manager for a broker managing an apartment building, duplex, apartment complex, when the resident manager resides on the premises, the premises is his or her primary residence, and the resident manager is engaged in the leasing of the property of which he or she is the resident manager.
- (5) Any officer or employee of a federal agency in the conduct of official duties.
 - (6) Any officer or employee of the State government or

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any political subdivision thereof performing official 1 duties. 2

- (7) Any multiple listing service or other similar information exchange that is engaged in the collection and dissemination of information concerning real estate available for sale, purchase, lease, or exchange for the purpose of providing licensees with a system by which licensees may cooperatively share information along with which no other licensed activities, as defined in Section 1-10 of this Act, are provided.
- (8) Railroads and other public utilities regulated by the State of Illinois, or the officers or full time employees thereof, unless the performance of any licensed activities is in connection with the sale, purchase, lease, or other disposition of real estate or investment therein needing the approval of the appropriate State regulatory authority.
- (9) Any medium of advertising in the routine course of selling or publishing advertising along with which no other licensed activities, as defined in Section 1-10 of this Act, are provided.
- (10) Any resident lessee of a residential dwelling unit who refers for compensation to the owner of the dwelling unit, or to the owner's agent, prospective lessees of dwelling units in the same building or complex as the resident lessee's unit, but only if the resident lessee (i)

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refers no more than 3 prospective lessees in any 12-month period, (ii) receives compensation of no more than \$1,500 or the equivalent of one month's rent, whichever is less, in any 12-month period, and (iii) limits his or her activities to referring prospective lessees to the owner, or the owner's agent, and does not show a residential dwelling unit to a prospective lessee, discuss terms or conditions of leasing a dwelling unit with a prospective lessee, or otherwise participate in the negotiation of the leasing of a dwelling unit.

- (11) The purchase, sale, or transfer of a timeshare or similar vacation item or interest, vacation membership, or other activity formerly regulated under the Real Estate Timeshare Act of 1999 (repealed).
 - (12) (Blank).
- (13) Any person who is licensed without examination under Section 10-25 (now repealed) of the Auction License Act is exempt from holding a managing broker licensee, broker, or broker associate broker's or broker's license under this Act for the limited purpose of selling or leasing real estate at auction, so long as:
 - (A) that person has made application for said exemption by July 1, 2000;
 - (B) that person verifies to the Department that he or she has sold real estate at auction for a period of 5 years prior to licensure as an auctioneer;

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- (D) the license issued under the Auction License Act has not been disciplined for violation of those provisions of Article 20 of the Auction License Act dealing with or related to the sale or lease of real estate at auction.
- (14) A person who holds a valid license under the Auction License Act and a valid real estate auction certification and conducts auctions for the sale of real estate under Section 5-32 of this Act.
- (15) A hotel operator who is registered with the Illinois Department of Revenue and pays taxes under the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act and rents a room or rooms in a hotel as defined in the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act for a period of not more than 30 consecutive days and not more than 60 days in a calendar year.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-534, eff. 9-22-17; 19 20 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 21 (225 ILCS 454/5-27)
- 22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 23 Sec. 5-27. Requirements for licensure as a broker associate
- 24 license.
- 25 (a) Every applicant for licensure as a broker <u>associate</u>

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license must meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Be at least 18 21 years of age. The minimum age of 21 years shall be waived for any person seeking a license as a broker who has attained the age of 18 and can provide evidence of the successful completion of at least 4 semesters of post secondary school study as a full time student or the equivalent, with major emphasis on real estate courses, in a school approved by the Department;
 - (2) Be of good moral character;
- (3) Successfully complete a 4-year course of study in a high school or secondary school approved by the Illinois State Board of Education or an equivalent course of study as determined by an examination conducted by the Illinois State Board of Education which shall be verified under oath by the applicant;
 - (4) (Blank);
- (5) Provide satisfactory evidence of having completed 45 90 hours of instruction in real estate courses approved by the Department, 15 hours of which must be consist of situational and case studies presented in the classroom or by live, interactive webinar or online distance education courses;
- (6) Personally take and pass a written examination authorized by the Department;
- (7) Submit a completed Present a valid application for issuance of a license accompanied by any a sponsor card and

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- 1 the fees specified by rule.
 - (b) The requirements specified in items (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section do not apply to applicants who are currently admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of Illinois and are currently in active standing.
 - (c) No applicant shall engage in any of the activities covered by this Act until a valid license sponsor card has been issued to such applicant. The sponsor card shall be valid for a maximum period of 45 days after the date of issuance unless extended for good cause as provided by rule.
 - (d) Licensees shall make their license All licenses should be readily available to the public at their place of business.
- 13 (e) An individual holding an active license as a managing broker may return the license to the Department along with a 14 15 form provided by the Department and shall be issued a broker's 16 license in exchange. Any individual obtaining a broker's license under this subsection (e) shall be considered as having 17 obtained a broker's license by education and passing the 18 required test and shall be treated as such in determining 19 20 compliance with this Act.

(Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)

(225 ILCS 454/5-27.5 new)

- 23 Sec. 5-27.5. Requirements for a broker license.
- 24 (a) Every applicant for a broker license must meet the 25 following qualifications:

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- (2) be licensed as a broker associate for at least 24 months immediately before application;
- (3) successfully complete a 4-year course of study in a high school or secondary school approved by the Illinois State Board of Education or an equivalent course of study as determined by an examination conducted by the Illinois State Board of Education that shall be verified under oath by the applicant;
- (4) provide satisfactory evidence that, within the 12 months immediately preceding the filing of an application for a broker license, the applicant has completed a 75-hour course of instruction in real estate approved by the Department and received a score of at least 75% on a course final examination; the 75-hour course, including all written materials and the course final examination, shall be developed together for use by all licensed education providers that deliver the course; the course must be delivered in either a classroom or by a live, interactive webinar or online distance education format; the course final examination that accompanies that 75-hour course shall consist of 100 questions that shall for each individual test be randomly selected from a pool of no less than 350 questions; the Department may engage a third party to develop the course and accompanying course final examination, which shall be developed according to

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accepted standards in education, testing, and assessments; the examination must be administered electronically such that each test taker can electronically receive and respond to a randomized collection of 100 questions and the results of the test shall be provided immediately upon completion of the exam;

- (5) submit a completed application for a broker license that shall identify the applicant's current sponsoring broker and the sponsoring broker by whom the applicant intends to be sponsored upon receipt of the broker license, if different, together with any fees specified by rule;
- (b) The requirements in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) do not apply to applicants who hold a license to practice law issued by the Supreme Court of Illinois and are currently in active standing.
- (c) The Department shall be required to provide a means for electronic notification of any sponsoring broker named in an application for a broker license and a process by which any sponsoring broker so notified may electronically acknowledge receiving the notice. In the case of the sponsoring broker by whom the applicant intends to be sponsored, the Department shall be required to provide a means for that sponsoring broker to electronically assent to the sponsorship.
- (d) An individual actively licensed as a managing broker licensee may apply to the Department to be issued a broker license, in which event the managing broker licensee license

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- obtaining a broker license under this subsection (e) shall be 2
- considered as having satisfied the requirements for a broker 3
- 4 license and having obtained the broker license during the
- 5 renewal period in which the broker license is issued and shall
- be treated as such in determining compliance with this Act. 6
- 7 (225 ILCS 454/5-28)
- 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 9 Sec. 5-28. Requirements for licensure as a managing broker
- 10 licensee.
- (a) Every applicant for licensure as a managing broker 11
- 12 licensee must meet the following qualifications:
- 13 (1) (blank); be at least 21 years of age;
- 14 (2) be of good moral character;
- 15 (3) have been licensed at least 2 out of the preceding
- 16 3 years as a broker;
- (4) successfully complete a 4-year course of study in 17
- high school or secondary school approved by the Illinois 18
- 19 State Board of Education or an equivalent course of study
- as determined by an examination conducted by the Illinois 20
- State Board of Education, which shall be verified under 21
- 22 oath by the applicant;
- 23 (5) provide satisfactory evidence of having completed
- 24 at least 165 hours, 120 of which shall be those hours
- 25 required pre and post licensure to obtain a broker's

license, and 45 additional hours of instruction completed
within the year immediately preceding the filing of an
application for a managing <u>broker licensee</u> broker's
license, which hours shall focus on brokerage
administration and management and leasing agent management
and that must be presented include at least 15 hours in the
classroom or by live, interactive webinar or online
distance education courses;

- (6) personally take and pass a written examination authorized by the Department; and
- (7) <u>submit</u> present a valid application for issuance of a license <u>together</u> with any accompanied by a sponsor card, an appointment as a managing broker, and the fees specified by rule.
- (b) The requirements specified in item (5) of subsection (a) of this Section do not apply to applicants who are currently admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of Illinois and are currently in active standing.
- 19 (c) No applicant shall act as a managing broker for more
 20 than 90 days after an appointment as a managing broker has been
 21 filed with the Department without obtaining a managing broker
 22 licensee broker's license.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 24 (225 ILCS 454/5-32)
- 25 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

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- 1 Sec. 5-32. Real estate auction certification.
 - (a) An auctioneer licensed under the Auction License Act who does not possess a valid and active broker broker's or managing broker licensee broker's license under this Act, or who is not otherwise exempt from licensure, may not engage in the practice of auctioning real estate, except as provided in this Section.
 - (b) The Department shall issue a real estate auction certification to applicants who:
 - (1) possess a valid auctioneer auctioneer's license under the Auction License Act:
 - (2) successfully complete a real estate auction course of at least 30 hours approved by the Department, which shall cover the scope of activities that may be engaged in by a person holding a real estate auction certification and the activities for which a person must hold a real estate license, as well as other material as provided by the Department;
 - (3) provide documentation of the completion of the real estate auction course; and
 - successfully complete any other reasonable (4)requirements as provided by rule.
 - (c) The auctioneer's role shall be limited to establishing the time, place, and method of the real estate auction, placing advertisements regarding the auction, and crying or calling the auction; any other real estate brokerage activities must be

- 1 performed by a person holding a valid and active broker
- associate, broker, or managing broker licensee broker's or 2
- 3 managing broker's license under the provisions of this Act or
- 4 by a person who is exempt from holding a license under
- 5 paragraph (13) of Section 5-20 who has a certificate under this
- 6 Section.
- (d) An auctioneer who conducts any real estate auction 7
- 8 activities in violation of this Section is guilty of unlicensed
- 9 practice under Section 20-10 of this Act.
- 10 (e) The Department may revoke, suspend, or otherwise
- 11 discipline the real estate auction certification of an
- auctioneer who is adjudicated to be in violation of the 12
- 13 provisions of this Section or Section 20-15 of the Auction
- 14 License Act.
- 15 (f) Advertising for the real estate auction must contain
- 16 the name and address of the licensed broker associate, broker,
- managing broker <u>licensee</u>, or a licensed auctioneer under 17
- paragraph (13) of Section 5-20 of this Act who is providing 18
- 19 brokerage services for the transaction.
- The requirement to hold a real estate auction 20 (q)
- 2.1 certification shall not apply to a person exempt from this Act
- under the provisions of paragraph (13) of Section 5-20 of this 22
- 23 Act, unless that person is performing licensed activities in a
- 24 transaction in which a licensed auctioneer with a real estate
- 25 certification is providing the limited services provided for in
- 26 subsection (c) of this Section.

- 1 (h) Nothing in this Section shall require a person licensed
- 2 under this Act as a broker associate, broker, or managing
- 3 broker licensee to obtain a real estate auction certification
- 4 in order to auction real estate.
- 5 (i) The Department may adopt rules to implement this
- 6 Section.
- (Source: P.A. 98-553, eff. 1-1-14; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 7
- 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.) 8
- 9 (225 ILCS 454/5-35)
- 10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 5-35. Examination; managing broker licensee, broker 11
- 12 associate, broker, or leasing agent.
- (a) The Department shall authorize examinations at such 13
- 14 times and places as it may designate. The examination shall be
- 15 of a character to give a fair test of the qualifications of the
- 16 applicant to practice as a managing broker <u>licensee</u>, broker
- 17 associate, or leasing agent. Written examinations for leasing
- agents, broker associates, and managing broker licensees shall 18
- 19 only require testing on principles and subjects related to the
- practice of real estate brokerage in the State of Illinois. 20
- 21 Applicants for the State examination as a managing broker
- licensee, broker associate, or leasing agent shall be required 22
- 23 to pay, either to the Department or the designated testing
- 24 service, a fee covering the cost of providing the examination.
- 25 Failure to appear for the examination on the scheduled date, at

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- the time and place specified, after the applicant's application for examination has been received and acknowledged by the Department or the designated testing service, shall result in the forfeiture of the examination fee. An applicant shall be eligible to take the examination only after successfully completing the education requirements and attaining the minimum age provided for in Article 5 of this Act. Each applicant shall be required to establish compliance with the eligibility requirements in the manner provided by the rules promulgated for the administration of this Act.
 - (b) If a person who has received a passing score on the written State examination described in this Section fails to submit file an application and meet all requirements for a license under this Act within one year after receiving a passing score on the examination, credit for the examination shall terminate. The person thereafter may make a new application for examination.
 - (c) If an applicant has failed an examination 3 consecutive 4 times, the applicant must repeat the pre-license education required to sit for that the examination. For the purposes of this Section, the fourth fifth attempt shall be the same as the first. Approved education, as prescribed by this Act for licensure as a managing broker licensee, broker, associate, or leasing agent, shall be valid for 2 4 years after the date of satisfactory completion of the education.
 - (d) Either the The Department or the designated testing

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1 service, whomever is charged with preparing the examination, shall be required to submit a written examination every 2 years 2 for peer review by no less than 5 people, among whom at least 3 4 one must be a licensed instructor, one must be a licensed 5 managing broker licensee, and one must be a representative of a statewide real estate trade association that represents 6 Illinois real estate broker licensees may employ consultants 7 8 for the purposes of preparing and conducting examinations. 9 Nothing in this Act, rules adopted to implement this Act, or 10 the practice of the Department shall require the designated 11 testing service to provide more than one examination to the 12 Department.

(e) The Department may create and administer a written examination on principles and subjects related to the practice of real estate brokerage outside the State of Illinois, as a national examination. Applicants for the national examination shall be required to pay, either to the Department or the designated testing service, a fee covering the cost of providing the national examination. An applicant shall be eligible to take the national examination only if the applicant holds a current broker license or managing broker licensee license.

(f) The Department shall be required to collect data on the results of the written examinations provided for in this Section, which shall include, but not be limited to, data that identifies the education provider used by each test taker and

- 1 the test taker's results, including his or her results by
- subject area. The data shall not include information that 2
- identifies the name or any other personal information of the 3
- test taker. The data compiled by the Department shall be 4
- 5 submitted no fewer than semi-annually to all education
- 6 providers licensed by the Department to provide those courses
- required for licensure as a broker associate or managing broker 7
- 8 licensee under this Act.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)
- 10 (225 ILCS 454/5-40)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 11
- 12 Sec. 5-40. Sponsor Sponsor card; termination indicated by
- license endorsement; association with new broker. 13
- 14 (a) No managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate,
- 15 or leasing agent shall engage in the activity for which he or
- she is licensed without sponsorship by a licensed sponsoring 16
- broker. The sponsoring broker shall prepare upon forms provided 17
- 18 by the Department and deliver to each licensee employed by or
- 19 associated with the sponsoring broker a sponsor card certifying
- 20 that the person whose name appears thereon is in fact employed
- 21 by or associated with the sponsoring broker. The sponsoring
- 22 broker shall send a duplicate of each sponsor card, along with
- 23 a valid license or other authorization as provided by rule and
- 24 the appropriate fee, to the Department within 24 hours
- 25 issuance of the sponsor card. It is a violation of this Act for

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- any broker to issue a sponsor card to any licensee 1 2 unless the licensee or applicant presents in hand a valid 3 license or other authorization as provided by rule.
 - (b) A licensee may become employed by or associated with a sponsoring broker upon the sponsoring broker's assent to that affiliation. However, When a licensee must provide the Department and the licensee's current sponsoring broker, if applicable, with notice at least 2 days in advance of the licensee's intent to terminate terminates his or her employment or association with the current $\frac{1}{2}$ sponsoring broker.
 - (b-5) If a licensee's or the employment or association is terminated by the licensee's current sponsoring broker, then the sponsoring broker shall immediately notify the Department and the licensee. the licensee shall obtain from the sponsoring broker his or her license endorsed by the sponsoring broker indicating the termination. The sponsoring broker shall surrender to the Department a copy of the license of the licensee within 2 days of the termination or shall notify the Department in writing of the termination and explain why a copy of the license is not surrendered. Failure of the sponsoring broker to surrender the license shall subject the sponsoring broker to discipline under Section 20-20 of this Act. The license of any licensee whose association with a sponsoring broker is terminated shall automatically become inoperative immediately upon the termination unless the licensee accepts employment or becomes associated with a new sponsoring broker

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- 10 (d) Each of the notices required by this Section shall be provided by the Department's online license information 11 portal. 12
- 13 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)
- 14 (225 ILCS 454/5-41)
- 15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 5-41. Change of address. A licensee shall notify the 16 Department of the address or addresses, and of every change of 17 18 address, where the licensee practices as a leasing agent, 19 broker associate, broker, or managing broker licensee, as well as any email address and every change of email address the 20

licensee uses to practice as a leasing agent, broker associate,

- 22 broker, or managing broker licensee.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.) 23
- 24 (225 ILCS 454/5-45)

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- 1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) Sec. 5-45. Offices. 2
 - (a) If a sponsoring broker maintains more than one office within the State, the sponsoring broker shall notify the Department of on forms prescribed by the Department for each office in addition to other than the sponsoring broker's principal place of business. The brokerage license shall be displayed conspicuously in each branch office. The name of each branch office shall be the same as that of the sponsoring broker's principal office or shall clearly identify delineate the branch office's relationship with the principal office.
 - (b) The sponsoring broker shall designate name a named managing broker for each branch office and the sponsoring broker shall be responsible for supervising all named managing brokers. The sponsoring broker shall notify the Department in writing of the name of all named managing brokers of the sponsoring broker and the office or offices they manage. Any person <u>designated</u> <u>initially named</u> as a <u>named</u> managing broker after April 30, 2011 must either (i) be licensed as a managing broker licensee or (ii) meet all the requirements to be licensed as a managing broker except the required education and examination and secure the managing broker's license within 90 days of being named as a managing broker. Any changes in named managing brokers shall be reported to the Department immediately using the online license information portal $\frac{1}{10}$ writing within 15 days of the change. Failure to do so shall

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- 1 subject the sponsoring broker to discipline under Section 20-20 2 of this Act.
 - (c) The sponsoring broker shall immediately notify the Department using the online license information portal in writing of any opening, closing, or change in location of any principal or branch office or change in website address where the public is invited to transact business.
 - (d) Except as provided in this Section, each sponsoring broker shall maintain a mailing address within this State at which he or she may be contacted definite office, or place of business within this State for the transaction of real estate business, shall conspicuously display an identification sign on the outside of his or her office of adequate size and visibility. Any record required by this Act to be created or maintained shall be, in the case of a physical record, securely stored and accessible for inspection by the Department at the sponsoring broker's principal office and, in the case of an electronic record, securely stored in the format it was originally generated, sent, or received and accessible for inspection by the Department by secure electronic access to the record. Any record relating to a transaction or a special account shall be maintained for a minimum of 5 years, and any electronic record shall be backed up at least monthly. Any physical The office or place of business shall not be located in any retail or financial business establishment unless it is separated from the other business by a separate and distinct

- area within the establishment. A broker who is licensed in this 1 State by examination or pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 3 5-60 of this Act shall not be required to maintain a definite 4 office or place of business in this State provided all of the
- 5 following conditions are met:

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- (1) the broker maintains an active broker broker's license in the broker's state of domicile;
 - (2) the broker maintains an office in the broker's state of domicile; and
 - (3) the broker has filed with the Department written statements appointing the Secretary to act as the broker's agent upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notices directed to the licensee may be served and agreeing to abide by all of the provisions of this Act with respect to his or her real estate activities within the State of Illinois and submitting to the jurisdiction of the Department.

The statements under subdivision (3) of this Section shall be in form and substance the same as those statements required under Section 5-60 of this Act and shall operate to the same extent.

(e) Upon the loss of a named managing broker who is not replaced by the sponsoring broker or in the event of the death or adjudicated disability of the sole proprietor of an office, a written request for authorization allowing the continued operation of the office may be submitted to the Department

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1 within 15 days of the loss. The Department may issue a written 2 authorization allowing the continued operation, provided that a licensed broker, or in the case of the death or adjudicated 3 disability of a sole proprietor, the representative of the estate, assumes responsibility, in writing, for the operation of the office and agrees to personally supervise the operation of the office. No such written authorization shall be valid for 7 more than 60 days unless extended by the Department for good cause shown and upon written request by the broker or representative.

- (Source: P.A. 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.) 11
- 12 (225 ILCS 454/5-50)
- 13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 14 Sec. 5-50. Expiration and renewal of managing broker 15 licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent license;
- sponsoring broker; register of licensees; pocket card. 16
- (a) Except as provided for in this Section, the The 17 expiration date and renewal period for each license issued 18 19 under this Act shall be set by rule. Except as otherwise 20 provided in this Section, the holder of a license may renew the 21 license within 90 days preceding the expiration date thereof by 22 completing the continuing education required by this Act and
- 23 paying the fees specified by rule.
- 24 (b) An individual whose first license is that of a broker 25 received on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act

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of the 100th General Assembly and before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, must provide evidence of having completed 30 hours of post-license education in courses recommended by the Board and approved by the Department, 15 hours of which must consist of situational and case studies presented in a classroom or a live, interactive webinar, online distance education course, or home study course. Credit for courses taken through a home study course shall require passage of an examination approved by the Department. Credit for the 30 hours of post-license education must be received prior to the licensee's first renewal of his or her broker their broker's license.

(c) Any managing broker <u>licensee</u>, broker, or leasing agent whose license under this Act has expired shall be eligible to renew the license during the 2-year period following the expiration date, provided the managing broker licensee, broker, or leasing agent pays the fees as prescribed by rule and completes continuing education and other requirements provided for by the Act or by rule. Beginning on May 1, 2012, a managing broker licensee, broker, or leasing agent whose license has been expired for more than 2 years but less than 5 years may have it restored by (i) applying to the Department, (ii) paying the required fee, (iii) completing the continuing education requirements for the most recent pre-renewal period that ended prior to the date of the application reinstatement, and (iv) filing acceptable proof of fitness to

- 1 her license restored, as set by rule.
- 2 broker, broker, or leasing agent whose license has been expired
- 3 for more than 5 years shall be required to meet
- 4 requirements for a new license.
- 5 (c-5) A broker associate license shall be valid for a
- 6 period of 2 years from the date on which it is first issued.
- Any broker associate who has not completed the requirements for 7
- and submitted a complete application for a broker license 8
- 9 before the expiration of the broker associate license shall be
- 10 eligible to renew the broker associate license if the licensee
- pays the fees as prescribed by rule and completes the 11
- continuing education and other requirements provided for by 12
- 13 this Act or by rule before the expiration of the license.
- 14 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the
- 15 contrary, any managing broker licensee, broker, broker
- 16 associate, or leasing agent whose license expired while he or
- she was (i) on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United 17
- States or called into service or training by the state militia, 18
- (ii) engaged in training or education under the supervision of 19
- 20 the United States preliminary to induction into military
- service, or (iii) serving as the Coordinator of Real Estate in 2.1
- 22 the State of Illinois or as an employee of the Department may
- have his or her license renewed, reinstated or restored without 23
- 24 paying any lapsed renewal fees if within 2 years after the
- 25 termination of the service, training or education by furnishing
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- (e) (Blank). The Department shall establish and maintain a register of all persons currently licensed by the State and shall issue and prescribe a form of pocket card. Upon payment by a licensee of the appropriate fee as prescribed by rule for engagement in the activity for which the licensee is qualified and holds a license for the current period, the Department shall issue a pocket card to the licensee. The pocket card shall be verification that the required fee for the current period has been paid and shall indicate that the person named thereon is licensed for the current renewal period as a managing broker, broker, or leasing agent as the case may be. The pocket card shall further indicate that the person named thereon is authorized by the Department to engage in the licensed activity appropriate for his or her status (managing broker, broker, or leasing agent). Each licensee shall carry on his or her person his or her pocket card or, if such pocket card has not yet been issued, a properly issued sponsor card when engaging in any licensed activity and shall display the same on demand.
- (f) The Department shall provide an electronic notice of renewal to both the sponsoring broker a notice of renewal for sponsored licensees that are associated with that sponsoring broker as well as to each licensee by mailing the notice to the sponsoring broker's address of record, or, at the

- 1 Department's discretion, by an electronic means by rule. 2
- 3 (q) Upon request from the sponsoring broker, the Department 4 shall make available to the sponsoring broker, either by mail 5 or by an electronic means at the discretion of the Department, a listing of licensees under this Act who, according to the 6 7 records of the Department, are sponsored by that broker. Every 8 licensee associated with or employed by a sponsoring broker 9 whose license is revoked, suspended, terminated, or expired 10 shall be considered as inoperative until such time as the 11 sponsoring broker broker's license is reinstated or renewed, or the licensee changes employment as set forth in subsection (b) 12 13 (c) of Section 5-40 of this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.) 14
- 15 (225 ILCS 454/5-60)

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- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 16
- 17 Sec. 5-60. Managing broker <u>licensee</u> licensed in another licensed state; 18 state; broker in another reciprocal 19 agreements; agent for service of process.
 - (a) A Effective May 1, 2011, a managing broker licensee broker's license may be issued by the Department to a managing broker licensee or its equivalent licensed under the laws of another state of the United States, under the following conditions:
- 25 (1) the managing broker licensee holds a managing

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- 1 broker licensee broker's license in a state that has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the Department; 2
 - (2) the standards for that state for licensing as a managing broker licensee are substantially equal to or greater than the minimum standards in the State of Illinois;
 - (3) the managing broker licensee has been actively practicing as a managing broker licensee in the managing broker licensee's broker's state of licensure for a period of not less than 2 years, immediately prior to the date of application;
 - the managing broker licensee furnishes Department with a statement under seal of the proper licensing authority of the state in which the managing broker licensee is licensed showing that the managing broker has an active managing broker licensee broker's license, that the managing broker <u>licensee</u> is in good standing, and that no complaints are pending against the managing broker licensee in that state;
 - (5) the managing broker licensee passes a test on Illinois specific real estate brokerage laws; and
 - (6) the managing broker licensee was licensed by an examination in the state that has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the Department.
 - (b) A broker broker's license may be issued by the Department to a broker or its equivalent licensed under the

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- laws of another state of the United States, under the following 1 conditions: 2
 - (1) the broker holds a broker broker's license in a state that has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the Department;
 - (2) the standards for that state for licensing as a broker are substantially equivalent to or greater than the minimum standards in the State of Illinois;
 - (3) if the application is made prior to May 1, 2012, then the broker has been actively practicing as a broker in the broker's state of licensure for a period of not less than 2 years, immediately prior to the date of application;
 - (4) the broker furnishes the Department with a statement under seal of the proper licensing authority of the state in which the broker is licensed showing that the broker has an active broker broker's license, that the broker is in good standing, and that no complaints are pending against the broker in that state;
 - (5) the broker passes a test on Illinois specific real estate brokerage laws; and
 - (6) the broker was licensed by an examination in a state that has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the Department.
 - (c) (Blank).
- 25 (d) As a condition precedent to the issuance of a license 26 to a managing broker licensee or broker pursuant to this

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Section, the managing broker licensee or broker shall agree in writing to abide by all the provisions of this Act with respect to his or her real estate activities within the State of Illinois and submit to the jurisdiction of the Department as provided in this Act. The agreement shall be filed with the Department and shall remain in force for so long as the managing broker licensee or broker is licensed by this State and thereafter with respect to acts or omissions committed while licensed as a managing broker licensee or broker in this State.

- (e) Prior to the issuance of any license to any managing broker licensee or broker pursuant to this verification of active licensure issued for the conduct of such business in any other state must be filed with the Department by the managing broker licensee or broker, and the same fees must be paid as provided in this Act for the obtaining of a managing broker licensee or broker broker's or broker's license in this State.
- Licenses previously granted under reciprocal agreements with other states shall remain in force so long as the Department has a reciprocal agreement with the state that includes the requirements of this Section, unless that license is suspended, revoked, or terminated by the Department for any reason. provided for suspension, revocation, or termination of resident licensee's license. Licenses granted under reciprocal agreements may be renewed in the same manner as a

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- (g) Prior to the issuance of a license to a nonresident managing broker <u>licen</u>see or broker, the managing broker licensee or broker shall file with the Department a designation in writing that appoints the Secretary to act as his or her agent upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notices directed to the managing broker licensee or broker may be served. Service upon the agent so designated shall be equivalent to personal service upon the licensee. Copies of the appointment, certified by the Secretary, shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof and shall be admitted in evidence with the same force and effect as the original thereof might be admitted. In the written designation, the managing broker licensee or broker shall agree that any lawful process against the licensee that is served upon the agent shall be of the same legal force and validity as if served upon the licensee and that the authority shall continue in force so long as any liability remains outstanding in this State. Upon the receipt of any process or notice, the Secretary shall forthwith mail a copy of the same by certified mail to the last known business address of the licensee.
- (h) Any person holding a valid license under this Section shall be eligible to obtain a managing broker licensee broker's license or a broker broker's license without examination should that person change their state of domicile to Illinois and that person otherwise meets the qualifications for licensure under

1 this Act.

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- 2 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)
- 3 (225 ILCS 454/5-70)
- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 5 5-70. Continuing education requirement; broker
- 6 associate, broker, or managing broker licensee or broker.
- 7 (a) Each person who applies for renewal of his or her 8 license as a broker associate must successfully complete 10 9 hours of real estate continuing education courses recommended 10 by the Board and approved by the Department for each year of the 2-year pre-renewal period. Continuing education courses 11 for broker associates shall consist of a single curriculum, to 12 13 be recommended by the Board and approved by the Department, and 14 must be completed in the classroom or by a live, interactive webinar or online distance education course. To promote the 15 offering of uniform and consistent course content, the 16 Department may provide for the development of a single broker 17 associate course to be offered by all education providers who 18 19 choose to offer the broker associate continuing education course. The Department may contract for the development of a 20 21 20-hour broker associate continuing education course with an outside vendor or consultant and, if the course is developed in 22 23 this manner, the Department or the outside consultant shall 24 license the use of that course to all approved education

providers who wish to provide the course. The requirements of

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this Section apply to all managing brokers and brokers.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, each person who applies for renewal of his or her license as a managing broker licensee or broker must successfully complete 6 hours of real estate continuing education courses recommended by the Board and approved by the Department for each year of the pre-renewal period. In addition, beginning with the pre renewal period for managing broker licensees that begins after the effective date of this Act, those licensees renewing or obtaining a managing broker licensee broker's license must successfully complete a 12-hour broker management continuing education course approved by the Department each pre-renewal period. The broker management continuing education course must be completed in the classroom or by a live, interactive webinar or online distance education course. or by other interactive delivery method between the instructor and the students. Successful completion of the course shall include achieving a passing score as provided by rule on a test developed and administered in accordance with rules adopted by the Department.

(b-5) No license may be renewed except upon the successful completion of the required continuing education courses or their equivalent or upon a waiver of those requirements for good cause shown as determined by the Director Secretary with the recommendation of the Board. The requirements of this Article are applicable to all managing broker licensees,

- 1 brokers and brokers, and broker associates except those managing broker licensees, brokers and brokers, and broker 2
- 3 associates who, during the pre-renewal period:
 - (1) serve in the armed services of the United States;
 - (2) serve as an elected State or federal official;
 - (3) serve as a full-time employee of the Department; or
 - (4) hold a license to practice law issued by the are admitted to practice law pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court rule.
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- (d) A person receiving an initial license as a managing broker licensee or broker license during the 90 days before the renewal date shall not be required to complete the continuing education courses provided for in subsection (b) of this Section as a condition of initial license renewal.
- (e) The continuing education requirement for brokers and managing broker licensees brokers shall consist of a single core curriculum and an elective curriculum, to be recommended by the Board and approved by the Department in accordance with this subsection. The core curriculum shall not be further divided into subcategories or divisions of instruction. The core curriculum shall consist of 4 hours per 2-year pre-renewal period on subjects that may include, but are not limited to, advertising, agency, disclosures, escrow, fair housing, leasing agent management, and license law. The amount of time allotted to each of these subjects shall be recommended by the

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Board and determined by the Department. The Department, upon the recommendation of the Board, shall review the core curriculum every 4 years, at a minimum, and shall revise the curriculum if necessary. However, the core curriculum's total hourly requirement shall only be subject to change by amendment of this subsection, and any change to the core curriculum shall not be effective for a period of 6 months after such change is made by the Department. The Department shall provide notice to all approved education providers of any changes to the core curriculum. When determining whether revisions of the core curriculum's subjects or specific time requirements are necessary, the Board shall consider recent changes applicable laws, new laws, and areas of the license law and the Department policy that the Board deems appropriate, and any other subject areas the Board deems timely and applicable in order to prevent violations of this Act and to protect the public. In establishing a recommendation to the Department regarding the elective curriculum, the Board shall consider subjects that cover the various aspects of the practice of real estate that are covered under the scope of this Act.

(f) The subject areas of continuing education courses recommended by the Board and approved by the Department shall be meant to protect the professionalism of the industry, the consumer, and the public and to prevent violations of this Act and may include, without limitation, the following:

(1) license law and escrow;

Τ	(2) antitrust;		
2	(3) fair housing;		
3	(4) agency;		
4	(5) appraisal;		
5	(6) property management;		
6	(7) residential brokerage;		
7	(8) farm property management;		
8	(9) <u>transaction management</u> rights and duties of		
9	parties in a transaction sellers, buyers, and brokers;		
10	(10) commercial brokerage and leasing;		
11	(11) real estate financing;		
12	(12) disclosures;		
13	(13) leasing agent management; and		
14	(14) advertising <u>;</u> -		
15	(15) broker supervision and managing broker		
16	responsibility;		
17	(16) professional conduct; and		
18	(17) use of technology.		
19	(g) In lieu of credit for those courses listed in		
20	subsection (f) of this Section, credit may be earned for		
21	serving as a licensed instructor in an approved course of		
22	continuing education. The amount of credit earned for teaching		
23	a course shall be the amount of continuing education credit for		
24	which the course is approved for licensees taking the course.		
25	(h) Credit hours may be earned for self-study programs		
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- (i) A managing broker licensee or broker may earn credit 1 2 for a specific continuing education course only once during the 3 pre-renewal period.
 - (j) No more than 6 hours of continuing education credit may be taken in one calendar day.
 - (k) To promote the offering of a uniform and consistent course content, the Department may provide for the development of a single broker management course to be offered by all education providers who choose to offer the broker management continuing education course. The Department may contract for the development of the 12-hour broker management continuing education course with an outside vendor or consultant and, if the course is developed in this manner, the Department or the outside consultant shall license the use of that course to all approved education providers who wish to provide the course.
 - (1) Except as specifically provided in this Act, continuing education credit hours may not be earned for completion of pre or post license courses. The approved 30 hour post license course for broker licensees shall satisfy the continuing education requirement for the pre-renewal period in which the course is taken. The approved 45-hour brokerage administration and management course shall satisfy the 12-hour broker management continuing education requirement for the pre-renewal period in which the course is taken.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 99-728, eff. 1-1-17; 25
- 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.) 26

- (225 ILCS 454/5-80) 1
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 3 Sec. 5-80. Evidence of compliance with continuing
- 4 education requirements.
- 5 (a) Each renewal applicant shall certify, on his or her
- renewal application, full compliance with continuing education 6
- requirements set forth in Section 5-70. The education provider 7
- shall retain and submit evidence to the Department after the 8
- 9 completion of each course evidence of those successfully
- 10 completing the course as provided by rule.
- Department may require additional evidence 11 (b) The
- 12 demonstrating compliance with the continuing education
- 13 requirements. The renewal applicant shall retain and produce
- 14 the evidence of compliance upon request of the Department.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 16 (225 ILCS 454/10-5)
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 18 Sec. 10-5. Payment of compensation.
- (a) No licensee shall pay compensation directly to a 19
- 20 licensee sponsored by another broker for the performance of
- 21 licensed activities. No licensee sponsored by a broker may pay
- 22 compensation to any licensee other than his or her sponsoring
- 23 broker for the performance of licensed activities unless the
- 24 licensee paying the compensation is a principal to the

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- 1 transaction. However, a non-sponsoring broker may compensation directly to a licensee sponsored by another or a 2 person who is not sponsored by a broker if the payments are 3 4 made pursuant to terms of an employment agreement that was 5 previously in place between a licensee and the non-sponsoring 6 broker, and the payments are for licensed activity performed by while previously sponsored 7 person by the 8 non-sponsoring broker.
 - No licensee sponsored by a broker shall accept compensation for the performance of activities under this Act except from the sponsoring broker by whom the licensee is sponsored, except as provided in this Section.
 - (Blank). Any person that is a licensed personal assistant for another licensee may only be compensated in his or her capacity as a personal assistant by the sponsoring broker for that licensed personal assistant.
 - (d) One sponsoring broker may pay compensation directly to another sponsoring broker for the performance of licensed activities.
 - (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a sponsoring broker may pay compensation to a person currently licensed under the Auction License Act who is in compliance with and providing services under Section 5-32 of this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 98-553, eff. 1-1-14.) 24

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- 1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 10-15. No compensation to persons in violation of Act; 2
- 3 compensation to unlicensed persons; consumer.
- 4 (a) No compensation may be paid to any unlicensed person in 5 exchange for the person performing licensed activities in violation of this Act. 6
 - (b) No action or suit shall be instituted, nor recovery therein be had, in any court of this State by any person for compensation for any act done or service performed, the doing or performing of which is prohibited by this Act to other than licensed managing broker licensees brokers, brokers, broker associates, or leasing agents unless the person was duly licensed hereunder as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent under this Act at the time that any such act was done or service performed that would give rise to a cause of action for compensation.
 - (c) A licensee may offer compensation, including, but not limited to, cash, gifts, prizes, awards, coupons, merchandise, services, rebates, discounts, chances to win, and or other consideration to an unlicensed person who is or may be a party to a contract to buy or sell real estate or is or may be a party to a contract for the lease of real estate or to a consumer as an inducement to that consumer to use the services of the licensee even if the licensee and consumer do not ultimately enter into a broker-client relationship if not prohibited by any other law or statute and τ so long as the offer complies

- 1 with the provisions of subdivision (6) $\frac{(35)}{(35)}$ of subsection (a)
- 2 of Section 20-20 of this Act. A licensee shall not pay
- compensation to an unlicensed person who is not or will not 3
- 4 become a party to a real estate transaction in exchange for a
- 5 referral of real estate services.
- 6 (d) A licensee may offer cash, gifts, prizes, awards,
- coupons, merchandise, rebates or chances to win a game of 7
- 8 chance, if not prohibited by any other law or statute, to a
- 9 consumer as an inducement to that consumer to use the services
- 10 of the licensee even if the licensee and consumer do not
- 11 ultimately enter into a broker-client relationship so long as
- the offer complies with the provisions of subdivision (35) of 12
- subsection (a) of Section 20-20 of this Act. 13
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.) 14
- 15 (225 ILCS 454/10-20)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 16
- 17 Sec. 10-20. Sponsoring broker; employment agreement.
- (a) A licensee may perform activities as a licensee only 18
- 19 for his or her sponsoring broker. A licensee must have only one
- sponsoring broker at any one time. 20
- 21 Every broker who employs licensees
- 22 independent contractor relationship with a licensee shall have
- 23 a written employment or independent contractor agreement with
- 24 each such licensee. The broker having this written employment
- 25 or independent contractor agreement with the licensee must be

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- that licensee's sponsoring broker.
 - (c) Every sponsoring broker must have a written employment agreement with each licensee the broker sponsors, including any personal assistant if that person is also a licensee and whether or not the personal assistant performs licensed activities. The agreement shall address the employment or independent contractor relationship terms, including without supervision, duties, any compensation, limitation termination process.
 - (d) (Blank). Every sponsoring broker must have a written employment agreement with each licensed personal assistant who assists a licensee sponsored by the sponsoring broker. This requirement applies to all licensed personal assistants whether or not they perform licensed activities in their capacity as a personal assistant. The agreement shall address the employment or independent contractor relationship terms, including without limitation supervision, compensation, and termination.
 - (e) Notwithstanding the fact that a sponsoring broker has an employment agreement or independent contractor agreement with a licensee, a sponsoring broker may pay compensation directly to a business entity solely owned by that licensee that has been formed for the purpose of receiving compensation earned by the licensee. A business entity that receives compensation from a sponsoring broker as provided for formed for the purpose stated in this subsection (e) shall not be

- required to be licensed under this Act and must either be owned 1
- solely by the licensee or by the licensee together with the 2
- licensee's spouse, but only if the spouse and licensee are both 3
- 4 licensed and sponsored by the same sponsoring broker or the
- 5 spouse is not also licensed so long as the person that is the
- sole owner of the business entity is licensed. 6
- (Source: P.A. 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.) 7
- 8 (225 ILCS 454/10-30)
- 9 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 10 Sec. 10-30. Advertising.
- (a) No advertising, whether in print, via the Internet, or 11
- 12 through any other media, shall be fraudulent, deceptive,
- inherently misleading, or proven to be misleading in practice. 13
- 14 Advertising shall be considered misleading or untruthful if,
- when taken as a whole, there is a distinct and reasonable 15
- possibility that it will be misunderstood or will deceive the 16
- ordinary purchaser, seller, lessee, lessor, or owner. 17
- Advertising shall contain all information necessary 18
- 19 communicate the information contained therein to the public in
- 20 an accurate, direct, and readily comprehensible manner.
- 21 (1) Advertising shall be considered misleading or
- untruthful if, when taken as a whole, there is a distinct 22
- 23 and reasonable possibility that it will be misunderstood or
- 24 will deceive the ordinary consumer. Advertising shall
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- (2) Team names that are used in the sponsoring broker's business must be registered by the sponsoring broker on the Department's online information portal by submitting the name of the team, the name of the designated team leader, and the names of the licensees associated with the team. Team names may not contain inherently misleading terms, such as "company", "realty", "real estate", "agency", "associates", "brokers", "properties", or "property". Only team names registered on the Department's online information portal may be used in advertising.
- (b) No blind advertisements may be used by any licensee, in any media, except as provided for in this Section.
- (c) A licensee shall disclose, in writing, to all parties in a transaction his or her status as a licensee and any and all interest the licensee has or may have in the real estate constituting the subject matter thereof, directly or indirectly, according to the following guidelines:
 - (1) On broker yard signs or in broker advertisements, no disclosure of ownership is necessary. However, the ownership shall be indicated on any property data form and disclosed to persons responding to any advertisement or any sign. The term "broker owned" or "agent owned" is sufficient disclosure.
 - (2) A sponsored or inoperative licensee selling or

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leasing property, owned solely by the sponsored or inoperative licensee, without utilizing brokerage services of their sponsoring broker or any other licensee, may advertise "By Owner". For purposes of this Section, property is "solely owned" by a sponsored or inoperative licensee if he or she (i) has a 100% ownership interest alone, (ii) has ownership as a joint tenant or tenant by the entirety, or (iii) holds a 100% beneficial interest in a land trust. Sponsored or inoperative licensees selling or leasing "By Owner" shall comply with the following if advertising by owner:

- (A) On "By Owner" yard signs, the sponsored or inoperative licensee shall indicate "broker owned" or "agent owned." "By Owner" advertisements used in any medium of advertising shall include the term "broker owned" or "agent owned."
- (B) If a sponsored or inoperative licensee runs advertisements, for the purpose of purchasing or leasing real estate, he or she shall disclose in the advertisements his or her status as a licensee.
- (C) A sponsored or inoperative licensee shall not use the sponsoring broker's name or the sponsoring broker's company name in connection with the sale, lease, or advertisement of the property nor utilize the sponsoring broker's or company's name in connection with the sale, lease, or advertising of the property in

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a manner likely to create confusion among the public as to whether or not the services of a real estate company are being utilized or whether or not a real estate company has an ownership interest in the property.

- (d) All advertising A sponsored licensee may not advertise under his or her own name. Advertising in any media shall be under the direct supervision of the sponsoring broker and or named managing broker. Except as provided for in this Section, all advertising must include and in the sponsoring broker's business name. In , which in the case of a franchise, all advertising shall include the franchise affiliation as well as the name of the individual firm. Nothing in this Act shall require the sponsoring broker to include the name of one of its sponsored licensees on the sponsoring broker's signs or other general advertising. This provision does not apply under the following circumstances:
 - (1) When a licensee enters into a brokerage agreement with another licensed broker relating to his or her own real estate, or real estate in which he or she has an ownership interest, with another licensed broker; or
 - (2) When a licensee is selling or leasing his or her own real estate or buying or leasing real estate for himself or herself, after providing the appropriate written disclosure of his or her ownership interest as required in paragraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Section.

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- (e) (Blank). No licensee shall list his or her the heading or title "Real Estate" in the telephone directory or otherwise advertise in his or her own name to the general public through any medium of advertising as being in the real estate business without listing his or her sponsoring broker's business name.
- (f) Sponsoring brokers may advertise in the name of a team, without the sponsoring broker's name, only if the sponsoring broker properly registers the team name with the Department as provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and registers the team name as an assumed name of the sponsoring broker under the Assumed Business Name Act. The sponsoring broker's business name and the name of the licensee must appear in all advertisements, including business cards.
- (f-5) In advertisements that include the sponsoring broker's business name and a team name, registered as provided for in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), the sponsoring broker's business name must be at least equal in size or larger than the team name Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require specific print size as between the broker's business name and the name of the licensee.
- Those individuals licensed as a managing broker licensee and designated with the Department as a named managing broker by their sponsoring broker shall identify themselves to the public in advertising, except on "For Sale" or similar signs, as a managing broker. No other individuals holding a

- 1 managing broker licensee broker's license may hold themselves
- out to the public or other licensees as a named managing 2
- 3 broker. Managing broker licensees that are not designated named
- 4 managing brokers may identify themselves to the public in
- 5 advertising as managing broker licensees or may use the
- abbreviation "MBL" to represent such designation. 6
- (h) Licensees intending to sell or share consumer 7
- information gathered from or through the Internet or other 8
- 9 electronic communication media shall disclose that intention
- 10 to consumers in a timely and readily apparent manner.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09; 97-1002, eff. 8-17-12.) 11
- 12 (225 ILCS 454/10-45)
- 13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 14 Sec. 10-45. Broker price opinions and comparative market
- 15 analyses.
- (a) A broker price opinion or comparative market analysis 16
- may be prepared or provided by a real estate broker associate, 17
- broker, or managing broker licensee for any of the following: 18
- 19 (1) an existing or potential buyer or seller of an
- interest in real estate; 20
- 21 (2) an existing or potential lessor or lessee of an
- interest in real estate; 22
- 23 (3) a third party making decisions or performing due
- 24 diligence related to the potential listing, offering,
- 25 sale, option, lease, or acquisition price of an interest in

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- (4) an existing or potential lienholder or other third party for any purpose other than as the primary basis to determine the market value of an interest in real estate for the purpose of a mortgage loan origination by a financial institution secured by such real estate.
- (b) A broker price opinion or comparative market analysis shall be in writing either on paper or electronically and shall include the following provisions:
 - (1) a statement of the intended purpose of the broker price opinion or comparative market analysis;
 - (2) a brief description of the interest in real estate that is the subject of the broker price opinion or comparative market analysis;
 - (3) a brief description of the methodology used to develop the broker price opinion or comparative market analysis;
 - (4) any assumptions or limiting conditions;
 - (5) a disclosure of any existing or contemplated interest of the broker associate, broker, or managing broker licensee in the interest in real estate that is the subject of the broker price opinion or comparative market analysis;
 - (6) the name, license number, and signature of the broker associate, broker, or managing broker licensee that developed the broker price opinion or comparative market

analysis;

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(7) a statement in substantially the following form: 2 "This is a broker price opinion/comparative market 3 4 analysis, not an appraisal of the market value of the real 5 estate, and was prepared by a licensed real estate broker associate, broker, or managing broker licensee, not by a 6 State certified real estate appraiser."; and 7 8 (8) such other items as the broker associate, broker, 9 or managing broker licensee may deem appropriate. 10 (Source: P.A. 98-1109, eff. 1-1-15.) (225 ILCS 454/10-50 new) 11 12 Sec. 10-50. Guaranteed sales plans. 13 (a) As used in this Section, "quaranteed sales plan" means 14 a real estate purchase or sales plan whereby a person enters into one or more conditional or unconditional written contracts 15 with a seller, one of which is a brokerage agreement and 16 wherein the person agrees to purchase the seller's property 17 18 within a specified period of time, at a specific price, in the 19 event the property is not sold in accordance with the terms of the brokerage agreement entered into between the parties. 20 21 (b) A person who offers a guaranteed sales plan to 22 consumers is engaged in licensed activity under this Act and is 23 required to have a license. 24 (c) A licensee that offers a guaranteed sales plan shall provide the details, including the purchase price and 25

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- 1 conditions of the plan, in writing to the party to whom the plan is offered before entering into the brokerage agreement. 2
 - (d) A licensee offering a guaranteed sales plan shall provide to the party to whom the plan is offered, before the execution of any contract, evidence that the licensee has sufficient financial resources to satisfy the commitment to purchase undertaken by the licensee in the plan.
 - (e) A licensee offering a quaranteed sales plan shall undertake to market the property of the seller subject to the plan in the same manner in which the broker would market any other property, unless the agreement with the seller provides otherwise.
 - (f) The licensee may not purchase a seller's property until the period for offering the property for sale has ended according to its terms or is otherwise properly terminated.
 - (q) A licensee who fails to perform on a quaranteed sales plan in strict accordance with its terms shall be subject to all the penalties provided in this Act for violations of this Act and, in addition, shall be subject to a civil fine payable to the party injured by the default in an amount of up to \$25,000.
- 22 (225 ILCS 454/10-55 new)
- 23 Sec. 10-55. Named managing broker responsibility and 24 supervision.
- 25 (a) A named managing broker shall be responsible for the

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- 1 supervision of all licensees associated with a named managing broker's office, including any branch office. A named managing 2 broker's responsibilities include implementation of company 3 4 policies, the training of licensees and other employees on the 5 company's policies, as well as on aspects of relevant portions 6 of this Act, providing assistance to all licensees in real estate transactions, and supervising all special accounts of 7
 - (b) For broker associates, a named managing broker's responsibilities shall also include directly handling all earnest money and escrows for transactions in which the broker associate is the designated agent, the supervision of all contract negotiations involving parties to a transaction in which a broker associate is a designated agent, and the approval of all advertisements involving a broker associate. Broker associates shall have no authority to bind the sponsoring broker.
 - (c) The named managing broker's duties responsibilities under subsection (b) may be delegated only to another managing broker licensee that is sponsored by the same sponsoring broker as the named managing broker.
 - (d) The named managing broker's failure to provide an appropriate written company policy or failure to properly supervise shall be cause for discipline, including suspension and revocation, of the named managing broker license.

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Sec. 10-60. Statewide real estate contract form.

- (a) The Department may create a commission, the sole purpose of which is to study the feasibility of creating, implementing, and enforcing a mandatory, statewide real estate purchase contract form. The commission shall evaluate the costs, benefits, advantages, and disadvantages of using a single real estate purchase contract form throughout the State of Illinois. The commission shall be composed of the Director or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the commission, and no less than 5 and no more than 10 members appointed by the Secretary. Of the appointed members of the commission, at least one must be the chief executive officer of a statewide organization representing realtors, or his or her designee, one must be a representative of the multiple listing service that services the Chicago area, and one must be a representative of either a statewide organization representing lawyers or a statewide organization representing real estate lawvers. At least 2 members of the commission shall be actively practicing managing broker licensees. (b) The commission shall prepare and deliver a report of
- its findings and recommendation to the Department on the feasibility of creating, implementing, and enforcing a mandatory statewide real estate purchase contract form. If the commission recommends adopting a statewide real estate purchase contract form, the report shall contain the

- 1 recommended statewide purchase contract form, including any 2 addenda that are recommended.
- 3 (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize
- 4 the Department to create, implement, or enforce the use of a
- 5 mandatory, statewide real estate contract form without further
- legislative authorization. 6
- (225 ILCS 454/15-5) 7

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- 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 9 Sec. 15-5. Legislative intent.
- 10 (a) The General Assembly finds that application of the common law of agency to the relationships among licensees under 11 12 this Act managing brokers and brokers and consumers of real 13 estate brokerage services has resulted in misunderstandings 14 and consequences that have been contrary to the best interests 15 of the public. The General Assembly further finds that the real estate brokerage industry has a significant impact upon the 16 economy of the State of Illinois and that it is in the best 17 interest of the public to provide codification of the 18 19 relationships between licensees under this Act managing brokers and brokers and consumers of real estate brokerage 20 21 services in order to prevent detrimental misunderstandings and 22 misinterpretations of the relationships by consumers, managing 23 brokers, and licensees brokers and thus promote and provide

stability in the real estate market. This Article 15 is enacted

to govern the relationships between consumers of real estate

- 1 brokerage services and licensees under this Act managing brokers and brokers to the extent not governed by an individual 2 3 written agreement between a sponsoring broker and a consumer, 4 providing that there is a relationship other than designated 5 agency. This Article 15 applies to the exclusion of the common 6 law concepts of principal and agent and to the fiduciary duties, which have been applied to managing broker licensees 7 brokers, brokers, broker associates, leasing agents, and real 8 9 estate brokerage services.
- 10 (b) The General Assembly further finds that this Article 15 11 intended to prescribe affect contractual not or relationships between managing brokers and brokers and the 12 13 broker's affiliated licensees.
 - (c) This Article 15 may serve as a basis for private rights of action and defenses by sellers, buyers, landlords, tenants, and licensees under this Act managing brokers, and brokers. The private rights of action, however, do not extend to the provisions of any other Articles of this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.) 19
- 20 (225 ILCS 454/15-10)

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- 21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 22 Sec. 15-10. Relationships between licensees and consumers.
- 23 Licensees shall be considered to be representing the consumer
- 24 they are working with as a designated agent for the consumer
- 25 unless there is a written agreement between the sponsoring

- 1 broker and the consumer providing that there is a different 2 relationship. +
- 3 (1) there is a written agreement between the sponsoring 4 broker and the consumer providing that there is a different 5 relationship; or
- 6 (2) the licensee is performing only ministerial 7 behalf of the consumer.
- (Source: P.A. 91-245, eff. 12-31-99.) 8
- 9 (225 ILCS 454/15-25)

- 10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- Sec. 15-25. Licensee's relationship with customers. 11
- 12 (a) Licensees shall treat all customers honestly and shall not negligently or knowingly give them false information. A 13 14 licensee engaged by a seller client shall timely disclose to 15 customers who are prospective buyers all latent material adverse facts pertaining to the physical condition of the 16 17 property that are actually known by the licensee and that could not be discovered by a reasonably diligent inspection of the 18 19 property by the customer. A licensee shall not be liable to a customer for providing false information to the customer if the 20 21 false information was provided to the licensee by the licensee's client and the licensee did not have actual 22 23 knowledge that the information was false. No cause of action 24 shall arise on behalf of any person against a licensee for

revealing information in compliance with this Section.

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- (b) A licensee representing a client in a real estate transaction may provide clerical assistance to a customer by performing ministerial acts. Performing clerical assistance those ministerial acts shall not be construed in a manner that would violate the brokerage agreement with the client nor, and performing those ministerial acts for the customer shall not be construed in a manner as to form a brokerage agreement with the customer.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 91-245, eff. 12-31-99.)
- 10 (225 ILCS 454/15-45)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 11
- 12 Sec. 15-45. Disclosed dual Dual agency.
- 13 (a) Disclosed dual agency is permitted. A licensee shall 14 not serve as a dual agent in any transaction when the licensee, or an entity in which the licensee has or will have any 15 ownership interest, is a party to the transaction and a A 16 licensee may act as a <u>disclosed</u> dual agent only with the 17 informed written consent of all clients. Informed written 18 19 consent shall be presumed to have been given by any client who
- 21 "The undersigned (insert name(s)), ("Licensee"), may 22 undertake a dual representation (represent both the seller 23 or landlord and the buyer or tenant) for the sale or lease 24 of property. The undersigned acknowledge they were 25 informed of the possibility of this type of representation.

signs a document that includes the following:

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Before signing this document please read the following: Representing more than one party to a transaction presents a conflict of interest since both clients may rely upon Licensee's advice and the client's respective interests may be adverse to each other. Licensee will undertake this representation only with the written consent of ALL clients in the transaction. Any agreement between the clients as to a final contract price and other terms is a result of negotiations between the clients acting in their own best interests and on their own behalf. You acknowledge that explained the implications of Licensee has dual representation, including the risks involved, and understand that you have been advised to seek independent advice from your advisors or attorneys before signing any documents in this transaction.

WHAT A LICENSEE CAN DO FOR CLIENTS

WHEN ACTING AS A <u>DISCLOSED</u> DUAL AGENT

- 18 1. Treat all clients honestly.
- 19 2. Provide information about the property to the buyer or 20 tenant.
- 2.1 3. Disclose all latent material defects in the property that are known to the Licensee. 22
- 23 4. Disclose financial qualification of the buyer or tenant 24 to the seller or landlord.
- 2.5 5. Explain real estate terms.
- 26 6. Help the buyer or tenant to arrange for property

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- 7. Explain closing costs and procedures. 2
- 3 8. Help the buyer compare financing alternatives.
- 9. Provide information about comparable properties that 4
- 5 have sold so both clients may make educated decisions on
- what price to accept or offer. 6

7 WHAT LICENSEE CANNOT DISCLOSE TO CLIENTS WHEN

ACTING AS A DISCLOSED DUAL AGENT

- 9 1. Confidential information that Licensee may know about a 10 client, without that client's permission.
- 2. The price or terms the seller or landlord will take 11
- other than the listing price without permission of the 12
- 13 seller or landlord.
- 14 3. The price or terms the buyer or tenant is willing to pay
- 15 without permission of the buyer or tenant.
- 4. A recommended or suggested price or terms the buyer or 16
- 17 tenant should offer.
- 5. A recommended or suggested price or terms the seller or 18
- 19 landlord should counter with or accept.
- 20 If either client is uncomfortable with this disclosure
- 2.1 and dual representation, please let Licensee know. You are
- 22 not required to sign this document unless you want to allow
- Licensee to proceed as a Disclosed Dual Agent in this 23
- 24 transaction. By signing below, you acknowledge that you
- 2.5 have read and understand this form and voluntarily consent
- 26 to Licensee acting as a Disclosed Dual Agent (that is, to

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- 1 represent BOTH the seller or landlord and the buyer or tenant) should that become necessary." 2
 - (b) The disclosed dual agency disclosure form provided for in subsection (a) of this Section must be presented by a licensee, who offers dual representation, to the client at the time the brokerage agreement is entered into and may be signed by the client at that time or at any time before the licensee acts as a disclosed dual agent as to the client.
 - (c) A licensee acting in a disclosed dual agency capacity in a transaction must obtain a written confirmation from the licensee's clients of their prior consent for the licensee to act as a disclosed dual agent in the transaction. This confirmation should be obtained at the time the clients are executing any offer or contract to purchase or lease in a transaction in which the licensee is acting as a disclosed dual agent. This confirmation may be included in another document, such as a contract to purchase, in which case the client must not only sign the document but also initial the confirmation of dual disclosed agency provision. That confirmation must state, at a minimum, the following:

"The undersigned confirm that they have previously consented to (insert name(s)), ("Licensee"), acting as a Disclosed Dual Agent in providing brokerage services on their behalf and specifically consent to Licensee acting as a Disclosed Dual Agent in regard to the transaction referred to in this document."

- 1 (d) No cause of action shall arise on behalf of any person against a disclosed dual agent for making disclosures allowed 2 or required by this Article, and the disclosed dual agent does 3 4 not terminate any agency relationship by making the allowed or 5 required disclosures.
- 6 (e) In the case of disclosed dual agency, each client and the licensee possess only actual knowledge and information. 7 8 There shall be no imputation of knowledge or information among 9 or between clients, brokers, or their affiliated licensees.
- 10 (f) In any transaction, a licensee may without liability 11 withdraw from representing a client who has not consented to a disclosed dual agency. The withdrawal shall not prejudice the 12 13 ability of the licensee to continue to represent the other client in the transaction or 14 limit the licensee from 15 representing the client in other transactions. When 16 withdrawal as contemplated in this subsection (f) occurs, the licensee shall not receive a referral fee for referring a 17 client to another licensee unless written disclosure is made to 18 both the withdrawing client and the client that continues to be 19 20 represented by the licensee.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 2.1
- 22 (225 ILCS 454/15-50)
- 23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 24 Sec. 15-50. Designated agency.
- 25 (a) A sponsoring broker entering into an agreement with any

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person for the listing of property or for the purpose of representing any person in the buying, selling, exchanging, renting, or leasing of real estate shall may specifically designate those licensees employed by or affiliated with the sponsoring broker who will be acting as legal agents of that person to the exclusion of all other licensees employed by or affiliated with the sponsoring broker. A sponsoring broker entering into an agreement under the provisions of this Section shall not be considered to be acting for more than one party in a transaction if the licensees specifically designated as legal agents of a person are not representing more than one party in a transaction.

- (b) A sponsoring broker designating affiliated licensees to act as agents of clients shall take ordinary and necessary care to protect confidential information disclosed by a client to his or her designated agent.
- (c) A designated agent may disclose to his or her sponsoring broker or persons specified by the sponsoring broker confidential information of a client for the purpose of seeking advice or assistance for the benefit of the client in regard to a possible transaction. Confidential information shall not be by the sponsoring broker or other representative of the sponsoring broker unless otherwise required by this Act or requested or permitted by the client who originally disclosed the confidential information.
- (Source: P.A. 91-245, eff. 12-31-99.) 26

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(225 ILCS 454/15-65) 1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 3 Sec. 15-65. Regulatory enforcement. Nothing contained in this Article limits the Department in its regulation of 4 licensees under other Articles of this Act and the substantive 5 rules adopted by the Department. The Department, with the 6 7 advice of the Board and as further provided for in Section 8 25-13, is authorized to promulgate any rules that may be 9 necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this 10 Article 15. (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 11 12 (225 ILCS 454/15-75) 13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 14 Sec. 15-75. Exclusive brokerage agreements. All exclusive brokerage agreements must be in writing and specify that the 15 16 sponsoring broker, through one or more sponsored licensees, 17 must provide, at a minimum, the following services: 18 (1) accept delivery of and present to the client offers and counteroffers to buy, sell, or lease the client's 19 20 property or the property the client seeks to purchase or 21 lease; 22 (2) assist the client in developing, communicating,

negotiating, and presenting offers, counteroffers, and

notices that relate to the offers and counteroffers until a

- 1 lease or purchase agreement is signed and all contingencies are satisfied or waived; and 2
- (3) answer the client's questions relating to the 3 4 offers, counteroffers, notices, and contingencies.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 93-957, eff. 8-19-04.)
- (225 ILCS 454/20-10) 6
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 8 Sec. 20-10. Unlicensed practice; penalties eivil penalty.
- 9 (a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts 10 to practice, or holds oneself out to practice as a managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent 11 12 without being licensed under this Act shall, in addition to any 13 other penalty provided by law, pay a civil penalty to the 14 Department in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for each offense 15 as determined by the Department. The civil penalty shall be assessed by the Department after a hearing is held in 16 accordance with the provisions set forth in this Act regarding 17 the provision of a hearing for the discipline of a license. 18
- The Department has the authority and power 19 (b) 20 investigate any and all unlicensed activity.
- 21 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after 22 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty. The 23 order shall constitute a judgment and may be filed and 24 execution had thereon in the same manner from any court of 25 record.

1	(d) Any person who is found working or acting as a managing
2	broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent or
3	holding himself or herself out as a licensed sponsoring broker,
4	managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing
5	agent without being licensed is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor
6	and on conviction of a second or subsequent offense the
7	violator shall be quilty of a Class 4 felony.
8	(Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)
9	(225 ILCS 454/20-20)
10	(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
11	Sec. 20-20. Grounds for discipline.
12	(a) The Department may issue a citation and impose a fine
13	upon any licensee of \$500 upon a finding by the Department of
14	any of the following:
15	(1) Practice under this Act as a licensee in a retail
16	sales establishment from an office, desk, or space that is
17	not separated from the main retail business by a separate
18	and distinct area within the establishment.
19	(2) Advertising that is inaccurate, misleading, or
20	<pre>contrary to this Act.</pre>
21	(3) Employing any person on a purely temporary or
22	single-deal basis as a means of evading the law regarding
23	payment of commission to non-licensees on some
24	<pre>contemplated transactions.</pre>
25	(4) Advertising by means of a blind advertisement,

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except as otherwise permitted in Section 10-30.

- (5) Negotiating a sale, exchange, or lease of real estate directly with any person if the licensee knows that the person has an exclusive brokerage agreement with another broker, unless specifically authorized by that broker.
- (6) Advertising or offering merchandise or services as free if any conditions or obligations necessary for receiving the merchandise or services are not disclosed in the same advertisement or offer. These conditions or obligations include, without limitation, the requirement that the recipient attend a promotional activity or visit a real estate site. As used in this subdivision (6), "free" includes terms such as "award", "prize", "no charge", "free of charge", and "without charge", and similar words or phrases that reasonably lead a person to believe that he or she may receive or has been selected to receive something of value, without any conditions or obligations on the part of the recipient.
- (7) Failing to provide the minimum services required by Section 15-75 when acting under an exclusive brokerage agreement.
- (8) Enabling, aiding, or abetting an auctioneer, as defined in the Auction License Act, to conduct a real estate auction in a manner that is in violation of this Act.

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- (a-5) $\frac{(a)}{(a)}$ The Department may refuse to issue or renew a license, may place on probation, suspend, or revoke any license, reprimand, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department may deem proper and impose a fine not to exceed \$25,000 upon any licensee or applicant under this Act or any person who holds himself or herself out as an applicant or licensee or against a licensee in handling his or her own property, whether held by deed, option, or otherwise, for any repeated or serious violation or combination of violations of those causes in subsection (a) or for any one or any combination of the following causes:
 - (1) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for, or procuring, a license under this Act or in connection with applying for renewal of a license under this Act.
 - (2) The conviction of or plea of quilty or plea of nolo contendere to a felony or misdemeanor in this State or any other jurisdiction; or the entry of an administrative sanction by a government agency in this State or any other jurisdiction. Action taken under this paragraph (2) for a misdemeanor or an administrative sanction is limited to a misdemeanor or administrative sanction that has as an essential element dishonesty or fraud or involves larceny, embezzlement, or obtaining money, property, or credit by false pretenses or by means of a confidence game.
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illness, including, but physical not limited deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skill, or a mental illness or disability.

(4) Practice under this Act as a licensee in a retail sales establishment from an office, desk, or space that is not separated from the main retail business by a separate and distinct area within the establishment.

- (4) (5) Having been disciplined by another state, the District of Columbia, a territory, a foreign nation, or a governmental agency authorized to impose discipline if at least one of the grounds for that discipline is the same as or the equivalent of one of the grounds for which a licensee may be disciplined under this Act. A certified copy of the record of the action by the other state or jurisdiction shall be prima facie evidence thereof.
- (5) (6) Engaging in the practice of real estate brokerage without a license or after the licensee's license or temporary permit was expired or while the license was inoperative.
- (6) $\frac{(7)}{(7)}$ Cheating on or attempting to subvert the Real Estate License Exam or a continuing education course or exam.
- (7) Aiding or abetting an applicant to subvert or cheat on the Real Estate License Exam or a continuing education course or exam administered pursuant to this Act.
 - (9) Advertising that is inaccurate, misleading, or

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- (8) (10) Making any substantial misrepresentation or untruthful advertising.
 - (9) (11) Making any false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce.
 - (10) (12) Pursuing a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or the making of false promises through licensees, employees, agents, advertising, or otherwise.
 - (11) (13) Any misleading or untruthful advertising, or using any trade name or insignia of membership in any real estate organization of which the licensee is not a member.
 - (12) (14) Acting for more than one party in a transaction without providing written notice to all parties for whom the licensee acts.
 - (13) (15) Representing or attempting to represent a broker other than the sponsoring broker.
 - (14) (16) Failure to account for or to remit any moneys or documents coming into his or her possession that belong to others.
 - (15) $\frac{(17)}{(17)}$ Failure to maintain and deposit in a special account, separate and apart from personal and other business accounts, all escrow moneys belonging to others entrusted to a licensee while acting as a broker, escrow agent, or temporary custodian of the funds of others or failure to maintain all escrow moneys on deposit in the account until the transactions are consummated or

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terminated, except to the extent that the moneys, or any part thereof, shall be:

- (A) disbursed prior to the consummation or termination (i) in accordance with the written direction of the principals to the transaction or their duly authorized agents, (ii) in accordance with directions providing for the release, payment, or distribution of escrow moneys contained in any written contract signed by the principals to the transaction or their duly authorized agents, or (iii) pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- (B) deemed abandoned and transferred to the Office of the State Treasurer to be handled as unclaimed property pursuant to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Escrow moneys may be deemed abandoned under this subparagraph (B) only: (i) in the absence of disbursement under subparagraph (A); (ii) in the absence of notice of the filing of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction; and (iii) if 6 months have elapsed after the receipt of a written demand for the escrow moneys from one of the principals to the transaction or the principal's duly authorized agent.

The account shall be noninterest bearing, unless the character of the deposit is such that payment of interest thereon is otherwise required by law or unless the principals to the transaction specifically require, in

1	writing, that the deposit be placed in an interest bearing
2	account.
3	(16) (18) Failure to make available to the Department
4	all escrow records and related documents maintained in
5	connection with the practice of real estate within 24 hours
6	of a request for those documents by Department personnel.
7	(17) (19) Failing to furnish copies upon request of
8	documents relating to a real estate transaction to a party
9	who has executed that document.
10	(20) Failure of a sponsoring broker to timely provide
11	information, sponsor cards, or termination of licenses to
12	the Department.
13	(18) (21) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or
14	unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,
15	defraud, or harm the public.
16	(19) (22) Commingling the money or property of others
17	with his or her own money or property.
18	(23) Employing any person on a purely temporary or
19	single deal basis as a means of evading the law regarding
20	payment of commission to nonlicensees on some contemplated
21	transactions.
22	(20) (24) Permitting the use of his or her license as a
23	broker to enable a leasing agent or unlicensed person to
24	operate a real estate business without actual
25	participation therein and control thereof by the broker.

(21) (25) Any other conduct, whether of the same or a

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different character from that specified in this Section, that constitutes dishonest dealing.

(22) (26) Displaying a "for rent" or "for sale" sign on any property without the written consent of an owner or his or her duly authorized agent or advertising by any means that any property is for sale or for rent without the written consent of the owner or his or her authorized agent.

(23) (27) Failing to provide information requested by the Department, or otherwise respond to that request, within 30 days of the request.

(28) Advertising by means of a blind advertisement, except as otherwise permitted in Section 10-30 of this Act.

(24) (29) Offering quaranteed sales plans, except as provided in Section 10-50. as defined in clause (A) of this subdivision (29), except to the extent hereinafter set forth:

(A) A "guaranteed sales plan" is any real estate purchase or sales plan whereby a licensee enters into a conditional or unconditional written contract with a seller, prior to entering into a brokerage agreement with the seller, by the terms of which a licensee agrees to purchase a property of the seller within a specified period of time at a specific price in the event the property is not sold in accordance with the terms of a brokerage agreement to be entered into

2	(B) A licensee offering a guaranteed sales plan
3	shall provide the details and conditions of the plan in
4	writing to the party to whom the plan is offered.
5	(C) A licensee offering a guaranteed sales plan
6	shall provide to the party to whom the plan is offered
7	evidence of sufficient financial resources to satisfy
8	the commitment to purchase undertaken by the broker in
9	the plan.
10	(D) Any licensee offering a guaranteed sales plan
11	shall undertake to market the property of the seller
12	subject to the plan in the same manner in which the
13	broker would market any other property, unless the
14	agreement with the seller provides otherwise.
15	(E) The licensee cannot purchase seller's property
16	until the brokerage agreement has ended according to
17	its terms or is otherwise terminated.
18	(F) Any licensee who fails to perform on a
19	guaranteed sales plan in strict accordance with its
20	terms shall be subject to all the penalties provided in
21	this Act for violations thereof and, in addition, shall
22	be subject to a civil fine payable to the party injured
23	by the default in an amount of up to \$25,000.
24	(25) (30) Influencing or attempting to influence, by
25	any words or acts, a prospective seller, purchaser,
26	occupant, landlord, or tenant of real estate, in connection

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with viewing, buying, or leasing real estate, so as to promote or tend to promote the continuance or maintenance of racially and religiously segregated housing or so as to retard, obstruct, or discourage racially integrated housing on or in any street, block, neighborhood, or community.

- (26) (31) Engaging in any act that constitutes a violation of any provision of Article 3 of the Illinois Human Rights Act, whether or not a complaint has been filed with or adjudicated by the Human Rights Commission.
- (27) (32) Inducing any party to a contract of sale or lease or brokerage agreement to break the contract of sale lease or brokerage agreement for the purpose of substituting, in lieu thereof, a new contract for sale or lease or brokerage agreement with a third party.
- (33) Negotiating a sale, exchange, or lease of real estate directly with any person if the licensee knows that the person has an exclusive brokerage agreement another broker, unless specifically authorized by that broker.
- (28) $\frac{(34)}{(34)}$ When a licensee is also an attorney, acting as the attorney for either the buyer or the seller in the same transaction in which the licensee is acting or has acted as a managing broker licensee, or broker, or broker associate.
 - (35) Advertising or offering merchandise or services

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as free if any conditions or obligations necessary for receiving the merchandise or services are not disclosed in the same advertisement or offer. These conditions or obligations include without limitation the requirement that the recipient attend a promotional activity or visit a real estate site. As used in this subdivision (35), "free" includes terms such as "award", "prize", "no charge", "free of charge", "without charge", and similar words or phrases that reasonably lead a person to believe that he or she may receive or has been selected to receive something of value, without any conditions or obligations on the part of the recipient.

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- $\underline{(29)}$ (37) Violating the terms of a disciplinary order issued by the Department.
- (30) (38) Paying or failing to disclose compensation in violation of Article 10 of this Act.
- (31) (39) Requiring a party to a transaction who is not a client of the licensee to allow the licensee to retain a portion of the escrow moneys for payment of the licensee's commission or expenses as a condition for release of the escrow moneys to that party.
- (32) (40) Disregarding or violating any provision of this Act or the published rules adopted by the Department to enforce this Act or aiding or abetting any individual, foreign or domestic partnership, registered limited

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1	Department t	o enforce this	s Act.		

(41) Failing to provide the minimum services required by Section 15 75 of this Act when acting under an exclusive brokerage agreement.

- (33) (42) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug that results in a managing broker, broker, or leasing agent's inability to practice with reasonable skill or safety.
- (43) Enabling, aiding, or abetting an auctioneer, as defined in the Auction License Act, to conduct a real estate auction in a manner that is in violation of this Act.
- (34) (44) Permitting any leasing agent or temporary leasing agent permit holder to engage in activities that require a <u>broker</u> broker's or managing <u>broker</u> broker's license.
- (b) The Department may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend the license of any person who fails to file a return, pay the tax, penalty or interest shown in a filed return, or pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirements of that tax Act

- 1 are satisfied in accordance with subsection (q) of Section
- 2105-15 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. 2
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- (d) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Department of Public Aid) has previously determined that a licensee or a potential licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the payment of child support and has subsequently certified the delinquency to the Department may refuse to issue or renew or may revoke or suspend that person's license or may take other disciplinary action against that person based solely upon the certification of delinquency made by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in accordance with item (5) of subsection (a) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
- (e) In enforcing this Section, the Department or Board upon a showing of a possible violation may compel an individual licensed to practice under this Act, or who has applied for licensure under this Act, to submit to a mental or physical examination, or both, as required by and at the expense of the Department. The Department or Board may order the examining physician to present testimony concerning the mental or physical examination of the licensee or applicant. information shall be excluded by reason of any common law or statutory privilege relating to communications between the licensee or applicant and the examining physician. examining physicians shall be specifically designated by the

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Board or Department. The individual to be examined may have, at his or her own expense, another physician of his or her choice present during all aspects of this examination. Failure of an individual to submit to a mental or physical examination, when directed, shall be grounds for suspension of his or her license until the individual submits to the examination if the Department finds, after notice and hearing, that the refusal to submit to the examination was without reasonable cause.

If the Department or Board finds an individual unable to practice because of the reasons set forth in this Section, the Department or Board may require that individual to submit to care, counseling, or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the Department or Board, as a condition, term, or restriction for continued, reinstated, or renewed licensure to practice; or, in lieu of care, counseling, or treatment, the Department may file, or the Board may recommend to the Department to file, a complaint to immediately suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline the license of the individual. An individual whose license was granted, continued, reinstated, renewed, disciplined or supervised subject to such terms, conditions, or restrictions, and who fails to comply with such terms, conditions, or restrictions, shall be referred to the Director Secretary for a determination as to whether the individual shall have his or her license suspended immediately, pending a hearing by the Department.

In instances in which the Director Secretary immediately

- 1 suspends a person's license under this Section, a hearing on
- 2 that person's license must be convened by the Department within
- 3 30 days after the suspension and completed without appreciable
- 4 delay. The Department and Board shall have the authority to
- 5 review the subject individual's record of treatment and
- 6 counseling regarding the impairment to the extent permitted by
- applicable federal statutes and regulations safeguarding the 7
- confidentiality of medical records. 8
- 9 An individual licensed under this Act and affected under
- 10 this Section shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate to
- 11 the Department or Board that he or she can resume practice in
- compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards under the 12
- 13 provisions of his or her license.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-22, eff. 1-1-18; 14
- 15 100-188, eff. 1-1-18; 100-534, eff. 9-22-17; 100-831, eff.
- 1-1-19; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 100-872, eff. 8-14-18; revised 16
- 10-22-18.) 17
- (225 ILCS 454/20-21) 18
- 19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 20 Sec. 20-21. Injunctions; cease and desist order.
- 21 (a) If any person violates the provisions of this Act, the
- 22 Secretary may, in the name of the People of the State of
- 23 Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of Illinois
- 24 or the State's Attorney for any county in which the action is
- 25 brought, petition for an order enjoining the violation or for

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an order enforcing compliance with this Act. Upon the filing of a verified petition in court, the court may issue a temporary restraining order, without notice or condition, and may preliminarily and permanently enjoin the violation. If it is established that the person has violated or is violating the injunction, the Court may punish the offender for contempt of court. Proceedings under this Section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other remedies and penalties provided by this Act.

- (b) Whenever in the opinion of the Department a person violates a provision of this Act, the Department may issue a ruling to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not be entered against that person. The rule shall clearly set forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall allow at least 7 days from the date of the rule to file an answer to the satisfaction of the Department. Failure to answer to the satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to cease and desist to be issued immediately.
- (c) Other than as provided in Section 5-20 of this Act, if 19 20 any person practices as a managing broker licensee, broker, 21 broker associate, or leasing agent or holds himself or herself 22 out as a licensed sponsoring broker, managing broker licensee, broker, broker associate, or leasing agent under this Act 23 24 without being issued a valid existing license by 25 Department, then any licensed sponsoring broker, managing 26 broker licensee, broker, broker associate, leasing agent, any

- 1 interested party, or any person injured thereby may, in
- addition to the Secretary, petition for relief as provided in 2
- subsection (a) of this Section. 3
- 4 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 454/20-23)

- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 6
- Sec. 20-23. Confidentiality. All information collected by 7 8 the Department in the course of an examination or investigation 9 of a licensee or applicant, including, but not limited to, any 10 complaint against a licensee, applicant, or any person who holds himself or herself out as a licensee or applicant that is 11 12 filed with the Department and information collected to 13 investigate any such complaint, shall be maintained for the 14 confidential use of the Department and shall not be disclosed 15 except as otherwise provided in this Act. The Department may not disclose the information to anyone other than 16 17 enforcement officials, regulatory agencies that have appropriate regulatory interest as determined by the Director 18 19 Secretary, or a party presenting a lawful subpoena to the 20 Department. Information and documents disclosed to a federal, 21 State, county, or local law enforcement agency shall not be 22 disclosed by the agency for any purpose to any other agency or 23 person. A formal complaint filed against a licensee by the 24 Department or any order issued by the Department against a

licensee or applicant shall be a public record, except as

- 1 otherwise prohibited by law.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 98-553, eff. 1-1-14.)
- 3 (225 ILCS 454/20-25)
- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

5 Sec. 20-25. Returned checks; fees. Any person who delivers a check or other payment to the Department that is returned to 6 7 the Department unpaid by the financial institution upon which 8 it is drawn shall pay to the Department, in addition to the 9 amount already owed to the Department, a fee of \$50. The 10 Department shall notify the person that payment of fees and fines shall be paid to the Department by certified check or 11 money order within 30 calendar days of the notification. If, 12 after the expiration of 30 days from the date of 13 14 notification, the person has failed to submit the necessary 15 remittance, the Department shall automatically terminate the license or deny the application, without hearing. If, after 16 termination or denial, the person seeks a license, he or she 17 shall apply to the Department for restoration or issuance of 18 19 the license and pay all fees and fines due to the Department. The Department may establish a fee for the processing of an 20 21 application for restoration of a license to pay all expenses of 22 processing this application. The Director Secretary may waive 23 the fees due under this Section in individual cases where the 24 Director Secretary finds that the fees would be unreasonable or 25 unnecessarily burdensome.

- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 1
- 2 (225 ILCS 454/20-60)

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- 3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 4 Sec. 20-60. Investigations notice and hearing.
- 5 (a) The Department may investigate the actions of any applicant or of any person or persons rendering or offering to 6 7 render services or any person holding or claiming to hold a 8 license under this Act and may notify his or her named managing

broker and sponsoring broker of the pending investigation.

- 10 (b) If a citation is issued under subsection (a) of Section 20-20, the Department shall notify the accused and his or her 11 12 named managing broker and sponsoring broker in writing of the 13 alleged violation, the time and place for a hearing on the 14 allegations, and instructions to the accused for payment of the 15 fine or the submission of an answer to the allegations if the accused disputes the allegations. Any person that receives 16 notice of a citation from the Department may respond by payment 17 18 of the fine assessed before the time in the notice for the 19 hearing. Payment of the fine before the hearing date shall constitute final action on the allegations contained in the 20 21 notice.
 - (c) The Department shall, before revoking, suspending, placing on probation, reprimanding, or taking any other disciplinary action for a violation of subsection (b) of Section 20-20 under Article 20 of this Act, at least 30 days

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before the date set for the hearing, (i) notify the accused and his or her managing broker and sponsoring broker in writing of the charges made and the time and place for the hearing on the and whether the licensee's license has been temporarily suspended under Section 20-65, (ii) direct the accused to file a written answer to the charges with the Board under oath within 20 days after the service on him or her of the notice, and (iii) inform the accused that if he or she fails to answer, default will be taken against him or her or that his or her license may be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or other disciplinary action taken with regard to the license, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of his or her practice, as the Department may consider proper.

(d) Unless the accused has paid the fine assessed under a citation, at At the time and place fixed in the notice, the Board shall proceed to hear the charges and the parties or their counsel shall be accorded ample opportunity to present any pertinent statements, testimony, evidence, and arguments. The Board may continue the hearing from time to time. In case the person, after receiving the notice, fails to file an answer, his or her license may, in the discretion of the Department, be suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or the Department may take whatever disciplinary action considered proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the person's practice or the imposition of a fine,

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1 without a hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient grounds for that action under this Act. 2

- (e) Written notices required by this Article The written notice may be served by personal delivery or by certified mail to the address specified by the accused in his or her last notification with the Department and shall include notice to the named managing broker and sponsoring broker. A copy of the Department's final order shall be delivered to the named managing broker and sponsoring broker.
- 10 (f) Payment of a fine that has been assessed under 11 subsection (a) of Section 20-20 shall not constitute disciplinary action reportable on the Department's website or 12 the Department's online information portal unless an accused 13 14 has paid 2 or more fines in any consecutive 24-month period.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 16 (225 ILCS 454/20-64)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 17

Sec. 20-64. Board; rehearing. At the conclusion of a 18 19 hearing, a copy of the Board's report shall be served upon the 20 applicant or licensee by the Department, either personally or as provided in this Act for the service of a notice of hearing. 21 22 Within 20 days after service, the applicant or licensee may 23 present to the Department a motion in writing for a rehearing, 24 which shall specify the particular grounds for rehearing. The 25 Department may respond to the motion, or if a motion for

- 1 rehearing is denied, then upon denial, and except as provided
- 2 in Section 20-72 of this Act, the Director Secretary may enter
- 3 an order in accordance with the recommendations of the Board.
- 4 If the applicant or licensee orders from the reporting service
- 5 and pays for a transcript of the record within the time for
- 6 filing a motion for rehearing, then the 20-day period within
- which a motion may be filed shall commence upon the delivery of 7
- 8 the transcript to the applicant or licensee.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)
- 10 (225 ILCS 454/20-65)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 11
- 12 Sec. 20-65. Temporary suspension. The Director Secretary
- 13 may temporarily suspend the license of a licensee without a
- 14 hearing, simultaneously with the institution of proceedings
- 15 for a hearing provided for in Section 20-60 20-61 of this Act,
- if the <u>Director</u> Secretary finds that the evidence indicates 16
- that the public interest, safety, or welfare imperatively 17
- 18 requires emergency action. In the event that the Director
- 19 Secretary temporarily suspends the license without a hearing
- before the Board, a hearing shall be commenced within 30 days 20
- 21 after the suspension has occurred. The suspended licensee may
- 22 seek a continuance of the hearing during which the suspension
- 23 shall remain in effect. The proceeding shall be concluded
- 24 without appreciable delay.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 25

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Sec. 20-66. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Director Secretary has the authority to appoint any attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in any action for refusal to issue, restore, or renew a license or to discipline a licensee. The hearing officer has full authority to conduct the hearing. Any Board member may attend the hearing. The hearing officer shall report his or her findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall review the report of the hearing officer and present its findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations to the Director Secretary and all parties to the proceeding. If the Director Secretary disagrees with a recommendation of the Board or of the hearing officer, then the <u>Director</u> Secretary may issue an order in contravention of the recommendation that must include an explanation for the contravention and shall be delivered to the Board.

19 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)

20 (225 ILCS 454/20-67)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

Sec. 20-67. Order or certified copy; prima facie proof. An order, or certified copy of an order, over the seal of the Department and purporting to be signed by the Director

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- genuine signature of the Director Secretary, (ii) the Director 2
- Secretary is duly appointed and qualified, and (iii) the Board 3
- 4 and its members are qualified to act.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)
- (225 ILCS 454/20-68) 6
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 8 Sec. 20-68. Surrender of license. Upon the revocation or
- 9 suspension of a license, the Department may immediately change
- 10 the status of the licensee's license on the Department's online
- information portal and the licensee shall immediately cease to 11
- 12 engage in licensed activities licensee shall immediately
- 13 surrender his or her license to the Department. If the licensee
- 14 fails to do so, the Department has the right
- 15 license.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 16
- (225 ILCS 454/20-72) 17
- 18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 19 Sec. 20-72. Director Secretary; rehearing. If the Director
- 20 Secretary believes that substantial justice has not been done
- 21 in the revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue, restore, or
- 22 renew a license, or any other discipline of an applicant or
- 23 licensee, then he or she may order a rehearing by the same or
- 24 other examiners.

(Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 1

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Sec. 20-85. Recovery from Real Estate Recovery Fund. The Department shall maintain a Real Estate Recovery Fund from which any person aggrieved by an act, representation, transaction, or conduct of a licensee or unlicensed employee of a licensee that is in violation of this Act or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, constitutes embezzlement of money or property, or results in money or property being unlawfully obtained from any person by false pretenses, artifice, trickery, or forgery or by reason of any fraud, misrepresentation, discrimination, or deceit by or on the part of any such licensee or the unlicensed employee of a licensee and that results in a loss of actual cash money, as opposed to losses in market value, may recover. The aggrieved person may recover, by a post-judgment order of the circuit court of the county where the violation occurred in a proceeding described in Section 20-90 of this Act, an amount of not more than \$250,000 \$25,000 from the Fund for damages sustained by the act, representation, transaction, or conduct, together with costs of suit and attorney's fees incurred in connection therewith of not to exceed 15% of the amount of the recovery ordered paid from the Fund. However, no person may recover the Fund unless the court finds that the person suffered a loss

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resulting from intentional misconduct. The post-judgment order shall not include interest on the judgment. The maximum liability against the Fund arising out of any one act shall be as provided in this Section, and the post-judgment order shall spread the award equitably among all co owners or otherwise aggrieved persons, if any. The maximum liability against the Fund arising out of the activities of any one licensee or one unlicensed employee of a licensee in any one transaction or set of facts that formed the basis of a post-judgment order, since January 1, 1974, shall be \$1,000,000 \$100,000. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize recovery from the Fund unless the loss of the aggrieved person results from an act or omission of a licensee under this Act who was at the time of the act or omission acting in such capacity or was apparently acting in such capacity or their unlicensed employee and unless the aggrieved person has obtained a valid judgment and post-judgment order of the court as provided for in Section 20-90 of this Act.

- (225 ILCS 454/20-90) 20
- 21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 22 Sec. 20-90. Collection from Real Estate Recovery Fund;

(Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-534, eff. 9-22-17.)

- 23 procedure.
- 24 (a) No action for a judgment that subsequently results in a
- 25 post-judgment order for collection from the Real Estate

- 1 Recovery Fund shall be started later than 2 years after the 2 date on which the aggrieved person knew, or through the use of reasonable diligence should have known, of the acts or 3 4 omissions giving rise to a right of recovery from the Real 5 Estate Recovery Fund.
- 6 (b) When any aggrieved person commences action for a judgment that may result in collection from the Real Estate 7 8 Recovery Fund, the aggrieved person must name as parties 9 defendant to that action any and all licensees, their 10 employees, or independent contractors who allegedly committed 11 or are responsible for acts or omissions giving rise to a right of recovery from the Real Estate Recovery Fund. Failure to name 12 13 as parties defendant such licensees, their employees, or 14 independent contractors shall preclude recovery from the Real 15 Estate Recovery Fund of any portion of any judgment received in 16 such an action. These parties defendant shall also include any corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, 17 registered limited liability partnership, or other business 18 associations licensed under this Act that may be responsible 19 20 for acts giving rise to a right of recovery from the Real 2.1 Estate Recovery Fund.
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When any aggrieved person commences action for a judgment that may result in collection from the Real Estate Recovery Fund, and the aggrieved person is unable to obtain legal and proper service upon the parties defendant licensed

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under this Act under the provisions of Illinois law concerning service of process in civil actions, the aggrieved person may petition the court where the action to obtain judgment was begun for an order to allow service of legal process on the Secretary. Service of process on the Secretary shall be taken and held in that court to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the parties defendant licensed under this Act. In case any process mentioned in this Section is served upon the Secretary, the Secretary shall forward a copy of the process by certified mail to the licensee's last address on record with the Department. Any judgment obtained after service of process on the Secretary under this Act shall apply to and be enforceable against the Real Estate Recovery Fund only. The Department may intervene in and defend any such action.

- (e) (Blank).
- (f) The aggrieved person shall give written notice to the Department within 30 days of the entry of any judgment that may result in collection from the Real Estate Recovery Fund. The aggrieved person shall provide the Department with 20 days prior written notice of all supplementary proceedings so as to allow the Department to intervene and participate in all efforts to collect on the judgment in the same manner as any party.
- (g) When any aggrieved person recovers a valid judgment in 26 any court of competent jurisdiction in an action in which the

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court has found the aggrieved person to be injured or otherwise damaged by against any licensee or an unlicensed employee of any licensee as the result of , upon the grounds of fraud, misrepresentation, discrimination, or deceit, or intentional violation of this Act by the licensee or the unlicensed employee of the licensee, the aggrieved person may, upon the termination of all proceedings, including review and appeals in connection with the judgment, file a verified claim in the court in which the judgment was entered and, upon 30 days' written notice to the Department, and to the person against whom the judgment was obtained, may apply to the court for a post-judgment order directing payment from out of the Real Estate Recovery Fund of the amount unpaid upon the judgment, not including interest on the judgment, and subject to the limitations stated in Section 20-85 of this Act. The aggrieved person must set out in that verified claim and prove at an evidentiary hearing to be held by the court upon the application that the claim meets all requirements of Section 20-85 and this Section to be eligible for payment from the Real Estate Recovery Fund and the aggrieved party shall be required to show that the aggrieved person:

- (1) Is not a spouse of the debtor or debtors or the personal representative of such spouse.
- 24 (2) Has complied with all the requirements of this 25 Section.
 - (3) Has obtained a judgment stating the amount thereof

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and the amount owing thereon, not including interest thereon, at the date of the application.

(4) Has made all reasonable searches and inquiries to ascertain whether the judgment debtor or debtors is possessed of real or personal property or other assets, liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the judgment.

(5) By such search has discovered no personal or real property or other assets liable to be sold or applied, or has discovered certain of them, describing them as owned by the judgment debtor or debtors and liable to be so applied and has taken all necessary action and proceedings for the realization thereof, and the amount thereby realized was insufficient to satisfy the judgment, stating the amount so realized and the balance remaining due on the judgment after application of the amount realized.

(6) Has diligently pursued all remedies against all the judgment debtors and all other persons liable to the aggrieved person in the transaction for which recovery is sought from the Real Estate Recovery Fund, including the filing of an adversary action to have the debts declared non-dischargeable in any bankruptcy petition matter filed by any judgment debtor or person liable to the aggrieved person.

(4) Has shown evidence of The aggrieved person shall also be required to prove the amount of attorney's fees

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sought to be recovered and the reasonableness of those fees up to the maximum allowed pursuant to Section 20-85 of this Act. An affidavit from the aggrieved person's attorney shall be sufficient evidence of the attorneys' fees incurred.

- (h) If, after After conducting the evidentiary hearing required under this Section, the court finds the aggrieved party has satisfied the requirements of Section 20-85 and this Section, the court shall, in a post-judgment order directed to the Department, order shall indicate whether requiring payment from the Real Estate Recovery Fund in the amount of the unpaid balance of the aggrieved party's judgment subject appropriate and, if so, the amount it finds to be payable upon the claim, pursuant to and in accordance with the limitations contained in Section 20-85 of this Act, if the court is satisfied, based upon the hearing, of the truth of all matters required to be shown by the aggrieved person under subsection (g) of this Section and that the aggrieved person has fully pursued and exhausted all remedies available for recovering the amount awarded by the judgment of the court.
- (i) (Blank). Should the Department pay from the Real Estate Recovery Fund any amount in settlement of a claim or toward satisfaction of a judgment against any licensee or an unlicensed employee of a licensee, the licensee's license shall be automatically revoked upon the issuance of a post judgment order authorizing payment from the Real Estate Recovery Fund.

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- No petition for restoration of a license shall be heard until repayment has been made in full, plus interest at the rate prescribed in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the amount paid from the Real Estate Recovery Fund on their account, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Section 2105 15 of the Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. A discharge in bankruptcy shall not relieve a person from the penalties and disabilities provided in this subsection (i).
- (j) If, at any time, the money deposited in the Real Estate Recovery Fund is insufficient to satisfy any duly authorized claim or portion thereof, the Department shall, when sufficient money has been deposited in the Real Estate Recovery Fund, satisfy such unpaid claims or portions thereof, in the order that such claims or portions thereof were originally filed, plus accumulated interest at the rate prescribed in Section 12-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09; 97-1002, eff. 8-17-12.) 18
- 19 (225 ILCS 454/25-10)
- 20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 21 Sec. 25-10. Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board; duties. There is created the Real Estate Administration 22 and Disciplinary Board. The Board shall be composed of 15 23 24 persons appointed by the Governor. Members shall be appointed
- 25 to the Board subject to the following conditions:

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- (1) All members shall have been residents and citizens of this State for at least 6 years prior to the date of appointment.
 - (2) Twelve members shall have been actively engaged as managing broker licensees brokers or brokers or both for at least the 10 years prior to the appointment, 2 of whom must possess an active pre-license instructor license.
 - (3) Three members of the Board shall be public members who represent consumer interests.

None of these members shall be (i) a person who is licensed under this Act or a similar Act of another jurisdiction, (ii) the spouse or family member of a licensee, (iii) a person who has an ownership interest in a real estate brokerage business, or (iv) a person the Department determines to have any other connection with a real estate brokerage business or a licensee.

The members' terms shall be for 4 years and expire upon completion of the term. No member shall be reappointed to the Board for a term that would cause his or her cumulative service to the Board to exceed 10 years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. Those members of the Board that satisfy the requirements of paragraph (2) shall be chosen in a manner such that no area of the State shall be unreasonably represented. In making the appointments, Governor shall give due consideration to the recommendations by members and organizations $\circ f$ the profession. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any

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member for cause that in the opinion of the Governor reasonably justifies the termination. Cause for termination shall include without limitation misconduct, incapacity, neglect of duty, or missing 4 board meetings during any one calendar year. Each member of the Board may receive a per diem stipend in an amount to be determined by the Secretary. Each member shall be paid his or her necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of his or her duties. Such compensation and expenses shall be paid out of the Real Estate License Administration Fund.

Secretary shall consider (4)The Director the recommendations of the Board on questions involving standards of professional conduct, discipline, education, and policies and procedures under this Act. With regard to this subject matter, the Director Secretary may establish temporary or permanent committees of the Board and shall may consider the recommendations of the Board on matters that include, but are not limited to, criteria for the licensing and renewal of education providers, pre-license and continuing education instructors, pre-license and continuing education curricula, standards of educational criteria, and qualifications for licensure and renewal of professions, courses, instructors. The Department, after notifying and considering the recommendations of the Board, if any, may issue rules, consistent with the provisions of this Act, for administration and enforcement thereof and may prescribe forms that shall be used in connection therewith. Eight Board members

- 1 shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required for all Board
- 2 decisions.
- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18; 3
- 4 100-886, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 454/25-13)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 6
- 7 Sec. 25-13. Rules. The Department may, after notice to and
- 8 consideration by the Board, seek changes to this Act and after
- 9 notice to and consideration by notifying and considering the
- 10 recommendations of the Board, if any, shall adopt, promulgate,
- 11 and issue any rules that may be necessary for the
- 12 implementation and enforcement of this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.) 13
- 14 (225 ILCS 454/25-14.5 new)
- Sec. 25-14.5. Director of Real Estate. The Director of Real 15
- Estate, created under Executive Order 14-03, shall have the 16
- 17 following duties and responsibilities:
- (1) act as chairperson of the Board, ex officio, 18
- 19 without vote;
- 20 (2) subject to the administrative approval of the
- 21 Secretary, supervise all real estate activities;
- 22 (3) appoint any necessary committees to assist in the
- 23 performance of the functions and duties of the Department
- 24 under this Act; and

1	(4) be authorized to grant variances, as prescribed by
2	rule, from the requirements of this Act or its rules after
3	notice to and receiving the recommendation of the Board.
4	(225 ILCS 454/25-15)
5	(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
6	Sec. 25-15. Real Estate Coordinator; duties. There shall be
7	in the $\underline{\text{Division}}$ $\underline{\text{Department}}$ a Real Estate Coordinator, appointed
8	by the Secretary, who shall hold a currently valid <u>broker</u>
9	broker's license, which shall be surrendered to the Department
10	during the appointment. The Real Estate Coordinator shall have
11	the following duties and responsibilities:
12	(1) act as Chairperson of the Board, ex-officio,
13	without vote;
14	$\underline{(1)}$ be the direct liaison between the Department,
15	the profession, and real estate organizations and
16	associations; and
17	(2) (3) prepare and circulate to licensees any
18	educational and informational material that the Department
19	deems necessary for providing guidance or assistance to
20	licensees. +
21	(4) appoint any necessary committees to assist in the
22	performance of the functions and duties of the Department
23	under this Act; and
24	(5) subject to the administrative approval of the
25	Secretary, supervise all real estate activities.

- 1 In designating the Real Estate Coordinator, the Secretary
- shall give due consideration to recommendations by members and 2
- organizations of the profession. 3
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)
- 5 (225 ILCS 454/25-25)
- (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020) 6
- Sec. 25-25. Real Estate Research and Education Fund. A 7 8 special fund to be known as the Real Estate Research and 9 Education Fund is created and shall be held in trust in the 10 State Treasury. Annually, on September 15th, the State Treasurer shall cause a transfer of \$125,000 to the Real Estate 11 12 Research and Education Fund from the Real Estate License Administration Fund. The Real Estate Research and Education 13 14 Fund shall be administered by the Department. Money deposited 15 in the Real Estate Research and Education Fund may be used for research and education at state institutions of higher 16 17 education or other organizations for research and the advancement of education in the real estate industry. Of the 18 19 \$125,000 annually transferred into the Real Estate Research and Education Fund, \$30,000 \$15,000 shall be used to fund a 20 21 scholarship program for persons of minority racial origin who 22 wish to pursue a course of study in the field of real estate. 23 For the purposes of this Section, "course of study" means a 24 course or courses that are part of a program of courses in the 25 field of real estate designed to further an individual's

1 knowledge or expertise in the field of real estate. These courses shall include without limitation courses that a broker 2 3 licensed under this Act must complete to qualify for a managing 4 broker licensee broker's license, courses required to obtain a 5 professional designation offered by a not-for-profit, education-based organization the Graduate Realtors Institute 6 7 designation, and any other courses or programs offered by accredited colleges, universities, or other institutions of 8 9 higher education in Illinois. The scholarship program shall be 10 administered by the Department or its designee. Moneys in the 11 Real Estate Research and Education Fund may be invested and reinvested in the same manner as funds in the Real Estate 12 13 Recovery Fund and all earnings, interest, and dividends 14 received from such investments shall be deposited in the Real 15 Estate Research and Education Fund and may be used for the same 16 purposes as moneys transferred to the Real Estate Research and 17 Education Fund. Moneys in the Real Estate Research and 18 Education Fund may be transferred to the Professions Indirect Cost Fund as authorized under Section 2105 300 of 19 20 Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil 2.1 Administrative Code of Illinois. 22 (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15.)

23 (225 ILCS 454/25-35)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)

25 Sec. 25-35. Real Estate Recovery Fund. A special fund to be

1 known as the Real Estate Recovery Fund is created in the State 2 Treasury. All fines and penalties received by the Department 3 pursuant to Article 20 of this Act shall be deposited into the 4 State Treasury and held in the Real Estate Recovery Fund. The 5 money in the Real Estate Recovery Fund shall be used by the Department exclusively for carrying out 6 the established by this Act. If, at any time, the balance remaining 7 8 in the Real Estate Recovery Fund is less than \$1,000,000 \$750,000, the State Treasurer shall cause a transfer of moneys 9 10 to the Real Estate Recovery Fund from the Real Estate License 11 Administration Fund in an amount necessary to establish a balance of \$1,000,000 \$800,000 in the Real Estate Recovery 12 13 Fund. These funds may be invested and reinvested in the same 14 manner as authorized for pension funds in Article 1 of the 15 Illinois Pension Code. All earnings, interest, and dividends 16 received from investment of funds in the Real Estate Recovery 17 shall be deposited into the Real Estate License 18 Administration Fund and shall be used for the same purposes as 19 other moneys deposited in the Real Estate License 20 Administration Fund.

(Source: P.A. 96-856, eff. 12-31-09.)

- 22 (225 ILCS 454/30-5)
- 23 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 24 Sec. 30-5. Licensing of real estate education providers and
- 25 instructors.

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- 1 (a) No person shall operate an education provider entity 2 without possessing a valid and active license issued by the 3 Department. Only education providers in possession of a valid 4 education provider license may provide real 5 pre-license, post-license, or continuing education courses 6 that satisfy the requirements of this Act. Every person that desires to obtain an education provider license shall make 7 8 application to the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department and pay the fee prescribed by rule. In addition 9 10 to any other information required to be contained in the 11 application as prescribed by rule, every application for an original or renewed license shall include the applicant's 12 13 Social Security number or tax identification number.
- 14 (b) (Blank).
- 15 (c) (Blank).
- 16 (d) (Blank).
- 17 (e) (Blank).
- To qualify for an education provider license, an 18 19 applicant must demonstrate the following:
- 20 (1)а sound financial base for establishing, 2.1 promoting, and delivering the necessary courses; budget 22 planning for the school's courses should be clearly 23 projected;
- 24 sufficient number of qualified, (2) а licensed instructors as provided by rule; 25
- 26 adequate support personnel to assist (3)

1	administrative matters and technical assistance;
2	(4) maintenance and availability of records of
3	participation for licensees;
4	(5) the ability to provide each participant who
5	successfully completes an approved program with a
6	certificate of completion that shall include the program
7	that was completed, the completion date, the course number,
8	and the student's and education provider's license numbers
9	signed by the administrator of a licensed education
10	provider on forms provided by the Department;
11	(6) a written policy dealing with procedures for the
12	management of grievances and fee refunds;
13	(7) lesson plans and examinations, if applicable, for
14	each course;
15	(8) a 75% passing grade for successful completion of
16	any continuing education course or pre-license or
17	post-license examination, if required;
18	(9) the ability to identify and use instructors who
19	will teach in a planned program; instructor selections must
20	demonstrate:
21	(A) appropriate credentials;
22	(B) competence as a teacher;
23	(C) knowledge of content area; and
24	(D) qualification by experience.
25	Unless otherwise provided for in this Section, the

education provider shall provide a proctor or an electronic

- 1 means of proctoring for each examination; the education
- provider shall be responsible for the conduct of the proctor;
- the duties and responsibilities of a proctor shall be 3
- 4 established by rule.
- 5 Unless otherwise provided for in this Section,
- education provider must provide for closed book examinations 6
- 7 for each course unless the Department, upon the recommendation
- 8 of the Board, excuses this requirement based on the complexity
- 9 of the course material.
- 10 (g) Advertising and promotion of education activities must
- 11 be carried out in a responsible fashion clearly showing the
- educational objectives of the activity, the nature of the 12
- 13 audience that may benefit from the activity, the cost of the
- 14 activity to the participant and the items covered by the cost,
- 15 the amount of credit that can be earned, and the credentials of
- 16 the faculty.
- (h) The Department may, or upon request of the Board shall, 17
- after notice, cause an education provider to attend an informal 18
- conference before the Board for failure to comply with any 19
- 20 requirement for licensure or for failure to comply with any
- provision of this Act or the rules for the administration of 2.1
- this Act. The Board shall make a recommendation to the 22
- 23 Department as a result of its findings at the conclusion of any
- 24 such informal conference.
- 25 (i) All education providers shall maintain these minimum
- 26 criteria and pay the required fee in order to retain their

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- 2 The Department may adopt any administrative rule 3 consistent with the language and intent of this Act that may be 4 necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this
- 5 Section.
- (Source: P.A. 100-188, eff. 1-1-18; 100-831, eff. 1-1-19.) 6
- 7 (225 ILCS 454/30-15)
- 8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 9 Sec. 30-15. Licensing of education providers; approval of
- 10 courses.
- 11 (a) (Blank).
- 12 (b) (Blank).
- 13 (c) (Blank).
- 14 (d) (Blank).
- 15 (e) (Blank).
- (a) (f) All education providers shall submit, at the time 16 17 of initial application and with each license renewal, a list of courses with course materials that comply with the course 18 19 requirements in this Act to be offered by the education 20 provider. The Department may establish an online mechanism by 21 which education providers may submit for approval by the 22 Department upon the recommendation of the Board or its designee 23 pre-license, post-license, or continuing education courses 24 that are submitted after the time of the education provider's 25 initial license application or renewal. The Department shall

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provide to each education provider a certificate for each approved pre-license, post-license, or continuing education course. All pre-license, post-license, or continuing education courses shall be valid for the period coinciding with the term of license of the education provider. However, in no case shall a course continue to be valid if it does not, at all times, meet all of the requirements of the core curriculum established by this Act and the Board, as modified from time to time in accordance with this Act. All education providers shall provide a copy of the certificate of the pre-license, post-license, or continuing education course within the course materials given to each student or shall display a copy of the certificate of the pre-license, post-license, or continuing education course in a conspicuous place at the location of the class.

(b) (g) Each education provider shall provide to the Department a report in a frequency and format determined by the Department, with information concerning students who successfully completed all approved pre-license, post-license, or continuing education courses offered by the education provider.

(c) (h) The Department, upon the recommendation of the Board, may temporarily suspend a licensed education provider's approved courses without hearing and refuse to accept successful completion of or participation in any of these pre-license, post-license, or continuing education courses for education credit from that education provider upon the failure

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of that education provider to comply with the provisions of this Act or the rules for the administration of this Act, until such time as the Department receives satisfactory assurance of compliance. The Department shall notify the education provider of the noncompliance and may initiate disciplinary proceedings pursuant to this Act. The Department may refuse to issue, suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline the license of an education provider or may withdraw approval of a pre-license, post-license, or continuing education course for good cause. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Section or any other requirements established by rule shall be deemed to be good cause. Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted by the Board in the same manner as other disciplinary proceedings under this Act.

- (d) (i) Pre-license, post-license, and continuing education courses, whether submitted for approval at the time of an education provider's initial application for licensure or otherwise, must meet the following minimum course requirements:
 - (1) No continuing education course shall be required to be taught in increments longer than <u>one hour 2 hours</u> in duration; however, for each <u>one hour 2 hours</u> of course time in each course, there shall be a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction.
 - (2) All core curriculum courses shall be provided only in the classroom or through a live, interactive webinar or

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- (3) Courses provided through a live, interactive webinar shall require all participants to demonstrate their attendance in and attention to the course by answering or responding to at least one polling question per 50 30 minutes of course instruction. In no event shall the interval between polling questions exceed 30 minutes.
- (4) All participants in courses provided in an online distance education format shall demonstrate proficiency with the subject matter of the course through verifiable responses to questions included in the course content.
- (5) Credit for courses completed in a classroom or through a live, interactive webinar or online distance education format shall not require an examination.
- Credit for courses provided correspondence, or by home study, shall require the passage of an in-person, proctored examination.
- (e) (j) The Department is authorized to engage a third party as the Board's designee to perform the functions specifically provided for in subsection (a) (f) of this Section, namely that of administering the online system for receipt, review, and approval or denial of new courses.
- (f) (k) The Department may adopt any administrative rule consistent with the language and intent of this Act that may be necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this Section.

- (Source: P.A. 99-227, eff. 8-3-15; 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.) 1
- 2 (225 ILCS 454/30-25)
- 3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2020)
- 4 Sec. 30-25. Licensing of education provider instructors.
- (a) No person shall act as either a pre-license or 5
- continuing education instructor without possessing a valid 6
- 7 pre-license or continuing education instructor license and
- 8 satisfying any other qualification criteria established by the
- 9 Department by rule.
- 10 (a-5) Each person that is an instructor for pre-license,
- continuing education core curriculum, or broker management 11
- 12 education courses shall meet specific criteria established by
- 13 the Department by rule. Those persons who have not met the
- 14 criteria shall only teach continuing education elective
- 15 curriculum courses.
- 16 (b) Every person who desires to obtain an education
- provider instructor's license shall attend and successfully 17
- 18 complete a one-day instructor development workshop,
- 19 approved by the Department. However, pre-license instructors
- who have complied with subsection (b) of this Section 30-25 20
- 21 shall not be required to complete the instructor workshop in
- order to teach continuing education elective curriculum 22
- 23 courses.
- 24 (b-5) The term of licensure for a pre-license or continuing
- 25 education instructor shall be 2 years and as established by

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rule. Every person who desires to obtain a pre-license or continuing education instructor license shall make application to the Department in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, accompanied by the fee prescribed by rule. In addition to any other information required to be contained in the application, every application for an original license shall include the applicant's Social Security number, which shall be retained in the agency's records pertaining to the license. As soon as practical, the Department shall assign a customer's identification number to each applicant for a license.

Every application for a renewal or restored license shall require the applicant's customer identification number.

The Department shall issue a pre-license or continuing education instructor license to applicants who qualification criteria established by this Act or rule.

(c) The Department may refuse to issue, suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline a pre-license or continuing education instructor for good cause. Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted by the Board in the same manner as other disciplinary proceedings under this Act. All pre-license instructors must teach at least one pre-license or continuing education core curriculum course within the period of licensure as requirement for renewal of the instructor's license. All continuing education instructors must teach at least one course within the period of licensure or take an instructor training

- 1 program approved by the Department in lieu thereof as a
- 2 requirement for renewal of the instructor's license.
- 3 (d) Each course transcript submitted by an education
- 4 provider to the Department shall include the name and license
- 5 number of the pre-license or continuing education instructor
- 6 for the course.
- 7 (e) Licensed education provider instructors may teach for
- 8 more than one licensed education provider.
- 9 The Department may adopt any administrative rule
- 10 consistent with the language and intent of this Act that may be
- necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this 11
- Section. 12
- 13 (Source: P.A. 100-188, eff. 1-1-18.)
- 14 (225 ILCS 454/10-35 rep.)
- 15 (225 ILCS 454/20-22 rep.)
- (225 ILCS 454/25-37 rep.) 16
- Section 15. The Real Estate License Act of 2000 is amended 17
- by repealing Sections 10-35, 20-22, and 25-37. 18
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 19
- 20 becoming law.".