

SENATE BILL NO. 230—SENATOR DENIS

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certain real estate professions. (BDR 54-311)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to real estate; revising provisions relating to the contents of advertisements by real estate licensees; revising provisions governing the information which must be included in an application for a license as real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson; requiring certain information to be shown on a real estate license under certain circumstances; revising provisions governing the maintenance of certain licenses by real estate brokers and owner-developers; revising provisions governing certain regulations of the Real Estate Commission relating to the curriculum and subject matter of continuing education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires certain information to be included in an application for a license as a real estate broker, real estate broker salesperson or real estate salesperson. (NRS 645.350) **Section 2** of this bill requires an application to include the nickname of an applicant if he or she intends to use that nickname in the course of business.

Existing law sets forth certain required contents for a license issued by the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry. (NRS 645.520) **Section 3** of this bill requires the license to show the nickname of the licensee if a nickname was provided in his or her application for the license.

Existing law sets forth certain requirements for advertisements by persons who are licensed by the Real Estate Division. (NRS 645.315) **Section 1** of this bill: (1) requires a licensee to include his or her license number in any such advertisement; and (2) authorizes a licensee to advertise under a nickname which is set forth on his or her license.



Existing law requires a real estate broker or owner-developer to prominently display in his or her place of business the licenses of all real estate broker-salespersons and real estate salespersons who are associated with the broker or employed by the owner-developer, as applicable. (NRS 645.530) **Section 4** of this bill eliminates that requirement and instead requires the licenses to be kept in a secure manner and, upon request, made available for inspection by the public and the Real Estate Division during usual business hours.

Existing law authorizes the Real Estate Commission to establish by regulation a postlicensing curriculum of continuing education which must be completed by a person within the first year immediately after initial licensing of the person. (NRS 645.575) **Section 5** of this bill: (1) requires the Commission to adopt regulations which set forth certain subject matter in continuing education which must be completed by certain licensees and provide for an exemption from such subject matter requirements for a person who is 70 years of age or older and who has been licensed as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson for 30 years or more; and (2) authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations which require a person to complete the postlicensing curriculum before the person may list or write a contract for the sale of a parcel of real estate.

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

Section 1. NRS 645.315 is hereby amended to read as follows:
645.315 1. In any advertisement through which a licensee offers to perform services for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter, the licensee shall ~~§~~ *include his or her license number and:*

(a) If the licensee is a real estate broker, disclose the name of any brokerage under which the licensee does business; or

(b) If the licensee is a real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson, disclose the name of the brokerage with whom the licensee is associated.

2. If a licensee is a real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson, the licensee shall not advertise solely under the licensee's own name when acting in the capacity as a broker-salesperson or salesperson. All such advertising must be done under the direct supervision of and in the name of the brokerage with whom the licensee is associated.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a licensee may advertise under a nickname which is set forth on his or her license.

Sec. 2. NRS 645.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.350 1. An application for a license as a real estate broker, broker-salesperson or salesperson must be submitted in writing to the Division upon blanks prepared or furnished by the Division.



2. Every application for a real estate broker's, broker-salesperson's or salesperson's license must set forth the following information:

(a) The name, age and address of the applicant. *If the applicant is a natural person who intends to use his or her nickname in the course of business, the application must contain that nickname.* If the applicant is a partnership or an association which is applying to do business as a real estate broker, the application must contain the name and address of each member thereof. If the application is for a corporation which is applying to do business as a real estate salesperson, real estate broker-salesperson or real estate broker, the application must contain the name and address of each officer and director thereof. If the applicant is a limited-liability company which is applying to do business as a real estate broker, the company's articles of organization must designate a manager, and the name and address of the manager and each member must be listed in the application.

(b) In the case of a broker, the name under which the business is to be conducted. The name is a fictitious name if it does not contain the name of the applicant or the names of the members of the applicant's company, firm, partnership or association. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 645.387, a license must not be issued under a fictitious name which includes the name of a real estate salesperson or broker-salesperson. A license must not be issued under the same fictitious name to more than one licensee within the State. All licensees doing business under a fictitious name shall comply with other pertinent statutory regulations regarding the use of fictitious names.

(c) In the case of a broker, the place or places, including the street number, city and county, where the business is to be conducted.

(d) The business or occupation engaged in by the applicant for at least 2 years immediately preceding the date of the application, and the location thereof.

(e) The time and place of the applicant's previous experience in the real estate business as a broker or salesperson.

(f) Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of or is under indictment for a felony or has entered a plea of guilty, guilty but mentally ill or nolo contendere to a charge of felony and, if so, the nature of the felony.

(g) Whether the applicant has been convicted of or entered a plea of nolo contendere to forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, engaging in the business of selling real estate without a license or any crime involving moral turpitude.



(h) Whether the applicant has been refused a real estate broker's, broker-salesperson's or salesperson's license in any state, or whether his or her license as a broker or salesperson has been revoked or suspended by any other state, district or territory of the United States or any other country.

(i) If the applicant is a member of a limited-liability company, partnership or association, or an officer of a corporation, the name and address of the office of the limited-liability company, partnership, association or corporation of which the applicant is a member or officer.

(j) All information required to complete the application.

3. An applicant for a license as a broker-salesperson or salesperson shall provide a verified statement from the broker with whom the applicant will be associated, expressing the intent of that broker to associate the applicant with the broker and to be responsible for the applicant's activities as a licensee.

4. If a limited-liability company, partnership or association is to do business as a real estate broker, the application for a broker's license must be verified by at least two members thereof. If a corporation is to do business as a real estate broker, the application must be verified by the president and the secretary thereof.

Sec. 3. NRS 645.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.520 1. The Division shall issue to each licensee a license in such form and size as is prescribed by the Division.

2. Each license must:

(a) Show the name and address of the licensee ~~and~~ *and his or her address, if provided in his or her application for the license pursuant to NRS 645.350, the nickname of the licensee.*

(b) *In the* case of a real estate broker-salesperson's or salesperson's license, show the name of the real estate broker with whom he or she will be associated.

~~(c)~~ (c) Have imprinted thereon the seal of the Division.

~~(d)~~ (d) Contain any additional matter prescribed by the Division.

3. No real estate broker-salesperson or salesperson may be associated with or employed by more than one broker or owner-developer at the same time.

Sec. 4. NRS 645.530 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.530 1. The license of each real estate broker-salesperson or salesperson must be delivered or mailed to the real estate broker with whom the licensee is associated or to the owner-developer by whom the licensee is employed and must be kept in the custody and control of the broker or owner-developer.

2. Each real estate broker shall:



(a) Display his or her license conspicuously in the broker's place of business. If a real estate broker maintains more than one place of business within the State, an additional license must be issued to the broker for each branch office so maintained by the broker, and the additional license must be displayed conspicuously in each branch office.

(b) ~~[(Prominently display)]~~ *Maintain* in his or her place of business the licenses of all real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons associated with him or her therein or in connection therewith. *The licenses must be kept in a secure manner and, upon request, made available for inspection by the public and the Division during usual business hours.*

3. Each owner-developer shall ~~[(prominently display)]~~ *maintain* in his or her place of business the license of each real estate broker-salesperson and salesperson employed by him or her. *The licenses must be kept in a secure manner and, upon request, made available for inspection by the public and the Division during usual business hours.*

Sec. 5. NRS 645.575 is hereby amended to read as follows:

645.575 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations that prescribe the standards for the continuing education of persons licensed pursuant to this chapter.

2. The standards adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must permit alternatives of subject material, taking cognizance of specialized areas of practice and alternatives in sources of programs considering availability in area and time. The standards must include, where qualified, generally accredited educational institutions, private vocational schools, educational programs and seminars of professional societies and organizations, other organized educational programs on technical subjects, or equivalent offerings. The Commission shall qualify only those educational courses that it determines address the appropriate subject matter and are given by an accredited university or community college. Subject to the provisions of this section, the Commission has exclusive authority to determine what is an appropriate subject matter for qualification as a continuing education course.

3. In addition to any other standards for continuing education that the Commission adopts by regulation pursuant to this section, the Commission ~~[(may)]~~ *:*

(a) Shall, without limitation, adopt by regulation standards for continuing education that set forth certain subject matter which must be completed by every person who is licensed as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson. Standards which are adopted pursuant to this section must authorize a person who is 70 years of age or older and has been



1 *licensed as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson or*
2 *real estate salesperson for 30 years or longer to apply to the*
3 *Division for an exemption from any requirement to complete*
4 *continuing education other than the subject matter which is set*
5 *forth in regulations adopted pursuant to this paragraph.*

6 (b) May, without limitation, adopt by regulation standards for
7 continuing education that:

8 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Establish a postlicensing curriculum of continuing
9 education which must be completed by a person within the first year
10 immediately after initial licensing of the person.

11 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) *Require a person to complete the postlicensing*
12 *curriculum of continuing education established by the*
13 *Commission pursuant to subparagraph (1) before the person may*
14 *list or write a contract for the sale of a parcel of real estate. The*
15 *person may engage in any other activity which is authorized by his*
16 *or her license and this chapter and the regulations adopted*
17 *pursuant thereto.*

18 (3) Require a person whose license as a real estate broker or
19 real estate broker-salesperson has been placed on inactive status for
20 any reason for 1 year or more or has been suspended or revoked to
21 complete a course of instruction in broker management that is
22 designed to fulfill the educational requirements for issuance of a
23 license which are described in paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS
24 645.343, before the person's license is reissued or reinstated.

25 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection ~~[(c)]~~ *and*
26 *regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 3*, the
27 license of a real estate broker, broker-salesperson or salesperson
28 must not be renewed or reinstated unless the Administrator finds
29 that the applicant for the renewal license or for reinstatement to
30 active status has completed the continuing education required by
31 this chapter. Any amendment or repeal of a regulation does not
32 operate to prevent an applicant from complying with this section for
33 the next licensing period following the amendment or repeal.

34 **Sec. 6.** 1. Any person who is initially licensed by the Real
35 Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry
36 pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS before July 1, 2019, is exempt from
37 regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of
38 subsection 3 of section 5 of this act.

39 2. The Real Estate Commission may exempt any person who is
40 initially licensed by the Real Estate Division of the Department of
41 Business and Industry pursuant to chapter 645 of NRS on or after
42 July 1, 2019, and before the effective date of regulations adopted by
43 the Commission pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of section
44 5 of this act from the applicability of those regulations.



1 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.



