

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 786

By: Herbert of the Senate

and

Bastin and Sullivan  
(Leonard) of the House

An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 858-208, as last  
amended by Section 2, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1994,  
858-305 and 858-312, as last amended by Section 4,  
Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1995,  
Sections 858-208 and 858-312), which relate to  
licensure of real estate professionals; clarifying  
language; authorizing Oklahoma Real Estate  
Commission to prescribe certain administrative fees  
by rule; removing power of Commission to retain  
jurisdiction over certain persons; modifying gender  
references; including violation of certain law in  
list of acts used to establish cause; and providing  
an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 858-208, as  
last amended by Section 2, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp.  
1995, Section 858-208), is amended to read as follows:

Section 858-208. The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission shall have  
the following powers and duties:

1. To promulgate rules, prescribe administrative fees by rule,  
and make orders as it may deem necessary or expedient in the  
performance of its duties. Administrative fees as referred to in  
this paragraph do not include the fees enumerated in Sections 858-  
307.1 and 858-602 of this title;

2. To administer examinations to persons who apply for the  
issuance of licenses;

3. To sell to other entities or governmental bodies, not  
limited to the State of Oklahoma, computer testing and license  
applications to recover expended research and development costs;

4. To issue licenses in the form the Commission may prescribe to persons who have passed examinations or who otherwise are entitled to such licenses;

5. To issue licenses to and regulate the activities of real estate brokers, provisional sales associates, sales associates, branch offices, nonresidents, associations, corporations, and partnerships;

6. Upon showing good cause as provided for in The Oklahoma Real Estate License Code, to discipline licensees, instructors and real estate school entities by:

- a. reprimand,
- b. probation for a specified period of time,
- c. requiring education in addition to the educational requirements provided by Section 858-307.2 of this title,
- d. suspending real estate licenses and approvals for specified periods of time,
- e. revoking real estate licenses and approvals,
- f. imposing administrative fines pursuant to Section 858-402 of this title, or
- g. any combination of discipline as provided by subparagraphs a through f of this paragraph;

7. Upon showing good cause, to modify any sanction imposed pursuant to the provisions of this section and to reinstate licenses;

8. To conduct proceedings for discipline, for cause, of licensees and for reinstatement of licenses or modification of sanctions imposed;

9. To prescribe penalties as it may deem proper to be assessed against licensees for the failure to pay the license renewal fees as provided for in this Code;

10. To cause the prosecution of any person who violates any of the provisions of this Code;

11. To approve instructors and organizations offering courses of study in real estate and to further require them to meet standards to remain qualified as is necessary for the administration of this Code;

12. To contract with attorneys and other professionals to carry out the functions and purposes of this Code; and

13. To apply for injunctions and restraining orders for violations of the Code or the rules of the Commission.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 858-305, is amended to read as follows:

Section 858-305. A. The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission may license as a real estate broker any association or corporation in which the managing member or managing officer holds a license as a real estate broker, as defined in this Code, and in which every member, officer or employee who acts as a real estate broker or real estate sales associate holds a license for that purpose, as defined in this Code. The Commission may license as a real estate broker any partnership in which each partner holds a license as a real estate broker, as defined in this Code.

B. Application for licenses described in this section shall be made on forms prescribed by the Commission and shall be issued pursuant to rules promulgated by the Commission.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 858-312, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1994 (59 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 858-312), is amended to read as follows:

Section 858-312. The Oklahoma Real Estate Commission may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon written complaint filed by any person, investigate the business transactions of any real estate broker or real estate sales associate, and may, upon showing good cause, impose sanctions as provided for in Section 858-208 of this

title. Cause shall be established upon the showing that any licensee has performed, is performing, has attempted to perform, or is attempting to perform any of the following acts:

1. Making a materially false or fraudulent statement in an application for a license;

2. Making substantial misrepresentations or false promises in the conduct of business, or through real estate licensees, or advertising, which are intended to influence, persuade, or induce others;

3. Acting for more than one party in a transaction without the knowledge of all parties for whom the licensee acts;

4. Accepting a commission or other valuable consideration as a real estate associate for the performance of any acts as a real estate associate, except from the real estate broker with whom the licensee is associated;

5. Representing or attempting to represent a real estate broker other than the broker with whom the licensee is associated without the express knowledge and consent of the broker with whom the licensee is associated;

6. Failing, within a reasonable time, to account for or to remit any monies, documents, or other property coming into possession of the licensee which belong to others;

7. Paying a commission or valuable consideration to any person for acts or services performed in violation of this Code;

8. Any other conduct which constitutes untrustworthy, improper, fraudulent, or dishonest dealings;

9. Disregarding or violating any provision of this Code;

10. Guaranteeing or having authorized or permitted any real estate broker or associate to guarantee future profits which may result from the resale of real estate;

11. Advertising or offering for sale, rent or lease any real estate, or placing a sign on any real estate offering it for sale, rent or lease without the consent of the owner or the owner's authorized representative;

12. Soliciting, selling, or offering for sale real estate by offering "free lots", conducting lotteries or contests, or offering prizes for the purpose of influencing a purchaser or prospective purchaser of real estate;

13. Accepting employment or compensation for appraising real estate contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or issuing any appraisal report on real estate in which the licensee has an interest unless his or her interest is disclosed in the report. All appraisals will be in compliance with the Oklahoma real estate appraisal law, and the person performing the appraisal or report will disclose to the employer whether the person performing the appraisal or report is licensed or certified by the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraisal Board;

14. Paying a commission or any other valuable consideration to any person for performing the services of a real estate broker or associate as defined in this Code who has not first secured a real estate license pursuant to this Code;

15. Unworthiness to act as a real estate broker or associate, whether of the same or of a different character as specified in this section, or because the real estate broker or associate has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;

16. Commingling with the licensee's own money or property the money or property of others which is received and held by the licensee, unless the money or property of others is received by the licensee and held in an escrow account that contains only money or property of others;

17. Having been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any provision of the federal fair housing laws, 42 U.S.C. Section 3601 et seq.;

18. Failing, within a reasonable time after the receipt of a commission by a real estate broker, to render an accounting to and pay to a real estate licensee his or her earned share of the commission received;

19. Having been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction in this or any other state of the crime of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, fraud, or any similar offense or offenses, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense or offenses;

20. Advertising to buy, sell, rent, or exchange any real estate without disclosing that he or she is a real estate licensee;

21. Paying any part of a fee, commission, or other valuable consideration received by a real estate broker or associate licensed pursuant to this Code for services performed by the licensee in buying, selling, exchanging, leasing, or renting of any real estate, to any person not licensed;

22. Offering, loaning, paying, or making to appear to have been paid, a down payment or earnest money deposit for a purchaser or seller in connection with a real estate transaction; and

23. Violating the Residential Property Condition Disclosure Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.