STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
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An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending Section 9, Chapter 469, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2093), which relates to mortgage brokers; modifying certain continuing education requirements; amending 40 O.S. 2001, Section 1-210, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 102, O.S.L. 2004 (40 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1-210), which relates to Employment Security Act definitions; modifying definition; amending 85 O.S. 2001, Section 2.1, which relates to Workers' Compensation; adding certain persons excluded from Workers' Compensation Act; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 469, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2093), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2093. A. ~~Beginning July 1, 2006, as~~ As a condition of renewal or reactivation of the mortgage broker license, each licensee shall submit to the Administrator evidence of completion of a specified number of hours of continuing education courses approved by the Administrator, within the ~~thirty-six (36) months immediately~~ preceding ~~the~~ term for which the license is to be issued. The number of hours, or its equivalent, required for each licensed term shall be determined by the Mortgage Broker Advisory Committee and promulgated by rule. Each licensee shall be required to complete and include as part of said continuing education a certain number of required subjects as prescribed by rule.

B. The continuing education courses required by this section shall be satisfied by courses approved by the Administrator and offered by:

1. The Commission;

2. A technology center school;

3. A college or university;

4. A private school;

5. The Oklahoma Association of Mortgage Brokers, the National Association of Mortgage Brokers, or any affiliate thereof;

6. The Oklahoma Bar Association, American Bar Association, or any affiliate thereof; or

7. An education provider.

C. The Administrator shall maintain a list of courses which are approved by the Administrator.

D. The Administrator shall not issue an active renewal license or reactivate a license unless the continuing education requirement set forth in this section is satisfied within the prescribed time period.

E. The provisions of this section do not apply:

1. During the period a license is on inactive status; or

2. To a nonresident licensee licensed in this state if the licensee maintains a current license in another state and has satisfied the continuing education requirement for license renewal in that state.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 40 O.S. 2001, Section 1-210, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 102, O.S.L. 2004 (40 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1-210), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-210. EMPLOYMENT.

"Employment" means:

(1) Any service, including service in interstate commerce, performed by:

(a) any officer of a corporation; or

(b) any individual who, under the usual common-law rules applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee.

(2) (a) any service, including service in interstate commerce, performed by any individual other than an individual who is an employee under paragraph (1) of this section who performs services for remuneration for any person:

(i) as an agent-driver or commission-driver engaged in distributing meat products, vegetable products, fruit products, bakery products, beverages other than milk, or laundry or dry cleaning services, for his or her principal; or

(ii) as a traveling or city salesperson, other than as an agent-driver or commission-driver, engaged upon a full-time basis in the solicitation on behalf of, and the transmission to, his or her principal, except for sideline sales activities on behalf of some other person, of orders from wholesalers, retailers, contractors, or operators of hotels, restaurants or other similar establishments for merchandise for resale or supplies for use in their business operations;

(b) provided, the term "employment" shall include services described in divisions (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (a) of this paragraph if:

(i) the contract of service contemplates that substantially all of the services are to be performed personally by such individual;

(ii) the individual does not have a substantial investment in facilities used in connection with the performance of the services, other than in facilities for transportation; and

(iii) the services are not in the nature of a single transaction that is not part of a continuing relationship with the person for whom the services are performed.

(3) Service performed in the employ of this state or any of its instrumentalities or any political subdivision thereof or any of its instrumentalities or any instrumentality of more than one of the foregoing or any instrumentality of any of the foregoing and one or more other states or political subdivisions; provided, that such service is excluded from "employment" as defined in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C., Section 3306(c)(7), and is not excluded from "employment" under paragraph (7) of this section.

(4) Service performed by an individual in the employ of a community chest, fund, foundation or corporation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which does not participate in, or intervene in, including the publishing or distributing of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; provided that such organization had four or more individuals in employment for some portion of a day in each of twenty (20) different weeks, whether or not such weeks were consecutive, within either the calendar year or preceding calendar year, regardless of whether they were employed at the same moment of time.

(5) Service performed by an individual in agricultural labor as defined in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (15) of this section when:

(a) such service is performed for a person who:

(i) during any calendar quarter in either the calendar year or the preceding calendar year, paid remuneration in cash of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) or more to individuals employed in agricultural labor; or

(ii) for some portion of a day in each of twenty (20) different calendar weeks, whether or not such weeks were consecutive, in either the calendar year or the preceding calendar year, employed in agricultural labor ten or more individuals, regardless of whether they were employed at the same moment of time.

(b) for the purposes of this paragraph any individual who is a member of a crew furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person shall be treated as an employee of such crew leader:

(i) if such crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act of 1963, Public Law 95-562, 29 U.S.C., Sections 1801 through 1872; or substantially all the members of such crew operate or maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or crop-dusting equipment, or any other mechanized equipment, which is provided by such crew leader; and

(ii) if such individual is not an employee of such other person within the meaning of paragraph (1) of this section or subparagraph (d) of this paragraph.

(c) for the purposes of this paragraph, in the case of any individual who is furnished by a crew leader to

perform service in agricultural labor for any other person and who is not treated as an employee of such crew leader under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph:

(i) such other person and not the crew leader shall be treated as the employer of such individual; and

(ii) such other person shall be treated as having paid cash remuneration to such individual in an amount equal to the amount of cash remuneration paid to such individual by the crew leader, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of such other person, for the service in agricultural labor performed for such other person.

(d) for the purposes of this paragraph, the term "crew leader" means an individual who:

(i) furnishes individuals to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person;

(ii) pays, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of such other person, the individuals so furnished by the crew leader for the service in agricultural labor performed by them; and

(iii) has not entered into a written agreement with such other person (farm operator) under which such individual is designated as an employee of such other person.

(6) The term "employment" shall include domestic service in a private home, local college club or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority performed for a person who paid cash remuneration of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) or more in the calendar year or the preceding calendar year to individuals employed in such domestic service in any calendar quarter.

(7) For the purposes of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this section the term "employment" does not apply to service performed:

(a) in the employ of:

(i) a church or convention or association of churches; or

(ii) an organization which is operated primarily for religious purposes and which is operated, supervised, controlled, or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches;

(b) by a duly ordained, commissioned or licensed minister of a church in the exercise of his or her ministry or by a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such order;

(c) in the employ of a governmental entity referred to in paragraph (3) of this section if such service is performed by an individual in the exercise of duties:

(i) as an elected official;

(ii) as a member of a legislative body, or a member of the judiciary of a state or political subdivision;

(iii) as a member of the State National Guard or Air National Guard;

(iv) as an employee serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, storm, snow, earthquake, flood or similar emergency;

(v) in a position which, under or pursuant to the laws of this state, is designated as a major nontenured policymaking or advisory position, or a policymaking or advisory position the performance of the duties of which ordinarily

does not require more than eight (8) hours per week;

(vi) as an election official or election worker if the amount of remuneration received by the individual during the calendar year for services as an election official or election worker is less than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00);

(d) by an individual receiving rehabilitation or remunerative work while participating or enrolled in a program in a facility that:

(i) conducts a program of rehabilitation for individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by age, physical or mental deficiency, or injury; or

(ii) conducts a program that provides remunerative work for individuals who, because of their impaired mental or physical capacity cannot be readily absorbed into the competitive labor market;

(e) as part of an unemployment work-relief or work-training program assisted or financed in whole or in part by any federal agency or an agency of a state or political subdivision thereof, by an individual receiving such work-relief or work-training; or

(f) by an inmate of a custodial or penal institution.

(8) The term "employment" shall include the service of an individual who is a citizen of the United States, performed outside the United States, except in Canada, in the employ of an American employer other than service which is deemed "employment" under the provisions of paragraphs (11) or (12) of this section or the parallel provisions of another state's law, if:

(a) the employer's principal place of business in the United States is located in this state;

(b) the employer has no place of business in the United States, but:

(i) the employer is an individual who is a resident of this state;

(ii) the employer is a corporation which is organized under the laws of this state; or

(iii) the employer is a partnership or a trust and the number of the partners or trustees who are residents of this state is greater than the number who are residents of any one other state;

(c) none of the criteria of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph are met but the employer has elected coverage in this state or, the employer having failed to elect coverage in any state, the individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on such service, under the law of this state;

(d) an "American employer", for purposes of this subsection, means a person who is:

(i) an individual who is a resident of the United States;

(ii) a partnership if two-thirds or more of the partners are residents of the United States;

(iii) a trust, if all of the trustees are residents of the United States; or

(iv) a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any state; and

(e) the term "United States", for the purposes of this subsection, includes the states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

(9) Notwithstanding paragraph (11) of this section, all service performed by an officer or member of the crew of an American vessel

on or in connection with such vessel, if the operating office, from which the operations of such vessel operating on navigable waters within, or within and without, the United States are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed and controlled is within this state.

(10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Employment Security Act of 1980, "employment":

(a) includes any service with respect to which a tax is required to be paid under any federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund; and

(b) includes any service which is required to be "employment" for full tax credit to be allowed against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act of 1954, Public Law 591, Chapter 736, as amended, 26 U.S.C., Section 3301 et seq.

(11) The term "employment" shall include an individual's entire service, performed within or both within and without this state if:

(a) the service is localized in this state; or

(b) the service is not localized in any state but some of the service is performed in this state and:

(i) the individual's base of operations, or, if there is no base of operations, then the place from which the individual's employment is directed or controlled is in this state; or

(ii) the individual's base of operations or place from which such service is directed or controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is performed but the individual's residence is in this state.

(12) (a) Services covered by an election pursuant to Section 3-203 of this title; and

(b) services covered by an arrangement pursuant to Section 4-701 et seq. of this title between the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and the agency charged with the administration of any other state or federal unemployment compensation law, pursuant to which all services performed by an individual for an employing unit are deemed to be performed entirely within this state, shall be deemed to be employment if the Commission has approved an election of the employing unit for whom such services are performed, pursuant to which the entire service of such individual during the period covered by such election is deemed to be insured work.

(13) Service shall be deemed to be localized within a state if:

(a) the service is performed entirely within such state; or

(b) the service is performed both within and without such state, but the service performed without such state is incidental to the individual's service within the state; for example, is temporary or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions.

(14) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, services performed by an individual for wages or under any contract of hire shall be deemed to be employment subject to the Employment Security Act of 1980 unless and until it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commission that:

(a) such individual has been and will continue to be free from control or direction over the performance of such services, both under the contract of hire and in fact; and

(b) such individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business; or

(c) such service is outside the usual course of the business for which such service is performed and that such service is performed outside of all the places of business of the enterprise for which such service is performed.

(15) The term "employment" shall not include:

(a) services performed by an individual in agricultural labor, except as provided under paragraph (5) of this section. Services performed by an individual who is a nonresident alien admitted to the United States to perform agricultural labor, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sections 1101(a), 1184(c) and 1188. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "agricultural labor" means remunerated service performed in agricultural labor as defined in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C., Section 3306(k);

(b) domestic service, except as provided under paragraph (6) of this section, in a private home, local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority;

(c) service performed by an individual in the employ of his or her son, daughter, or spouse, and service performed by a child under the age of twenty-one (21) in the employ of his or her father or mother, or both father and mother;

(d) service performed in the employ of the United States government or an instrumentality of the United States exempt under the Constitution of the United States from the contributions imposed by the Employment

Security Act of 1980, except that to the extent that the Congress of the United States shall permit states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to make payments into an unemployment fund under a state unemployment compensation law, all of the provisions of the Employment Security Act of 1980 shall be applicable to such instrumentalities, and to services performed for such instrumentalities, in the same manner, to the same extent, and on the same terms as to all other employers, employing units, individuals and services; provided that if this state shall not be certified for any year by the Secretary of Labor of the United States under the Federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 3304(c), the payments required of such instrumentalities with respect to such year shall be refunded by the Commission from the fund in the same manner and within the same period as is provided in Section 3-304 of this title with respect to contributions erroneously collected;

(e) service with respect to which unemployment compensation is payable under an unemployment compensation system established by an act of Congress;

(f) service performed in the employ of a foreign government, including service as a consul or other officer or employee or a nondiplomatic representative;

(g) service performed in the employ of an instrumentality wholly owned by a foreign government:

(i) if the service is of a character similar to that performed in foreign countries by employees of the United States government or of an instrumentality thereof, and

(ii) if the Commission finds that the United States Secretary of State has certified to the United States Secretary of the Treasury that the foreign government, with respect to whose instrumentality exemption is claimed, grants an equivalent exemption with respect to similar service performed in the foreign country by employees of the United States government and of instrumentalities thereof;

(h) service covered by an arrangement between the Commission and the agency charged with the administration of any other state or federal unemployment compensation law pursuant to which all services performed by an individual for an employing unit during the period covered by such employing unit's duly approved election, are deemed to be performed entirely within the jurisdiction of such other state or federal agency;

(i) service performed as a student nurse in the employ of a hospital or a nurses' training school by an individual who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes in a nurses' training school chartered or approved pursuant to state law; and service performed as an intern in the employ of a hospital by an individual who has completed a four-year course in a medical school chartered or approved pursuant to state law;

(j) service performed by an individual for a person, firm, association, trust, partnership or corporation as an insurance agent, ~~or as an~~ insurance solicitor ~~or as~~, a licensed real estate agent, or a licensed mortgage loan originator, if all such service performed by such

individual for such person is performed for remuneration solely by way of commissions or fees;

(k) service performed by an individual under the age of eighteen (18) in the delivery and distribution of newspapers or shopping news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for subsequent delivery or distribution, and services performed by an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who meets the definition of a "direct seller" as defined in 26 U.S.C., Section 3508(b)(2), that states in pertinent part:

(i) the individual must be engaged in the delivery or distribution of newspapers or shopping news, including any services directly related to such trade or business,

(ii) substantially all the remuneration, whether or not paid in cash, for the performance of the services described in clause (i) of this subdivision is directly related to sales or other output, including the performance of services, rather than the number of hours worked, and

(iii) the services performed by the individual are performed pursuant to a written contract between such person and the person for whom the services are performed and such contract provides that the person will not be treated as an employee with respect to such services;

(l) service performed in the employ of a school, college or university, if the service is performed:

(i) by a student who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes at the school, college, or university, or

(ii) by the spouse of the student, if the spouse is advised, at the time the spouse commences to perform the service, that:

(I) the employment of the spouse to perform the service is provided under a program to provide financial assistance to the student by the school, college, or university, and

(II) the employment will not be covered by any program of unemployment insurance;

(m) service performed by an individual who is enrolled at a nonprofit or public educational institution which normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are carried on as a student in a full-time program, taken for credit at the institution, which combines academic instruction with work experience, if the service is an integral part of the program, and the institution has so certified to the employer, except that this provision shall not apply to service performed in a program established for or on behalf of an employer or group of employers;

(n) service performed in the employ of a hospital, if the service is performed by a patient of the hospital;

(o) services performed by cooperative extension personnel holding federal appointments employed by state institutions of higher learning;

(p) earnings of employees being paid by state warrants who are presently covered by the Federal Unemployment Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C., Section 8501 et seq., by virtue of their federal status;

(q) cosmetology services performed by an individual in a beauty shop, as defined by Section 199.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, pursuant to an agreement whereby the owner of the beauty shop leases or rents facilities for cosmetology to such individual;

(r) barbering services performed by an individual in a barber shop, as defined by Section 61.5 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, pursuant to an agreement whereby the owner of the barber shop leases or rents facilities for barbering to such individual;

(s) in-home services performed in a medical care program such as the nontechnical medical care program, or social services program, as certified and approved by the Department of Human Services or the Federal Health Care Financing Administration or as a participant in a work or training program administered by the Department of Human Services;

(t) riding services performed by a jockey and services performed by a trainer of race horses in an approved race licensed by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission;

(u) service performed by an individual whose remuneration consists solely of commissions, overrides, bonuses, and differentials related to sales or other output derived from in-person sales to, or solicitation of orders from, ultimate consumers primarily in the home, or otherwise than in a permanent retail establishment;

(v) service performed by a person, commonly referred to as "owner-operator", who owns or leases a truck-tractor or truck for hire, provided the owner-operator actually operates the truck-tractor or truck and, further, that the entity contracting with the owner-

operator is not the lessor of the truck-tractor or truck;

(w) services performed as a chopper of cotton who weeds or thins cotton crops by hand or hoe. This subsection shall be interpreted and applied consistently with the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C., Sections 3304(a)(6)(A) and 3306(k); or

(x) services performed for a private for-profit person or entity by an individual as a landman:

(i) if the individual is engaged primarily in negotiating for the acquisition or divestiture of mineral rights or negotiating business agreements that provide for the exploration for or development of minerals,

(ii) if substantially all remuneration paid in cash or otherwise for the performance of the services is directly related to the completion by the individual of the specific tasks contracted for rather than to the number of hours worked by the individual, and

(iii) if the services performed by the individual are performed under a written contract between the individual and the person for whom the services are performed; provided that the individual is to be treated as an independent contractor and not as an employee with respect to the services provided under the contract.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 85 O.S. 2001, Section 2.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2.1 Commencing January 1, 1979, compensation provided for in the Workers' Compensation Act shall be payable to an employee for injuries arising out of and in the course of his employment.

The Workers' Compensation Act shall not apply to the following employees:

1. Any person who is employed as a domestic servant or as a casual worker in and about a private home or household, which private home or household had a gross annual payroll in the preceding calendar year of less than Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) for such workers~~.~~;

2. Any person for whom an employer is liable under any Act of Congress for providing compensation to employees for injuries, disease or death arising out of and in the course of employment including, but not limited to, the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, the Federal Employers' Liability Act, the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Act and the Jones Act, to the extent his employees are subject to such acts~~.~~;

3. Any person who is employed in agriculture or horticulture by an employer who had a gross annual payroll in the preceding calendar year of less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) cash wages for agricultural or horticultural workers~~.~~;

4. Any person who is a licensed real estate sales associate or broker, paid on a commission basis; or

5. Any person who is a licensed mortgage loan originator or broker paid on a commission basis.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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