

Prior law provided that the La. Real Estate Commission may censure a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder or conditionally or unconditionally suspend or revoke any license, registration, or certificate issued under the La. Real Estate License Law, levy fines or impose civil penalties not to exceed \$5,000, or impose continuing education requirements on licensees, registrants, or certificate holders if, in the opinion of the commission, a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder is performing or attempting to perform or has performed or has attempted to perform certain acts.

New law provides that a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder shall be subject to the provisions of prior law if such licensee, registrant, or certificate holder engages in any effort, including referral or recommendation of a specific home inspector, with the intent to deceive or defraud.

Prior law provided for the regulation of home inspectors.

Prior law required that a licensed home inspector provide a written report of the home inspector to each person for whom the inspector performs a home inspection for compensation within five calendar days from the date of the inspection.

New law that the home inspector include in his written report of the home inspection the presence of suspected mold growth if during the course of inspecting the systems and components of the structure the licensed home inspector discovers visually observable evidence of suspected mold on the inside of the structure growth.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 37:1478(A); adds R.S. 37:1455(A)(36))