Hoffman (HB 602) Act No. 114

Relative to the La. Real Estate Appraisers Board, <u>existing law</u> provides that it shall be unlawful for a person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, subsidiary, unit, or any other business entity to directly or indirectly engage or attempt to engage in business as an appraisal management company, to directly or indirectly engage or attempt to perform appraisal management services, or to advertise or hold itself out as engaging in or conducting business as an appraisal management company without first obtaining a license issued by the La. Real Estate Appraisers Board.

New law retains existing law.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that a license granted by the board pursuant to <u>prior law</u> shall be valid for one year from the date on which it is issued.

<u>New law</u> provides that all licenses granted by the board pursuant to <u>new law</u> shall expire Dec. 31 of each calendar year.

<u>New law</u> provides that, when accepting an application for an initial or renewal license, the board is authorized to collect an assessment not in excess of \$1,500.

<u>New law</u> further provides that, if the license renewal is delinquent, the board is authorized to collect a delinquent renewal assessment as follows:

- (1) If the renewal application is submitted during the period of Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, an amount not in excess of \$150.
- (2) If the renewal application is submitted during the period of Feb. 16 to June 30, an amount not in excess of \$300.

<u>New law</u> provides that, if an initial license is issued after Jan. 1 of any year, the assessment shall be prorated to the remaining portion of the year ending Dec. 31.

New law provides that <u>new law</u> shall expire on Dec. 31, 2013.

New law provides that, for licenses issued prior to Aug. 15, 2011, and renewed between Aug. 15, 2011, and Dec. 31, 2011, new law shall apply to those licenses as of the first renewal date on or after Aug. 15, 2011. Assessments for all licenses renewed between Aug. 15, 2011, and Dec. 31, 2011, shall be prorated to cover the period from the date of renewal until Dec. 31, 2011.

New law provides that, for initial licenses issued between Jan. 1, 2011, and Aug. 14, 2011, or licenses renewed between Jan. 1, 2011, and Aug. 14, 2011, new law shall apply to those licenses as of the first renewal date on or after Aug.15, 2011. Assessments for renewals of all initial licenses issued between Jan. 1, 2011, to Aug. 14, 2011, or previously renewed between Jan. 1, 2011, and Aug. 14, 2011, shall be prorated to cover the period from the date of renewal until Dec. 31, 2012.

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(Amends R.S. 37.3415.6; Adds R.S. 37:3415.10)