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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 60

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Commerce

Brief*

SB 60 would amend statutes related to licensing of real estate brokers and the Kansas Real Estate Commission (Commission).

For real estate broker's licenses, changes would include:

- Reducing the time from five years to three years preceding the date of application for the license for which an applicant for a broker's license may satisfy the requirement of two years experience as a resident salesperson or a licensee in another state;
- Increasing the pre-license education course from 24 hours to 30 hours, and no more than 45 hours, and renaming the course the "Kansas Real Estate Fundamentals Course";
- Creating a new course titled "Kansas Real Estate Management Course," which would be 30 to 45 hours in length and would be required for original broker's license applicants beginning January 1, 2020;
- Eliminating alternative licensing criteria for applicants living in a county with a population of less than 20,000 people;

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- Eliminating the \$50 late fee for licenses renewed after the renewal date, but before the license expiration date;
- Increasing the late fee from \$50 to \$100 for a license renewed after the expiration date, but before the six-month grace period ends; and
- Eliminating outdated references to temporary licenses and certain fees that are no longer assessed by the Commission.

For the Commission, changes would include:

- Clarifying statutory requirements for deactivated real estate licenses that have not been suspended or revoked for which reinstatement is being sought;
- Removing a requirement that the Commission maintain all files, records, and property at its Topeka office;
- Updating and eliminating certain outdated terms;
- Consolidating provisions from various statutes and regulations; and
- Adding technical clarifying language related to fees, name changes, office locations, approved real estate courses of instruction, and Commission leadership elections.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Commerce at the request of the Commission. In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Kansas Association of Realtors and the Commission testified in support of the bill. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Real Estate Commission estimates the bill would reduce revenues to the Real Estate Fee Fund by approximately \$42,700 per year. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.