REFERENCE TITLE: real estate department; licensing; administration

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-2101, 32-2104, 32-2106, 32-2108.01, 32-2116, 32-2123, 32-2124, 32-2125, 32-2125.02, 32-2126, 32-2127, 32-2132, 32-2135, 32-2136, 32-2151, 32-2151.01, 32-2153, 32-2163, 32-2174, 32-2197.08, 32-2197.10 AND 32-2197.16, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO REAL ESTATE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: 2 Section 1. Section 32-2101, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 32-2101. Definitions 5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: 6 1. "Acting in concert" means evidence of collaborating to pursue a 7 concerted plan. 8 2. "ADDRESS OF RECORD" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: 9 (a) THE ADDRESS WHERE A LICENSEE PRACTICES OR IS OTHERWISE 10 EMPLOYED. 11 (b) A LICENSEE'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS. 12 (c) THE ADDRESS OF A LICENSEE'S STATUTORY AGENCY WHO IS REGISTERED AS THE LICENSEE'S STATUTORY AGENT WITH THE CORPORATION COMMISSION. THIS 13 SUBDIVISION APPLIES ONLY IF NOTICE OF THE STATUTORY AGENT IS GIVEN TO THE 14 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-2126. 15 16 2. 3. "Advertising" means attempting by publication, 17 dissemination, exhibition, solicitation or circulation, oral or written, 18 or for broadcast on radio or television to induce directly or indirectly any person to enter into any obligation or acquire any title or interest 19 20 in lands subject to this chapter, including the land sales contract to be 21 used and any photographs, drawings or artist's presentations of physical 22 conditions or facilities existing or to exist on the property. 23 Advertising does not include: 24 (a) Press releases or other communications delivered to newspapers, 25 periodicals or other news media for general information or public 26 relations purposes if no charge is made by the newspapers, periodicals or 27 other news media to publish or use any part of these communications. 28 (b) Communications to stockholders as follows: 29 (i) Annual reports and interim financial reports. (ii) Proxy materials. 30 31 (iii) Registration statements. 32 (iv) Securities prospectuses. 33 (v) Applications for listing of securities on stock exchanges. 34 (vi) Prospectuses. 35 (vii) Property reports. 36 (viii) Offering statements. 3. 4. "Affiliate" means a person who, directly or indirectly 37 through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under 38 39 common control with the person specified. 40 4. 5. "Associate broker" means a licensed broker who is employed 41 by another broker. Unless otherwise specifically provided, an associate 42 broker has the same license privileges as a salesperson. 43 5. 6. "Barrier" means a natural or man-made geographic feature that prevents parcels of land from being practicably, reasonably and 44

1 economically united or reunited and that was not caused or created by the 2 owner of the parcels.

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6. 7. "Blanket encumbrance":

(a) Means either:

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5 (i) Any mortgage, any deed of trust or any other encumbrance or 6 lien that secures or evidences the payment of monies and that affects more 7 than one lot or parcel of subdivided land.

8 (ii) An agreement that affects more than one lot or parcel by which 9 the subdivider holds the subdivision under an option, contract to sell or 10 trust agreement.

11 (b) Does not include taxes and assessments that are levied by 12 public authority.

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7. 8. "Board" means the real estate advisory board.

14 8. 9. "Broker", when used without modification, means a person who 15 is licensed as a broker under this chapter or who is required to be 16 licensed as a broker under this chapter.

9. 10. "Business broker" means a real estate broker who acts as an intermediary or agent between sellers or buyers, or both, in the sale or purchase, or both, of businesses or business opportunities where a lease or sale of real property is either a direct or incidental part of the transaction.

10. 11. "Camping site" means a space that is designed and promoted for the purpose of locating any trailer, tent, tent trailer, pickup camper or other similar device used for camping.

25 11. 12. "Cemetery" or "cemetery property" means any one, or a 26 combination of more than one, of the following in a place that is used, or 27 intended to be used, and dedicated for cemetery purposes:

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(a) A burial park, for earth interments.

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(b) A mausoleum, for crypt or vault entombments.

30 (c) A crematory, or a crematory and columbarium, for cinerary 31 interments.

32 (d) A cemetery plot, including interment rights, mausoleum crypts,33 niches and burial spaces.

34 12. 13. "Cemetery broker" means a person other than a real estate 35 broker or real estate salesperson who, for another, for compensation:

36 (a) Sells, leases or exchanges cemetery property or interment 37 services of or for another, or on the person's own account.

38 (b) Offers for another or for the person's own account to buy,39 sell, lease or exchange cemetery property or interment services.

40 (c) Negotiates the purchase and sale, lease or exchange of cemetery 41 property or interment services.

42 (d) Negotiates the purchase or sale, lease or exchange, or lists or 43 solicits, or negotiates a loan on or leasing of cemetery property or 44 interment services. 1 13. 14. "Cemetery salesperson" means a natural person who acts on 2 the person's own behalf or through and on behalf of a professional limited 3 liability company or a professional corporation engaged by or on behalf of 4 a licensed cemetery or real estate broker, or through and on behalf of a 5 corporation, partnership or limited liability company that is licensed as 6 a cemetery or real estate broker, to perform any act or transaction 7 included in the definition of cemetery broker.

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14. 15. "Commissioner" means the state real estate commissioner.

9 15. 16. "Common promotional plan" means a plan, undertaken by a person or a group of persons acting in concert, to offer lots for sale or 10 11 lease. If the land is offered for sale by a person or group of persons 12 acting in concert, and the land is contiguous or is known, designated or 13 advertised as a common unit or by a common name, the land is presumed, without regard to the number of lots covered by each individual offering, 14 as being offered for sale or lease as part of a common promotional 15 16 plan. Separate subdividers selling lots or parcels in separately platted 17 subdivisions within a master planned community shall not be deemed to be 18 offering their combined lots for sale or lease as part of a common 19 promotional plan.

20 16. 17. "Compensation" means any fee, commission, salary, monies 21 or other valuable consideration for services rendered or to be rendered as 22 well as the promise of consideration whether contingent or not.

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17. 18. "Contiguous":

24 (a) Means lots, parcels or fractional interests that share a common25 boundary or point.

26 (b) Does not include lots, parcels or fractional interests that are 27 separated by either of the following:

(i) A barrier.

(ii) A road, street or highway that has been established by this state or by any agency or political subdivision of this state, that has been designated by the federal government as an interstate highway or that has been regularly maintained by this state or by any agency or political subdivision of this state and has been used continuously by the public for at least the last five years.

35 18. 19. "Control" or "controlled" means a person who, through 36 ownership, voting rights, power of attorney, proxy, management rights, 37 operational rights or other rights, has the right to make decisions 38 binding on an entity, whether a corporation, a partnership or any other 39 entity.

40 19. 20. "Corporation licensee" means a lawfully organized 41 corporation that is registered with the Arizona corporation commission and 42 that has an officer licensed as the designated broker pursuant to section 43 32-2125.

20. 21. "Department" means the state real estate department.

1 21. 22. "Designated broker" means a natural person who is licensed 2 as a broker under this chapter and who is either:

3 (a) Designated to act on behalf of an employing real estate,
4 cemetery or membership camping entity.

5 6 (b) Doing business as a sole proprietor.

22. 23. "Developer":

7 (a) Means a person who offers real property in a development for 8 sale, lease or use, either immediately or in the future, on the person's 9 own behalf or on behalf of another person, under this chapter.

10 (b) Does not include a person whose involvement with a development 11 is limited to listing property within the development for sale, lease or 12 use.

23. 24. "Development" means any division, proposed division or use
of real property that the department has authority to regulate, including
subdivided and unsubdivided lands, cemeteries, condominiums, timeshares,
membership campgrounds and stock cooperatives.

17 25. "DISTANCE LEARNING" MEANS CONTINUING EDUCATION OR PRELICENSURE
18 EDUCATION THAT IS AN ONLINE, PLANNED LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITH A GEOGRAPHIC
19 SEPARATION THAT MAY BE SYNCHRONOUS OR ASYNCHRONOUS, THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE
20 REAL-TIME INTERACTION BETWEEN A STUDENT AND AN INSTRUCTOR AND THAT USES A
21 PLATFORM WITH SELF-PACED OR PRERECORDED LESSONS AND MATERIALS THAT A
22 STUDENT CAN ACCESS VIA THE INTERNET TO PROCEED AT THE STUDENT'S OWN PACE.

23 24. 26. "Employing broker" means a person who is licensed or is 24 required to be licensed as a:

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(a) Broker entity pursuant to section 32-2125, subsection A.

26 (b) Sole proprietorship if the sole proprietor is a broker licensed 27 pursuant to this chapter.

25. 27. "Fractional interest" means an undivided interest 28 in 29 improved or unimproved land, lots or parcels of any size created for the purpose of sale or lease and evidenced by any receipt, certificate, deed 30 31 or other document conveying the interest. Undivided interests in land, lots or parcels created in the names of a husband and wife as community 32 33 property, joint tenants or tenants in common, or in the names of other persons who, acting together as part of a single transaction, acquire the 34 35 interests without a purpose to divide the interests for present or future 36 sale or lease shall be deemed to constitute only one fractional interest.

37 26. 28. "Improved lot or parcel" means a lot or parcel of a subdivision on which there is a residential, commercial or industrial 38 39 building or concerning which a contract has been entered into between a 40 subdivider and a purchaser that obligates the subdivider directly, or 41 indirectly through a building contractor, to completely construct a residential, commercial or industrial building on the lot or parcel within 42 43 two years after the date on which the contract of sale for the lot is entered into. 44

1 27. 29. "Inactive license" means a license that is issued pursuant 2 to article 2 of this chapter to a licensee who is on inactive status 3 during the current license period and who is not engaged by or on behalf 4 of a broker.

5 28. 30. "Lease" or "leasing" includes any lease, whether it is the 6 sole, the principal or any incidental part of a transaction.

7 29. 31. "License" means the whole or part of any agency permit, 8 certificate, approval, registration, public report, charter or similar 9 form of permission required by this chapter.

30. 32. "Licensee" means a person to whom a license for the 10 11 current license period has been granted under any provision of this 12 chapter, and, for the purposes of section 32-2153, subsection A, includes 13 original license applicants.

14 31. 33. "License period" means the two-year period beginning with the date of original issue or renewal of a particular license and ending 15 16 on the expiration date, if any.

17 32. 34. "Limited liability company licensee" means a lawfully 18 organized limited liability company that has a member or manager who is a natural person and who is licensed as the designated broker pursuant to 19 20 section 32-2125.

21 33. 35. "Live classroom course" means a course or instructional 22 segment delivered in either an in-person classroom instructional format or 23 a synchronous remote instructional format that allows students to observe 24 and participate remotely in an instructional segment via livestreaming.

25 34. 36. "Lot reservation" means an expression of interest by a 26 prospective purchaser in buying at some time in the future a subdivided or 27 unsubdivided lot, unit or parcel in this state. In all cases, a 28 subsequent affirmative action by the prospective purchaser must be taken 29 to create a contractual obligation to purchase.

30 35. 37. "Master planned community" means a development that 31 consists of two or more separately platted subdivisions and that is either subject to a master declaration of covenants, conditions or restrictions, 32 33 is subject to restrictive covenants sufficiently uniform in character to clearly indicate a general scheme for improving or developing real 34 35 property or is governed or administered by a master owner's association.

"Member" means a member of the real estate advisory board. 36. 38.

36 37 37. 39. "Membership camping broker" means a person, other than a 38 salesperson, who, for compensation:

39 (a) Sells, purchases, lists, exchanges or leases membership camping 40 contracts.

41 (b) Offers to sell, purchase, exchange or lease membership camping 42 contracts.

43 (c) Negotiates or offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate the sale, 44 purchase, exchange or lease of membership camping contracts.

1 (d) Advertises or holds himself out as being engaged in the 2 business of selling, buying, exchanging or leasing membership camping 3 contracts or counseling or advising regarding membership camping 4 contracts.

5 (e) Assists or directs in procuring prospects calculated or 6 intended to result in the sale, purchase, listing, exchange or lease of 7 membership camping contracts.

8 (f) Performs any of the foregoing acts as an employee or on behalf 9 of a membership camping operator or membership contract owner.

10 38. 40. "Membership camping contract" means an agreement that is 11 offered or sold in this state evidencing a purchaser's right or license to 12 use the camping or outdoor recreation facilities of a membership camping 13 operator and includes a membership that provides for this use.

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39. 41. "Membership camping operator":

(a) Means an enterprise, other than one that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, that solicits membership paid for by a fee or periodic payments and has as one of its purposes camping or outdoor recreation, including the use of camping sites primarily by members.

20 (b) Does not include camping or recreational trailer parks that are 21 open to the general public and that contain camping sites rented for a per 22 use fee or a mobile home park.

40. 42. "Membership camping salesperson" means a natural person 23 24 who acts on the person's own behalf or through and on behalf of a professional limited liability company or a professional corporation 25 26 engaged by or on behalf of a licensed membership camping or real estate broker, or by or on behalf of a corporation, partnership or limited 27 liability company that is licensed as a membership camping or real estate 28 29 broker, to perform any act or participate in any transaction in a manner 30 included in the definition of membership camping broker.

31 41. "Online course" means prelicensure education that is a planned 32 learning experience with a geographic separation that may be synchronous 33 or asynchronous, that does not require real-time interaction between a 34 student and an instructor and that uses a platform with self-paced or 35 prerecorded lessons and materials that a student can access via the 36 internet to proceed at the student's own pace.

37 42. 43. "Partnership licensee" means a partnership with a managing
 38 general partner who is licensed as the designated broker pursuant to
 39 section 32-2125.

40 43. 44. "Permanent access", as required under article 4 of this 41 chapter, means permanent access from the subdivision to any federal, state 42 or county highway.

44. 45. "Perpetual care" or "endowed care":

44 (a) Means maintaining and caring, in all places where interments 45 have been made, for the trees, shrubs, roads, streets and other 1 improvements and embellishments contained within or forming a part of the 2 cemetery.

3 (b) Does not include maintaining or repairing monuments, tombs, 4 copings or other man-made ornaments as associated with individual burial 5 spaces.

6 45. 46. "Perpetual or endowed-care cemetery" means a cemetery in 7 which lots or other burial spaces are sold or transferred under the 8 representation that the cemetery will receive perpetual care or endowed 9 care free of further cost to the purchaser after payment of the original 10 purchase price for the lot, burial space or interment right.

11 46. 47. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership or 12 company and any other form of multiple organization for carrying on 13 business, foreign or domestic.

14 47. 48. "Private cemetery" means a cemetery or place that is not 15 licensed under article 6 of this chapter, where burials or interments of 16 human remains are made, in which sales or transfers of interment rights or 17 burial plots are not made to the public and in which not more than ten 18 interments or burials occur annually.

19 48. 49. "Promotion" or "promotional practice" means advertising 20 and any other act, practice, device or scheme to induce directly or 21 indirectly any person to enter into any obligation or acquire any title or 22 interest in or use of real property subject to this chapter, including 23 meetings with prospective purchasers, arrangements for prospective 24 purchasers to visit real property, travel allowances and discount, 25 exchange, refund and cancellation privileges.

26 49. 50. "Real estate" includes leasehold-interests and any estates 27 in land as defined in title 33, chapter 2, articles 1 and 2, regardless of 28 whether located in this state.

29 50. 51. "Real estate broker" means a person, other than a salesperson, who, for another and for compensation:

31 (a) Sells, exchanges, purchases, rents or leases real estate,
 32 businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests.

33 (b) Offers to sell, exchange, purchase, rent or lease real estate,
 34 businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests.

35 (c) Negotiates or offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate the sale,
 36 exchange, purchase, rental or leasing of real estate, businesses and
 37 business opportunities or timeshare interests.

38 (d) Lists or offers, attempts or agrees to list real estate,
 39 businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests for sale,
 40 lease or exchange.

41 (e) Auctions or offers, attempts or agrees to auction real estate,
 42 businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests.

43 (f) Buys, sells, offers to buy or sell or otherwise deals in 44 options on real estate, businesses and business opportunities or timeshare 1 interests or improvements to real estate, businesses and business 2 opportunities or timeshare interests.

(g) Collects or offers, attempts or agrees to collect rent for the use of real estate, businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests. This subdivision does not apply to a person who is not a licensee, who works for a real estate broker or a real estate salesperson, who collects in-person rent and related fees on behalf of the real estate broker or real estate salesperson for the use of real estate as part of the person's clerical duties and who provides a receipt when rent is paid.

10 (h) Advertises or holds himself out as being engaged in the 11 business of buying, selling, exchanging, renting or leasing real estate, 12 businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests or counseling 13 or advising regarding real estate, businesses and business opportunities 14 or timeshare interests.

(i) Assists or directs in procuring prospects that are calculated
to result in the sale, exchange, leasing or rental of real estate,
businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests.

(j) Assists or directs in negotiating any transaction calculated or
 intended to result in the sale, exchange, leasing or rental of real
 estate, businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests.

(k) Incident to the sale of real estate, businesses and business opportunities negotiates or offers, attempts or agrees to negotiate a loan secured or to be secured by any mortgage or other encumbrance on or transfer of real estate, businesses and business opportunities or timeshare interests subject to section 32-2155, subsection D. This subdivision does not apply to mortgage brokers as defined in and subject to title 6, chapter 9, article 1.

(1) Engages in the business of assisting or offering to assist
 another in filing an application for the purchase or lease of, or in
 locating or entering on, lands owned by the state or federal government.

31 (m) Claims, demands, charges, receives, collects or contracts to 32 collect an advance fee in connection with any employment enumerated in 33 this section, including employment undertaken to promote the sale or lease of real property by advance fee listing, by furnishing rental information 34 35 to a prospective tenant for a fee paid by the prospective tenant, by 36 advertising or by any other offering to sell, lease, exchange or rent real property or selling kits connected therewith. This does not include the 37 activities of any communications media of general circulation or coverage 38 not primarily engaged in advertising real estate or any communications 39 40 media activities that are specifically exempt from applicability of this 41 article under section 32-2121.

(n) Engages in any of the acts listed in subdivisions (a) through
(m) of this paragraph for the sale or lease of other than real property if
a real property sale or lease is a part of, contingent on or ancillary to
the transaction.

1 (o) Performs any of the acts listed in subdivisions (a) through (m) 2 of this paragraph as an employee of, or in behalf of, the owner of real 3 estate, or interest in the real estate, or improvements affixed on the 4 real estate, for compensation.

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(p) Acts as a business broker.

6 51. 52. "Real estate sales contract" means an agreement in which 7 one party agrees to convey title to real estate to another party on the 8 satisfaction of specified conditions set forth in the contract.

9 52. 53. "Real estate salesperson" means a natural person who acts on the person's own behalf or through and on behalf of a professional 10 11 limited liability company or a professional corporation engaged by or on 12 behalf of a licensed real estate broker, or by or on behalf of a limited 13 liability company, partnership or corporation that is licensed as a real 14 estate broker, to perform any act or participate in any transaction in a manner included in the definition of real estate broker subject to section 15 16 32-2155.

17 53. 54. "Sale" or "lease" includes every disposition, transfer, 18 option or offer or attempt to dispose of or transfer real property, or an 19 interest, use or estate in the real property, including offering the 20 property as a prize or gift if a monetary charge or consideration for 21 whatever purpose is required.

54. 55. "Salesperson", when used without modification, means a natural person who acts on the person's own behalf or through and on behalf of a professional limited liability company or a professional corporation licensed under this chapter or any person required to be licensed as a salesperson under this chapter.

27 55. 56. "School" means a person or entity that offers a course of
 28 study toward completion of the education requirements leading to licensure
 29 or renewal of licensure under this chapter.

30 56. 57. "Stock cooperative" means a corporation to which all of 31 the following apply:

32 (a) The corporation is formed or used to hold title to improved 33 real property in fee simple or for a term of years.

(b) All or substantially all of the shareholders of the corporation
 each receive a right of exclusive occupancy in a portion of the real
 property to which the corporation holds title.

37 (c) The right of occupancy may only be transferred with the 38 concurrent transfer of the shares of stock in the corporation held by the 39 person having the right of occupancy.

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57. 58. "Subdivider":

(a) Means any person who offers for sale or lease six or more lots,
parcels or fractional interests in a subdivision or who causes land to be
subdivided into a subdivision for the subdivider or for others, or who
undertakes to develop a subdivision.

1 (b) Does not include a public agency or officer authorized by law 2 to create subdivisions.

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58. 59. "Subdivision" or "subdivided lands":

4 (a) Means improved or unimproved land or lands divided or proposed 5 to be divided for the purpose of sale or lease, whether immediate or 6 future, into six or more lots, parcels or fractional interests.

7 (b) Includes a stock cooperative, lands divided or proposed to be 8 divided as part of a common promotional plan and residential condominiums 9 as defined in title 33, chapter 9.

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(i) Leasehold offerings of one year or less.

(c) Does not include:

(ii) The division or proposed division of land located in this state into lots or parcels each of which is or will be thirty-six acres or more in area including to the centerline of dedicated roads or easements, if any, contiguous to the lot or parcel.

16 (iii) The leasing of agricultural lands or apartments, offices, 17 stores, hotels, motels, pads or similar space within an apartment 18 building, industrial building, rental recreational vehicle community, 19 rental manufactured home community, rental mobile home park or commercial 20 building.

(iv) The subdivision into or development of parcels, plots or fractional portions within the boundaries of a cemetery that has been formed and approved pursuant to this chapter.

(v) A sale or lease of a lot, parcel or fractional interest that occurs ten or more years after the sale or lease of another lot, parcel or fractional interest if the other lot, parcel or fractional interest is not subject to this article and is treated as an independent parcel unless, on investigation by the commissioner, there is evidence of intent to subdivide.

30 59. 60. "Timeshare" or "timeshare property" means real property 31 ownership or right of occupancy in real property pursuant to article 9 of 32 this chapter. For the purposes of this chapter, a timeshare is not a 33 security unless it meets the definition of a security under section 34 44-1801.

35 36 60. 61. "Trustee":

(a) Means a person who either:

37 (i) Is designated under section 32-2194.27 to act as a trustee for38 an endowment-care cemetery fund.

39 (ii) Holds bare legal title to real property under a subdivision 40 trust.

41 (b) Does not include a developer, subdivider, broker or salesperson42 within this chapter.

43 61. 62. "Unimproved lot or parcel" means a lot or parcel of a 44 subdivision that is not an improved lot or parcel.

1	62. 63. "Unsubdivided lands":
2	(a) Means land or lands divided or proposed to be divided for the
3	purpose of sale or lease, whether immediate or future, into six or more
4	lots, parcels or fractional interests and the lots or parcels are
5	thirty-six acres or more each but less than one hundred sixty acres each,
6	or that are offered, known or advertised under a common promotional plan
7	for sale or lease, except that agricultural leases shall not be included
8	in this definition.
9	(b) Includes any land that is sold and that would otherwise
10	constitute the sixth lot, parcel or fractional interest if the sale occurs
11	ten or more years after the earliest of the previous five sales and if all
12	of the sales consist of property that was originally contained within the
13	same parcel that is thirty-six acres or more and less than one hundred
14	sixty acres.
15	Sec. 2. Section 32-2104, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
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17	32–2104. <u>Real estate advisory board; members; terms;</u>
18	<u>qualifications: compensation: chairperson: duties:</u>
19	<u>annual evaluation</u>
20	A. The real estate advisory board is established composed of ten
21	members who are appointed by the governor. The term of office of each
22	member is six years, and the terms of three members expire on January 31
23	of each odd numbered ODD-NUMBERED year. Appointment to fill a vacancy
24	occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by appointment
25	for the unexpired portion of the term only.
26	B. The membership of the board shall consist of:
27	1. Two members, each of whom is a real estate broker OR REAL ESTATE
28	SALESPERSON with at least five years of RESIDENTIAL brokerage experience
29	in this state. Not more than one member shall be appointed from any one
30	county.
31	2. Three members, two of whom have ONE MEMBER WHO HAS been engaged
32	in residential A COMMERCIAL real estate brokerage for the five years
33	immediately preceding appointment. , and
34 25	3. One of whom MEMBER WHO has been engaged in multifamily
35	residential rental property management with a real estate broker license for the five years immediately preceding appointment.
36 37	4. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN TIMESHARE, CAMPGROUND OR
37 38	CEMETERY SALES FOR THE FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPOINTMENT.
30 39	3. 5. Two members ONE MEMBER who are HAS BEEN primarily engaged in
40	subdividing real property FOR THE FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
40 41	APPOINTMENT.
41	6. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OR
43	APPROVED INSTRUCTOR FOR THE FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPOINTMENT.
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1 4. 7. Three public members who are not related within the third 2 degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person holding a broker's or 3 salesperson's license from this state.

C. Members of the board shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for subsistence expenses pursuant to section 38-624 and travel expenses pursuant to section 38-623.

7 D. The board annually shall select from its membership a 8 chairperson for the board.

9 E. The board shall provide the commissioner with such recommendations as it deems necessary and beneficial to the best interests 10 11 of the public. The board shall also provide recommendations on specific 12 questions or proposals as the board deems necessary or as requested by the 13 commissioner.

F. The board annually shall present to the governor an evaluation of the performance of the real estate commissioner and the real estate department.

17 G. Not more than five members of the board from any one county may 18 serve concurrently.

19 Sec. 3. Section 32-2106, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 20 read:

21 22 32-2106. <u>Real estate commissioner; appointment;</u> <u>qualifications</u>

A. The real estate commissioner shall be appointed by the governor, pursuant to section 38-211. The real estate commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

26 B. To be a candidate for the position of real estate commissioner a person shall have at least five years' experience in the real estate 27 industry, title insurance industry, OR banking or mortgage broker 28 29 industry and three years' administrative experience and shall not at the date of acceptance of appointment be financially interested in any real 30 31 estate or brokerage firm, nor OR act as a broker, and salesman SALESPERSON 32 or agent therefor except through a trust over which the applicant has no 33 control OF ANY REAL ESTATE OR BROKERAGE FIRM.

34 Sec. 4. Section 32-2108.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 35 read:

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32-2108.01. <u>License applicants: fingerprint clearance cards:</u> <u>definition</u>

A. Before receiving and holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter, each license applicant shall obtain a valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

41 B. The license applicant is responsible for providing the 42 department with a valid fingerprint clearance card.

43 C. The department shall not issue a license to an original license 44 applicant before receiving a valid fingerprint clearance card pursuant to 45 this section. However, The department shall MAY suspend the A license if

1 the LICENSEE'S fingerprint clearance card is determined to be invalid 2 SUSPENDED and EITHER: 3 1. IF THE PERSON WAS CONVICTED OF THE ALLEGED CRIME CAUSING THE FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD SUSPENSION, THE COMMISSIONER COULD USE THE 4 5 CONVICTION TO DENY THE LICENSE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER. 6 2. An applicant who was issued a license THE LICENSEE fails to 7 submit a new valid fingerprint clearance card within ten days SUFFICIENT 8 EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE INDIVIDUAL APPLIED FOR A GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION 9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-619.55 WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS after being notified by the department. 10 11 D. This section does not affect the department's authority to 12 otherwise issue, deny, cancel, terminate, suspend or revoke a license. 13 E. For the purposes of this section, "license applicant" means: 14 Each original real estate SALESPERSON, cemetery SALESPERSON and 1. membership camping salesperson and EACH ORIGINAL REAL ESTATE BROKER, 15 16 CEMETERY BROKER AND MEMBERSHIP CAMPING broker applicant pursuant to 17 article 2 of this chapter. 18 2. Each natural person, or for an entity applicant, any person exercising control of the entity, who applies for an original certificate 19 20 of approval to operate a real estate school, or for a renewal certificate, 21 any natural person or person exercising control who has not previously 22 submitted a fingerprint CLEARANCE card to the department. 3. Any natural person, or for an entity applicant, any person 23 exercising control of the entity, on FOR whom the department has evidence 24 of a criminal record that has not been previously reviewed or evaluated by 25 26 the department and who applies for a: 27 (a) License renewal pursuant to section 32-2130. 28 (b) Public report to: 29 (i) Sell or lease subdivided lands pursuant to article 4 of this 30 chapter. 31 (ii) Sell or lease unsubdivided lands pursuant to article 7 of this 32 chapter. 33 (iii) Sell or lease time-share TIMESHARE estates pursuant to 34 article 9 of this chapter. (iv) Sell membership camping contracts pursuant to article 10 of 35 36 this chapter. 37 (c) Certificate of authority to sell cemetery lots pursuant to 38 article 6 of this chapter. 39 Sec. 5. Section 32-2116, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 40 read: 41 32-2116. Military airspace working group; contact 42 information; posting 43 A. Each year the department shall contact the chairperson of the 44 Arizona military airspace working group and request the name, address and 45 telephone number of the chairperson.

B. The department shall post the CONTACT information it receives
 pursuant to subsection A FOR THE ARIZONA MILITARY AIRSPACE WORKING GROUP
 on the department's web site WEBSITE.

4 Sec. 6. Section 32-2123, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 5 read:

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32-2123. Application for license as broker or salesperson

7 Α. Every application for an original license shall be either 8 in writing and signed by the applicant or submitted submitted 9 electronically and contain an electronic or digital identifier that the 10 commissioner deems appropriate. The application shall be accompanied by 11 all applicable fees.

12 B. An application for an original license as a broker or 13 salesperson shall set forth:

14 1. The applicant's residence address OF RECORD and legal name and 15 any derivative of the applicant's first name or middle name or a nickname 16 that the applicant regularly uses for advertising purposes.

17 2. The applicant's employers and employment history for the 18 immediately preceding ten years and any experience in real estate sales, 19 appraisals, transfers or similar business in which the applicant 20 previously engaged, if the commissioner determines that this information 21 is needed to reasonably evaluate the applicant.

22 3. The name and place of business of the applicant's present
23 employer, if any.

24 4. 2. Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony
25 and, if so, the nature of the felony, where and when THE FELONY WAS
26 committed and the disposition of the conviction, or whether the applicant
27 has been disbarred or suspended from the practice of law.

5. 3. Whether the applicant has ever been refused a broker's or salesperson's license or any other occupational license in this or any other state, whether the applicant's license as a broker or salesperson has been revoked or suspended in this or any other state or whether the applicant has had any other occupational or professional license, certificate or registration revoked or suspended in this or any other state.

35 6. 4. The name of any corporation, company or partnership that is 36 or ever has been licensed by the department in which the applicant 37 exercised any control.

7. 5. If the applicant is a natural person, the applicant's social 38 security number. If the applicant, due to bona fide religious convictions 39 40 or other bona fide reasons that the applicant documents on the application 41 to the satisfaction of the commissioner, does not have a social security 42 number. the applicant may provide the applicant's federal tax 43 identification number with the application. The state real estate department shall use the applicant's social security number or federal tax 44 45 identification number to aid the department of economic security in

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locating noncustodial parents or the assets of noncustodial parents, and 2 for no other purpose. 3 An application for a license as a broker additionally shall set С. 4 forth: 5 1. The name under which the business is to be conducted. 6 2. The situs and mailing APPLICANT'S address of the applicant's 7 place of business, or if more than one, the situs and mailing addresses of 8 each RECORD. 9 D. An applicant for a broker's or salesperson's license shall 10 provide information that the commissioner determines is reasonably 11 necessary. The information may include: 12 1. Prior criminal records. 13 2. A valid fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to section 14 41-1758.03. 3. An affidavit setting out whether the applicant has participated 15 16 in, operated or held an interest in any land development company that has 17 filed, or is subject to, a petition under any chapter of the federal 18 bankruptcy act. 19 E. Each person licensed pursuant to this article, whether the license is active or inactive, shall have available for the licensee's use 20 21 a current copy of the department's statutes, rules and annotations 22 pertaining to real estate laws. Failure to comply with this requirement 23 shall not be deemed grounds for a civil penalty or for denial, suspension 24 or revocation of a license. 25 Sec. 7. Section 32-2124, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 26 read: 27 32-2124. Qualifications of licensees A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commissioner 28 29 shall require proof, through the application or otherwise, as the commissioner deems advisable with due regard to the interests of the 30 31 public, as to the competency of the applicant and shall require that the 32 applicant has: 1. If for an original real estate broker's license, at least three 33 years' actual experience as a BEEN AN ACTIVE licensed real estate 34 salesperson or real estate broker FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS during the five 35 36 years immediately preceding the time of application. 37 2. If for an original cemetery broker's license, either a current real estate broker's license, or if the applicant does not have a current 38 real estate broker's license, at least three years' actual experience as a 39 40 cemetery salesperson or CEMETERY broker or as a licensed real estate 41 salesperson or LICENSED REAL ESTATE broker during the five years immediately preceding the time of application. 42 43 3. If for an original membership camping broker's license, either a current real estate broker's license, or if the applicant does not have a experience as a licensed membership camping salesperson or LICENSED
 MEMBERSHIP CAMPING broker or as a licensed real estate salesperson or
 LICENSED REAL ESTATE broker during the five years immediately preceding
 the time of application.

5 4. If for any type of broker's or salesperson's license, not had a 6 license denied within one year immediately preceding application in this 7 state pursuant to section 32-2153 or a similar statute in any other state.

8 5. If for any type of broker's or salesperson's license, not had a 9 license revoked within the two years immediately preceding application in 10 this state pursuant to section 32-2153 or a similar statute in any other 11 state.

12 6. If reapplying for a license that expired more than one year 13 before the date of application, met all current education and experience 14 requirements and retakes the examination the same as if the applicant were 15 applying for the license for the first time.

16 7. If for a real estate BROKER'S, cemetery BROKER'S or membership 17 camping broker's license, other than a renewal application, an equivalent 18 amount of active experience within the immediately preceding five years in 19 the field in which the applicant is applying for the broker's license, as 20 a substitute for the licensed active experience otherwise required in 21 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection. The licensed active experience 22 required may be met if the applicant can demonstrate to the commissioner's 23 satisfaction that the applicant has an equivalent amount of experience in 24 the past five years that, if the applicant had held a license, would have 25 been sufficient to fulfill the licensed experience requirement.

26 B. All applicants other than renewal applicants under section 27 32-2130 for a real estate salesperson's license shall show evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that they have completed a real estate 28 29 salesperson's course that is prescribed and approved by the commissioner 30 and that is at least ninety classroom hours, or its THE equivalent, of 31 instruction in a real estate school certified by the commissioner and have satisfactorily passed an examination on the course. An applicant may 32 33 complete the real estate salesperson's course prescribed by this 34 subsection through a live classroom course or an online A DISTANCE LEARNING course if the live classroom course or online DISTANCE LEARNING 35 36 course is offered by a real estate school that is certified by the 37 commissioner. The applicant must complete an A PROCTORED examination on the live classroom course or the online DISTANCE LEARNING course in 38 person. An applicant may complete the required course or instructional 39 40 segments in any combination of in-person or synchronous remote delivery 41 methods. The real estate salesperson's course completion or its equivalent may not be more than ten years before the date of application 42 43 unless, at the time of application, the commissioner determines in the 44 commissioner's discretion that the applicant has work experience in a real 45 estate-related field and education that together are equivalent to the

1 prelicensure education requirement. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2 32-4302, the commissioner may waive all or a portion of the prelicensure 3 course requirement, other than the twenty-seven-hour Arizona-specific 4 course, for an applicant who holds a current real estate license in 5 another state.

6 C. All applicants other than renewal applicants under section 7 for a real estate broker's license shall show evidence 32-2130 8 satisfactory to the commissioner that they have completed a real estate 9 broker's course that is prescribed and approved by the commissioner and that is at least ninety classroom hours, or the equivalent, of instruction 10 11 a real estate school certified by the commissioner and have in 12 satisfactorily passed an examination on the course. An applicant may 13 complete the real estate broker's course prescribed by this subsection through a live classroom course or an online A DISTANCE LEARNING course if 14 the live classroom course or online DISTANCE LEARNING course is offered by 15 16 a real estate school that is certified by the commissioner. The applicant 17 must complete an A PROCTORED examination on the live classroom course or 18 online DISTANCE LEARNING course in person. An applicant may complete the 19 required course or instructional segments in any combination of in-person 20 or synchronous remote delivery methods. The real estate broker's course 21 completion or its equivalent may not be more than ten years before the 22 date of application unless, at the time of application, the commissioner determines in the commissioner's discretion that the applicant has work 23 24 experience in a real estate-related field and education that together are 25 equivalent to the prelicensure education requirement. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED 26 IN SECTION 32-4302, the commissioner may waive all or a portion of the 27 prelicensure course requirement, other than the twenty-seven-hour Arizona-specific course, for an applicant who holds a current real estate 28 29 license in another state.

30 D. Before receiving any license provided for by this chapter, an 31 applicant must be at least eighteen years of age.

32 E. The commissioner shall ascertain by a written, electronic or 33 other examination method that an applicant for a real estate license has:

An appropriate knowledge of the English language, including
 reading, writing and spelling, and of arithmetical computations common to
 real estate practices.

2. At a minimum, an understanding of the general purpose and legal effect of any real estate practices, principles and related forms, including agency contracts, real estate contracts, deposit receipts, deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, bills of sale, land contracts of sale and property management, and of any other areas that the commissioner deems necessary and proper.

43 3. A thorough understanding of the obligations between principal 44 and agent, the principles of real estate and business opportunity practice, the applicable canons of business ethics, the provisions of this
 chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

4. An appropriate knowledge of other real estate practices andprinciples as determined by the commissioner.

5 F. The commissioner shall ascertain by a written, electronic or 6 other examination method that an applicant for a license as a cemetery 7 broker or a cemetery salesperson has:

8 1. Appropriate knowledge of the English language, including 9 reading, writing and spelling, and of elementary arithmetic.

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2. A general understanding of:

11 (a) Cemetery associations, cemetery corporations and duties of 12 cemetery directors and officers.

13 (b) Plot ownership, deeds, certificates of ownership, contracts of 14 sale, liens and leases.

15 (c) Establishing, dedicating, maintaining, managing, operating,
 16 improving, preserving and conducting a cemetery.

17 (d) The provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to 18 this chapter relating to the organization and regulation of cemeteries and 19 the licensing and regulation of cemetery brokers and cemetery 20 salespersons.

3. A general understanding of the obligations between principal and
agent, the principles of cemetery practice and the canons of business
ethics pertaining to the operation of cemeteries and the sale of cemetery
property.

25 G. The commissioner shall ascertain by a written, electronic or 26 other examination method that an applicant for a license as a membership 27 camping broker or a membership camping salesperson has:

An appropriate knowledge of the English language, including
 reading, writing and spelling, and of elementary arithmetic.

30 2. A general understanding of:

31 (a) The general purposes and legal effect of contracts and agency32 contracts.

33 (b) Establishing, maintaining, managing and operating a membership 34 campground.

35 (c) The provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to 36 this chapter relating to the organization and regulation of membership 37 campgrounds and the licensing and regulation of membership camping brokers 38 and membership camping salespersons.

39 3. A general understanding of the obligations between principal and 40 agent and the canons of business ethics pertaining to the operation and 41 promotion of membership campgrounds.

H. A renewal applicant for a real estate BROKER'S, cemetery
BROKER'S or membership camping broker's or REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S,
CEMETERY SALESPERSON'S OR MEMBERSHIP CAMPING salesperson's license is not
required to submit to an examination if the application is made within

1 twelve months after the license expires and the license is not canceled, 2 terminated or suspended at the time of application.

I. The examination for a broker's license shall be more exacting and stringent and of a broader scope than the examination for a salesperson's license.

J. An applicant for a real estate salesperson's or REAL ESTATE broker's license who currently holds at least an equivalent license in another state may be IS exempt from taking the national portion of the real estate examination if the applicant can demonstrate passing a national examination within the past five years that is satisfactorily similar to the one administered by the department PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-4302.

13 K. Identification of each applicant whose licensing requirement was 14 allowed to be met by an equivalent alternative pursuant to this section 15 shall be included in the annual performance report EVALUATION presented by 16 the board to the governor pursuant to section 32-2104.

L. An applicant for an original real estate salesperson's license, after completing the requirements of subsection B of this section, shall provide certification to the department at the time of application evidencing completion of six hours of instruction in real estate contract law and contract writing. This instruction shall include participation by the applicant in drafting contracts to purchase real property, listing agreements and lease agreements.

M. The commissioner shall not issue a license to a person who has been convicted of a felony offense and who is currently incarcerated for the conviction, paroled or under community supervision and under the supervision of a parole or community supervision officer or who is on probation as a result of the conviction.

N. The commissioner shall require an out-of-state applicant for a license that is issued pursuant to section 32-4302 to pass an examination specific to the laws of this state relating to this chapter before the commissioner issues the license to the applicant.

33 Sec. 8. Section 32-2125, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 34 read:

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32-2125. <u>Licenses for corporations</u>, limited liability companies or partnerships

37 A. A corporation, limited liability company or partnership applying for a broker's license for the entity shall designate a natural person who 38 39 is licensed as a broker and who is an officer of the corporation, manager 40 of the limited liability company if management of the limited liability 41 company is vested in one or more managers, member of the limited liability 42 company if management is vested in the members or partner of the 43 partnership who shall act as designated broker. The license shall extend no authority to act as designated broker to any other person. This 44 45 subsection does not apply to a corporation or limited liability company

1 applying for a license under subsection B of this section. An entity's 2 broker's license issued pursuant to this subsection shall run concurrently 3 with the corporation's, limited liability company's or partnership's 4 designated broker's license.

5 B. An employing broker may engage the services of salespersons and 6 associate brokers who act through and on behalf of professional 7 corporations or professional limited liability companies that are licensed 8 by the department. A designated broker who acts on behalf of an employing 9 real estate entity is allowed to become a professional corporation or a 10 professional limited liability company. Any person so engaged shall be 11 separately licensed. The department shall issue to or renew a license 12 subsection only for a professional under this corporation or а 13 professional limited liability company whose shareholders, members or managers hold active real estate licenses. A corporation licensed under 14 this subsection shall meet the requirements of title 10, chapter 20. A 15 16 limited liability company licensed under this subsection shall meet the 17 29. chapter 7, article 11. A professional requirements of title 18 corporation or professional limited liability company shall not be 19 licensed as an employing broker.

20 C. The license of a corporation or limited liability company 21 licensed under subsection B of this section terminates only on the death 22 of a shareholder, member or manager or any other change of shareholders, 23 members or managers, except that any remaining shareholder, member or 24 manager who was an authorized officer and shareholder prior to BEFORE the 25 change remains authorized to continue business under the corporation's or 26 limited liability company's license for up to an additional ninety days 27 pending the issuance of a new license OR INSTALLATION OF A NEW DESIGNATED 28 THE CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY NOT ASSUME BROKER. 29 REPRESENTATION FOR NEW CLIENTS WHILE A NEW LICENSE IS PENDING OR UNTIL A 30 NEW DESIGNATED BROKER IS ADDED TO THE ENTITY'S LICENSE.

D. The commissioner may suspend, revoke or deny renewal or the right of renewal of the license of a corporation, limited liability company or partnership licensed under this section if the corporation, limited liability company or partnership or any shareholder, officer, agent, partner or member of a corporation, limited liability company or partnership violates any of the provisions of this chapter.

E. AN ENTITY THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT HAVE
A PERSON NAMED AS THE DESIGNATED BROKER ON THE LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS OR
WAS NAMED AS A DESIGNATED BROKER OR THE EQUIVALENT OF A DESIGNATED BROKER
ON ANY OTHER LICENSE IN THIS STATE OR IN ANOTHER STATE AND ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING APPLIES:

42 1. THE PERSON IS UNDER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM ENGAGING43 IN REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY.

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2. THE PERSON'S LICENSE IS UNDER SUSPENSION.

1 3. THE PERSON'S LICENSE WAS REVOKED IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS AND 2 THE REVOCATION WAS FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT OCCURS WHILE THE PERSON IS 3 OR WAS NAMED ON THE LICENSE.

4 E. F. This section does not enlarge the functions of salespersons, 5 allow salespersons to assume any of the responsibilities or functions of 6 brokers or relieve the commissioner of any regulatory power or authority 7 over salespersons or brokers.

8 F. G. A corporation, limited liability company or partnership 9 licensed under subsection A of this section or a professional corporation or professional limited liability company licensed under subsection B of 10 11 this section is exempt from the education requirements imposed pursuant to 12 this chapter. The commissioner shall not charge a license fee or a 13 renewal fee pursuant to section 32-2132 to a corporation, professional 14 corporation, limited liability company, professional limited liability company or partnership licensed or approved under this section. 15

16 G. H. A corporation, limited liability company or partnership 17 licensed under this section shall report to the department within ten 18 days:

Any change in officers, directors, members, managers or partners
 or any change of control of the entity.

21 2. Any amendment to its articles of incorporation or organization 22 or to its partnership agreement.

3. If a corporation, when a person becomes an owner of ten percent
or more of the stock in the corporation.

4. The dissolution of the corporation, limited liability company orpartnership.

27 Sec. 9. Section 32-2125.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 28 read:

29 30 32-2125.02. <u>Nonresident licensees; service of process;</u> <u>employment</u>

A. An application for and acceptance of a license as a nonresident salesperson or broker shall be deemed to constitute irrevocable appointment of the commissioner as the agent or attorney in fact of the licensee for the acceptance of service of process issued in this state in any action or proceeding against the licensee arising out of the licensing, out of transactions under the license or in any action which THAT may result in payment from the real estate recovery fund.

38 Duplicate copies of any process shall be served on the Β. 39 commissioner. The plaintiff at the time of service shall pay the commissioner fifteen dollars \$15, taxable as costs in the action. 40 0n 41 receiving this service the commissioner shall promptly forward a copy of the service by certified mail to the licensee at the licensee's last 42 43 of record with the commissioner. Process served on address the 44 commissioner pursuant to this subsection constitutes service of process on 1 the licensee as though the licensee were personally served with the 2 process in this state.

C. A nonresident licensee shall accept employment or compensation as a nonresident licensee only under section 32-2155 and only from a broker who is actively licensed in this state.

6 D. A nonresident broker shall maintain in this state the records 7 required by section 32-2151.01 and shall notify the commissioner of the 8 address where the records are kept OR MAY USE ONLINE RECORDKEEPING IF THE 9 DATA IS BACKED UP AND THE NONRESIDENT BROKER NOTIFIES THE DEPARTMENT OF 10 THE NAME OF AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE ONLINE RECORDKEEPING PROVIDER.

11 E. Broker or salesperson license applicants who do not reside in 12 this state are required to complete a minimum of a twenty-seven hour 13 course that is specific to this state's real estate statutes, rules, practices and procedures and that is prescribed and approved by the 14 15 commissioner and are required to pass the real estate school examination 16 before taking this state's examination. The subject matter and course 17 outline shall cover areas specific to this state's real estate practice 18 and law. The requirements of this subsection also apply, to the extent 19 applicable, to broker or salesperson applicants who wish to use college 20 credit in fulfillment of the required ninety prelicensure hours.

E. PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-4302, A BROKER LICENSE OR SALESPERSON
 LICENSE APPLICANT WHO DOES NOT RESIDE IN THIS STATE IS REQUIRED TO
 SUCCESSFULLY PASS THE PORTION OF THE EXAMINATION THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THIS
 STATE'S REAL ESTATE PRACTICE AND LAWS.

F. The commissioner may adopt rules necessary for the regulation of nonresident licensees.

27 Sec. 10. Section 32-2126, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 28 read:

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32-2126. <u>Place of business or statutory agent required;</u> <u>notice of change; failure to give notice as</u> <u>cancellation of license; signage</u>

32 Each employing broker shall have and maintain a definite place Α. of business OR AN ACTIVE AND VALID STATUTORY AGENT ON FILE WITH THE 33 CORPORATION COMMISSION. THE EMPLOYING BROKER MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT 34 OF THE DEFINITE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR THE VALID STATUTORY AGENT. Notice of 35 36 A change of business location OR STATUTORY AGENT shall be given to the 37 commissioner in writing and the commissioner shall issue a new license for the unexpired period. Change or abandonment of a business location OR 38 STATUTORY AGENT without notice shall automatically cancel the EMPLOYING 39 40 broker's license and shall sever the license of any salesperson or 41 associate broker employed by the employing broker. If an employing 42 broker's license is cancelled pursuant to this subsection and the 43 EMPLOYING broker's license is later reinstated, any salesperson or associate broker employed by the employing broker whose license was 44 45 severed pursuant to this subsection may be rehired.

1 B. Each designated broker and, if applicable, each employing broker 2 shall cause a sign to be affixed at the entrance to the broker's place of 3 business, in a place and position clearly visible to all entering the 4 place of business, with the name of the broker, the name under which the 5 broker is doing business if other than the broker's given name, and 6 sufficient wording to establish that the person is a real estate broker, 7 cemetery broker or membership camping broker. In addition to any other 8 applicable law, the sign shall conform to rules adopted by the 9 commissioner.

10 C. Upon ON removal from any location the broker shall remove the 11 sign from the location. A broker shall not display any name at designated 12 places of business named in the broker's license other than the name under 13 which the broker is licensed.

14 Sec. 11. Section 32–2127, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 15 read:

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32-2127. <u>Licenses for additional places of business; branch</u> office manager; broker's temporary absence

A. When IF a broker maintains more than one place of business within the state, he THE BROKER shall be required to procure an additional license for each branch office maintained.

B. Branch office licenses shall be issued in the same name as the principal office license is issued, and the license must be posted in the branch office. Branch office signs shall conform to the provisions for the principal office and shall include the designation "branch office".

25 C. Each branch office shall be under the management of a broker or 26 a licensed salesman.

27 D. If a designated broker is unable to act within twenty-four hours, he THE DESIGNATED BROKER may designate a licensee whom he THE 28 29 DESIGNATED BROKER employs or another designated broker to act in his THE DESIGNATED BROKER'S behalf. The designated broker shall make this 30 31 designation in writing and shall keep the original designation at his THE DESIGNATED BROKER'S office for one year from its effective date. A copy 32 33 of this designation must be attached to any hire, sever or renewal form submitted to the department which THAT is signed by the designated 34 35 broker's designee. This designation shall not exceed thirty days' 36 duration and may authorize the designee to perform any and all duties the 37 designated broker may legally perform, except that a salesperson shall IS 38 not be authorized to hire or sever licensees. A written designation is 39 required for each temporary absence.

40 Sec. 12. Section 32-2132, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 41 read:

32-2132. <u>Fees</u>

43 A. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, the 44 following fees shall be charged and shall not be refunded by the 45 commissioner after issuance of a receipt for payment:

1 1. A broker's examination application fee of not more than \$125. 2 2. A broker's examination fee of not more than \$100. 3 3. A broker's license fee of not more than \$250. 4 4. A broker's renewal fee of not more than \$400. 5 5. A salesperson's examination application fee of not more 6 than \$75. 7 6. A salesperson's examination fee of not more than \$50. 8 7. A salesperson's license fee of not more than \$125. 9 8. A salesperson's renewal fee of not more than \$200. 10 9. A branch office broker's license fee or renewal fee of not more 11 than \$200. 12 10. A fee for a change of name and address of licensee on records of 13 the department of not more than \$20. 14 A duplicate license fee of \$5. 11. A fee for reinstatement of license within the license period 15 12. 16 of \$5. 17 13. A fee for each certificate of correctness of copy of records or 18 documents on file with the department of \$1, plus the cost to the department for reproducing the records or documents. 19 20 14. A temporary broker's license fee of not more than \$50. 21 15. A temporary cemetery salesperson's license fee of not more 22 than \$50. 23 16. A membership camping salesperson certificate of convenience fee 24 of not more than \$50. 25 17. Fees in an amount to be determined by the commissioner by rule 26 for the following: 27 (a) A certificate of approval or renewal to operate a school. 28 (b) An instructor or other school official approval or renewal fee. 29 (c) A continuing education live classroom course approval or 30 renewal fee. 31 (d) A prelicensure education live classroom course or prelicensure online DISTANCE LEARNING course approval or renewal fee. The prelicensure 32 course fee imposed by this subdivision shall be the same and the renewal 33 course fee imposed by this subdivision shall be the same regardless of the 34 35 instructional format a person uses to complete a prelicensure education 36 course or instructional segment or a renewal education course or 37 instructional segment. (e) A continuing education distance learning course approval or 38 39 renewal fee. 40 B. A corporation, partnership or limited liability company shall not be assessed a fee for the issuance of a broker's license. 41 C. The commissioner may contract for the processing of applications 42 43 and the examination of applicants for licensure. The contract may provide for specific fees or a reasonable range for fees as determined by the 44 45 commissioner for examination applications and examinations to be paid 1 directly to the contractor by the applicant. These fees may not exceed 2 the amounts prescribed in subsection A, paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of this 3 section.

D. For good cause shown the commissioner may refund fees previously collected.

6 Sec. 13. Section 32-2135, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 7 read:

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32-2135. <u>Real estate schools: courses of study: instructors:</u> <u>certification</u>

A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, before offering a course 10 11 of study towards completion of the education requirement for real estate licensure or renewal of licensure, a school shall obtain from the 12 13 commissioner a certificate of approval or renewal to operate a school for a period of at least four years. A school shall also obtain a certificate 14 of course approval for each course offered for credit that is not 15 16 currently approved for another school. Each school is responsible for the 17 content of any course it offers and for the professional administration 18 and teaching of the course. Prelicensure education live classroom courses, PRELICENSURE EDUCATION DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES, continuing 19 20 education live classroom courses, online courses and distance learning 21 continuing education courses are subject to approval pursuant to this 22 section.

B. Each approved school shall issue a certificate of real estate course attendance to each person who completes an approved prelicensure or continuing education course. An applicant for renewal of licensure as provided by section 32-2130 shall file evidence of the certificates issued by the school with the commissioner showing the number of credit hours and course of study required for renewal.

29 C. The commissioner may withdraw or deny certification or approval 30 of real estate schools, educational courses or real estate instructors for 31 any acts inconsistent with the requirements of this chapter, including:

Committing or failing to report a violation by an approved
 school or instructor of any provision of this chapter or rules adopted
 pursuant to this chapter.

2. Improperly certifying student attendance or performance.

36 3. Committing any act that is grounds for discipline under section 37 32-2153.

38 4. Teaching information or using course materials that have not39 been approved by the commissioner.

40 5. Failing to attend any continuing education course required by 41 the commissioner.

42 6. Filing any false or misleading application, report or 43 documentation with the department.

44 7. Teaching course content that is not current or that has 45 substantially changed from the course as approved. 1 D. A real estate school, through any owner, director, 2 administrator, instructor or other agent, shall not:

1. Offer a course of study for credit that is not approved by the department, except that the school may advertise a course as pending approval before its approval.

6 2. Promote or advertise the school using false or misleading 7 statistics or testimonials or any other form of deceptive advertisement.

8 E. The commissioner may determine minimal content requirements for 9 approving educational courses and appropriate professional qualifications 10 for approving instructors to teach individual educational courses.

11 F. Except as provided in subsection G of this section, at least 12 thirty days before holding a course of study for completion of the 13 education requirements leading to licensure of real estate applicants or for license renewal requirements, an application for a certificate of 14 course approval or renewal must be filed with the department. For a live 15 16 classroom course, the application shall include a course outline with 17 sufficient detail to clearly identify the scope and content of the 18 course. The outline shall state a desired instructional outcome for the course HOW THE COURSE IS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. A prelicensure 19 20 education course outline that is submitted for approval shall be divided 21 into estimated fifty-minute instructional segments. Course approval shall 22 not be unreasonably withheld and shall not be issued later than thirty days after filing with the department for a live classroom course. 23 Α 24 continuing education distance learning course approval shall not be issued 25 later than ninety days after filing with the department. If the approvals 26 under this subsection are not granted within the time frames prescribed by 27 this subsection, the course shall be automatically approved on a provisional basis for one hundred eighty days, unless the department has 28 29 otherwise notified the applicant of specific deficiencies or unfulfilled requirements for the course submission. A provisional approval may be 30 31 withdrawn by the department on fifteen days' advance notice if the department's review of the course subsequently reveals course deficiencies 32 33 or unfulfilled course requirements. If not withdrawn, the course approval shall remain approved for the entire course approval period. 34 Course approval shall be for a period of at least four years if the contents of 35 36 the course remain current and substantially unchanged. The course may not 37 be taught if the content ceases to be current or is substantially changed. The department may establish by rule additional appropriate requirements 38 39 for approval of a distance learning course.

G. At least ninety days before holding an online A DISTANCE LEARNING course of study for completion of the education requirements leading to licensure of real estate applicants, an application for a certificate of Online DISTANCE LEARNING course approval must be filed with the department. An online A DISTANCE LEARNING course outline that is submitted for approval shall be divided into estimated fifty-minute

1 instructional segments. Online DISTANCE LEARNING course approval shall 2 not be unreasonably withheld and shall be issued not later than ninety 3 days after filing with the department. If the approvals under this 4 subsection are not granted within the time frames prescribed by this 5 subsection, the online DISTANCE LEARNING course shall be automatically 6 approved on a provisional basis for one hundred eighty days, unless the 7 department has otherwise notified the applicant of specific deficiencies 8 or unfulfilled requirements for the online DISTANCE LEARNING course 9 submission. A provisional approval may be withdrawn by the department on 10 fifteen days' advance notice if the department's review of the online 11 DISTANCE LEARNING course subsequently reveals course deficiencies or 12 unfulfilled course requirements. If not withdrawn, the online DISTANCE 13 LEARNING course approval shall remain approved for the entire online 14 DISTANCE LEARNING course approval period. Online DISTANCE LEARNING course approval shall be for a period of at least four years if the contents of 15 16 the online DISTANCE LEARNING course remain current and substantially 17 unchanged. The online DISTANCE LEARNING course may not be taught if the 18 content ceases to be current or is substantially changed. Approved online 19 DISTANCE LEARNING courses must provide for student participation, feedback 20 and remedial instruction. The department may establish by rule additional 21 appropriate requirements for approval of an online A DISTANCE LEARNING 22 course.

23 H. For a currently approved course or online DISTANCE LEARNING 24 course:

25 1. UNLESS GRANTED AN EXEMPTION BY THE COMMISSIONER, the school 26 shall submit notice to the department at least fourteen days before 27 holding the course to allow department employees to monitor the 28 course. The notice is not otherwise subject to review and approval by the 29 department.

2. With the permission of the school that received original approval for the course, another school that desires to offer the course is subject only to the fourteen-day notice requirement before holding the same course. No additional review and approval by the department is required.

I. The department shall approve for continuing education credit any course of study proposed by a real estate school if the course satisfies the commissioner's requirements and is held in this state.

38 J. The department may approve for continuing education credit any 39 course of study proposed by a real estate school if the course satisfies 40 the commissioner's requirements and is held outside this state. On the 41 commissioner's request, the school shall either:

42 1. Provide the department with a videotape or videotapes VIDEO
 43 RECORDING of the course.

44 2. Make arrangements that are approved by the department for 45 monitoring the course.

K. An instructor shall file with the department an application for 1 2 instructor approval or renewal. Instructor approval shall be for at least 3 four years from AFTER the date of approval and is subject to amendment 4 during the license period only if information material to the instructor's 5 qualifications has changed. A person holding instructor approval to teach 6 specific subject matter is not subject to additional or duplicate approval 7 requirements during the original approval period, except that an 8 additional instructor competency area may be added during the license 9 period on submission by the instructor of evidence of competency in such additional competency area. 10

L. In the twenty-four months before application, each instructor original or renewal applicant, other than a panelist, guest speaker, attorney or out-of-state instructor, shall attend at least a three-hour professional seminar or workshop, approved by the department, emphasizing instruction methods, techniques and skills. At the discretion of the commissioner this requirement may be waived based on individual request review.

18 M. The course filing time frames prescribed in this section may be 19 waived by the department for good cause shown.

N. Unless subject to a violation or suspected violation listed in subsection C of this section, the department's approval of a school, school official, instructor or course shall be processed in a time frame consistent with the time frames set forth in this section.

0. This section does not affect the department's ability to withdraw or deny certification or approval of real estate schools, education courses or real estate instructors for a violation of this chapter.

28 Sec. 14. Section 32-2136, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 29 read:

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32-2136. Broker management clinics

A. The department shall determine the instructor qualifications for teaching broker management clinics and the course content of broker management clinics for persons required to attend these clinics pursuant to subsection C of this section.

35 B. A broker management clinic shall consist of three courses of 36 three hours each. The course topics shall be broker statute and rule 37 requirements, including instruction on department audits, and the legal obligations of designated brokers, broker policy development and employee 38 supervision and broker responsibilities and related topics. A broker 39 40 management clinic shall address record keeping RECORDKEEPING requirements, 41 trust fund accounts, advertising and promotions, employment agreements, 42 contracts. fiduciary duties, material disclosures. department 43 investigations and risk management. A broker management clinic may be designed to address property management activities, a specialty field of 44 45 real estate or sales activities, or any combination described in this

subsection. IF ENGAGING IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, A BROKER MUST
 COMPLETE A BROKER MANAGEMENT CLINIC THAT IS DESIGNED TO TEACH PROFICIENCY
 IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

4 C. An applicant for an original real estate broker's license shall 5 attend a broker management clinic before activating the license. A broker 6 shall attend a broker management clinic before becoming a designated 7 broker, unless the broker has attended a broker management clinic during 8 the preceding twenty-three months. All designated brokers and associate 9 brokers employed by a designated broker pursuant to section 32-2151.01, 10 subsection G, shall attend a broker management clinic once during each 11 twenty-four months of licensure after their initial attendance.

12 D. Attendance at a broker management clinic constitutes three 13 courses of three hours each for a total of nine credit hours of real 14 estate oriented education pursuant to section 32-2130, subsection A.

15 Sec. 15. Section 32-2151, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 16 read:

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32-2151. <u>Disposition of monies; trust fund accounts; deposit</u> requirements: broker duties: violations

19 Α. Unless otherwise provided in writing by all parties to a 20 transaction, any licensed real estate broker who does not immediately 21 place all funds MONIES entrusted to the broker, in the broker's capacity 22 as a real estate broker, in a neutral escrow depository in this state shall upon ON receipt place all such funds MONIES in a trust fund account 23 24 in a federally insured or guaranteed account in a depository located in 25 The commissioner may adopt such rules as are necessary to this state. 26 provide for records to be maintained and the manner in which such trust 27 fund account deposits may be made.

B. The following minimum requirements apply to each broker's trustfund account:

1. The broker shall make deposits to trust fund accounts by deposit slips. Receipts or other documentation shall identify each transaction, the date and the amount of each deposit and the names of parties involved in the transaction represented by the deposit, and monies shall be used only for the purpose for which the monies were deposited.

35 2. The broker shall retain a complete record of all monies received 36 in connection with a real estate transaction ELECTRONICALLY OR in the main or branch office of the designated broker in this state or at an off-site 37 storage location in this state if the broker provides prior written 38 notification of the street address of the off-site storage location to the 39 40 A broker's records shall be kept according to generally department. 41 accepted accounting principles and shall include \overline{a} properly descriptive 42 receipts and A disbursement journal and client ledger. The broker shall 43 keep any computerized records in a manner allowing reconstruction in the event of destruction of electronic data. 44 The broker shall maintain a 45 trust fund account bank reconciliation and client ledger balance on a

1 monthly basis and shall remove any interest earned on a trust fund account 2 at least once every twelve months. A broker shall not permit advance 3 payment of monies belonging to others to be deposited in the broker's 4 personal account or to be commingled with personal monies. It is not 5 considered commingling if, when establishing a trust fund account, a 6 broker deposits monies not exceeding three thousand dollars to keep the 7 account open or to avoid charges for an insufficient minimum balance. 8 3. ON A MONTHLY BASIS THE BROKER MUST COMPLETE A THREE-WAY 9 RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT BANK STATEMENTS, CLIENT LEDGERS AND TRUST FUND ACCOUNT LEDGERS AND PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR ANY 10 11 VARIATION. 12 C. A VARIATION THAT IS CAUSED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS OR 13 OMISSIONS IS A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER: 14 1. FAILING TO REMOVE ANY INTEREST THAT IS EARNED ON A TRUST FUND ACCOUNT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWELVE MONTHS. 15 16 2. ALLOWING ADVANCE PAYMENT OF MONIES BELONGING TO OTHERS TO BE 17 DEPOSITED IN THE BROKER'S PERSONAL ACCOUNT OR TO BE COMMINGLED WITH 18 PERSONAL MONIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IT IS NOT COMMINGLING IF A BROKER DEPOSITS PERSONAL MONIES OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 19 20 TO KEEP THE ACCOUNT OPEN OR TO AVOID CHARGES FOR AN INSUFFICIENT MINIMUM 21 BALANCE. 22 3. FAILING TO IDENTIFY MONIES AS NONOWNER TENANT MONIES ΙN 23 DESCRIPTIVE RECEIPTS.

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4. FAILING TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE LEDGERS FOR EACH PROPERTY.

25 5. FAILING TO REGULARLY COMPLETE A THREE-WAY RECONCILIATION AS26 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION.

27 6. TRANSFERRING MONIES BETWEEN ACCOUNTS THAT ARE OWNED BY DIFFERENT28 PERSONS UNLESS EACH PERSON CONSENTS IN WRITING.

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7. FAILING TO CREATE CHECKS AND BALANCES.

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8. FAILING TO FOLLOW STATE OR FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

31 C. D. An agreement to place monies entrusted to the broker in a 32 depository that is located outside of this state is valid if all parties 33 to the transaction agree in writing and either:

34 1. The monies are placed in a property management trust account 35 established pursuant to section 32-2174 and:

(a) The account is federally insured or guaranteed.

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(b) The property management agreement contains:

38 (i) Disclosure that the department's regulatory protections of the 39 owner's monies may be significantly hampered.

40 (ii) Disclosure that the owner may not have access to or any 41 control over the trust account, except to audit and review the status of 42 the account.

43 (iii) An addendum that has the signed authorization by an 44 appropriately empowered official of the depository in which the trust 1 account is placed that the trust account and all related documentation 2 will be open to examination by the department and the owner.

2. If the monies are not deposited in a property management trust account, the broker discloses to the parties to the transaction that potential risks may accrue as the result of depositing the monies in a depository outside this state.

7 D. E. This section shall DOES not be construed to allow a broker
8 to commingle monies entrusted to the broker with the broker's own monies,
9 unless the commissioner adopts rules that allow commingling.

10 Sec. 16. Section 32-2151.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended 11 to read:

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32-2151.01. <u>Broker requirements; recordkeeping requirements;</u> <u>definition</u>

A. Each licensed employing broker shall keep records of all real 14 estate, cemetery, time-share TIMESHARE or membership camping transactions 15 16 handled by or through the broker and shall keep employment records, 17 including copies of employment status, for all current and former 18 employees. The records required by this section shall include copies of 19 earnest money receipts, confirming that the earnest money has been handled 20 in accordance with the transaction, closing statements showing all 21 receipts, disbursements and adjustments, sales contracts and. if 22 applicable, copies of employment agreements. The records shall be open at 23 reasonable times for inspection by the commissioner the a]] or 24 commissioner's representatives. The records of each transaction and 25 employment records shall be kept by the broker for a period of at least 26 five years from AFTER the date of the termination of the transaction or 27 employment. The records shall be kept in the employing broker's principal office or licensed branch office in this state or at an off-site storage 28 29 location in this state if the broker provides prior written notification 30 of the street address of the off-site storage location to the department.

B. Except as provided by section 32-2174, subsection C, a broker shall not grant any person authority to withdraw monies from the broker's trust fund account unless that person is a licensee under that broker's license.

35 C. A broker shall specifically state in the real estate purchase 36 contract, lease agreement or receipt for earnest money the type of earnest 37 money received in any real estate transaction, whether it is cash, a 38 check, a promissory note or any other item of value.

D. All licensees shall promptly place all cash, checks or other tiems of value received as payment in connection with a real estate transaction in the care of the designated broker.

42 E. The broker shall maintain each real estate purchase contract or 43 lease agreement and the transaction folder in which it is kept in a 44 chronological log or other systematic manner that is easily accessible by 45 the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives. 1

F. Sales transaction folders shall include:

2 1. Confirmation that the earnest monies or other monies handled by 3 or through the broker were handled according to instructions given by or 4 agreed to by the parties to the transaction.

5 2. A complete copy of the sales contract, any escrow account 6 receipt, any closing or settlement statement and, if applicable, a copy of 7 the escrow instructions, listing agreement, employment agreement and 8 release of escrow monies.

9 G. The designated broker shall review each listing agreement, 10 purchase or nonresidential lease agreement or similar instrument within 11 ten business days of AFTER the date of execution by placing the broker's 12 initials and the date of review on the instrument on the same page as the 13 signatures of the parties. A designated broker may authorize in writing 14 an associate broker who the designated broker employs to review and 15 initial these instruments on the designated broker's behalf.

broker shall 16 H. The retain a]] real estate purchase and 17 nonresidential lease contracts and employment agreements, or copies of 18 these documents, in the employing broker's principal office or licensed branch office or at an off-site storage location in this state if the 19 20 broker provides prior written notification of the street address of the 21 off-site storage location to the department.

I. The broker shall retain an original, a copy or a microfilm copy of any document evidencing a rejected offer to purchase real property as a matter of record for at least one year. In instances that result in binding contracts, the broker shall retain prior rejected offers for at least five years.

J. If real property in a development is sold or leased by a developer without the services of a listing or selling broker, the developer shall keep all records required by subsections A and C of this section.

31 K. For the purposes of this section, "business day" means a day 32 that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or any other legal holiday in this state.

33 Sec. 17. Section 32-2153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 34 read:

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32-2153. <u>Grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of</u> <u>licenses: letters of concern: provisional license:</u> <u>retention of jurisdiction by commissioner:</u> <u>definitions</u>

A. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a license, deny the issuance of a license, issue a letter of concern to a licensee, issue a provisional license or deny the renewal or the right of renewal of a license issued under this chapter if it appears that the holder or applicant, within five years immediately preceding, in performing or attempting to perform any acts authorized by the license or by this chapter, has: 1 1. Pursued a course of misrepresentation or made false promises, 2 either directly or through others, whether acting in the role of a 3 licensee or a principal in a transaction.

4 2. Acted for more than one party in a transaction without the 5 knowledge or WRITTEN consent of all parties to the transaction.

6 3. Disregarded or violated any of the provisions of this chapter or 7 any rules adopted by the commissioner.

8 4. Knowingly authorized, directed, connived at or aided in the 9 publication, advertisement, distribution or circulation of any material 10 false or misleading statement or representation concerning the licensee's 11 business or any land, cemetery property, subdivision or membership 12 campground or camping contract offered for sale in this or any other 13 state.

14 5. Knowingly used the term "real estate broker", "cemetery broker" 15 or "membership camping broker" without the legal right to do so.

16 6. Employed any unlicensed salesperson or unlicensed associate17 broker.

18 7. Accepted compensation as a licensee for performing any of the 19 acts specified in this chapter from any person who is not authorized to 20 provide compensation pursuant to section 32-2155.

8. Represented or attempted to represent a broker other than the
 broker to whom the salesperson or associate broker is licensed.

9. Failed, within a reasonable time, to account for or to remit any monies, to surrender to the rightful owner any documents or other valuable property that comes into the licensee's possession and that belongs to others, or to issue an appraisal report on real property or cemetery property in which the licensee has an interest, unless the nature and extent of the interest are fully disclosed in the report.

10. Paid or received any rebate, profit, compensation or commissionin violation of this chapter.

11. Induced any party to a contract to break the contract for the purpose of substituting a new contract with the same or a different principal, if the substitution is motivated by the personal gain of the licensee.

35 12. Placed a sign on any property offering it for sale or for rent 36 without the written authority of the owner or the owner's authorized 37 agent.

38 13. Solicited, either directly or indirectly, prospects for the 39 sale, lease or use of real property, cemetery property or membership 40 camping contracts through a promotion of a speculative nature involving a 41 game of chance or risk or through conducting lotteries or contests that 42 are not specifically authorized under this chapter.

43 14. Failed to pay to the commissioner the renewal fee as specified44 in this chapter promptly and before the time specified.

1 15. Failed to keep an escrow or trust account or other record of 2 monies deposited with the licensee relating to a real estate transaction.

3 16. Commingled the monies or other property of the licensee's 4 principal or client with the licensee's own or converted these monies or 5 property to the licensee or another.

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6 17. Failed or refused on demand to produce any document, contract, 7 book, record, information, compilation or report that is in the licensee's 8 possession or that the licensee is required by law to maintain concerning 9 any real estate, cemetery or membership camping business, services, activities or transactions involving or conducted by the licensee for 10 11 inspection by the commissioner or the commissioner's representative.

12 18. Failed to maintain a complete record of each transaction that 13 comes within this chapter.

19. Violated the federal fair housing law, the Arizona civil rights 14 law or any local ordinance of a similar nature. 15

16 20. Tendered to a buyer a wood infestation report in connection 17 with the transfer of residential real property or an interest in 18 residential real property knowing that wood infestation exists or that the wood infestation report was inaccurate or false as of the date of the 19 20 tender or that an inspection was not done in conjunction with the 21 preparation of the wood infestation report.

22 21. As a licensed broker, failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of salespersons, associate brokers or others under the 23 24 broker's employ or failed to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the activities for which a license is required of a corporation, 25 26 limited liability company or partnership on behalf of which the broker 27 acts as designated broker under section 32-2125.

28 22. Demonstrated negligence in performing any act for which a 29 license is required.

30 23. Sold or leased a property to a buyer or lessee that was not the 31 property represented to the buyer or lessee.

24. Violated any condition or term of a commissioner's order.

Signed the name of another person on any document or form 33 25. without the express written consent of the person. 34

35 26. As a licensed school, failed to exercise reasonable supervision 36 over the activities for which a license is required for an owner, director, administrator or instructor in the school's employ. 37

B. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a license, deny the 38 issuance of a license, issue a letter of concern to a licensee, issue a 39 provisional license or deny the renewal or the right of renewal of a 40 41 license issued under this chapter if it appears that the holder or 42 applicant has:

43 1. Procured or attempted to procure a license under this chapter for the holder or applicant or another by fraud, misrepresentation or 44

1 deceit or by filing an original or renewal application that is false or 2 misleading.

2. Been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction in this or any other state of a felony or of any crime of forgery, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, a crime of moral turpitude or any other like offense.

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3. Made any substantial misrepresentation.

8 4. Made any false promises of a character likely to influence, 9 persuade or induce.

10 5. Been guilty of any conduct, whether of the same or a different 11 character than specified in this section, that constitutes fraud or 12 dishonest dealings.

6. Engaged in the business of a real estate broker, cemetery broker membership camping broker or real estate SALESPERSON, cemetery SALESPERSON or membership camping salesperson without holding a license as prescribed in this chapter.

17 7. Demonstrated incompetence to perform any duty or requirement of 18 a licensee under or arising from this chapter. For the purposes of this 19 paragraph, "incompetence" means a lack of basic knowledge or skill 20 appropriate to the type of license the person holds or a failure to 21 appreciate the probable consequences of the licensee's action or inaction.

8. Violated the terms of any criminal or administrative order,decree or sentence.

24 9. Violated any federal or state law, regulation or rule that relates to real estate or securities or that involves forgery, theft, 25 26 extortion, fraud, substantial misrepresentation, dishonest dealings or violence against another person or failure to deal fairly with any party 27 to a transaction that materially and adversely affected the transaction. 28 29 This paragraph applies equally to violations of which the licensee was convicted in any lawful federal or state tribunal and to any admissions 30 31 made in any settlement agreement by the licensee to violations.

32 10. Failed to respond in the course of an investigation or audit by 33 providing documents or written statements.

C. A judgment based on a court's finding or stipulation of fraud by a licensee following a trial on the merits or a criminal conviction of a licensee that results in a payment from the real estate recovery fund is prima facie evidence of a violation and grounds for discipline under this section.

D. The commissioner may deny, suspend or revoke the issuance of a license on application by a corporation, a limited liability company or a partnership if it appears that an owner, officer, director, member, manager, partner, stockholder owning ten percent or more of the stock in the corporation or limited liability company or person exercising control of the entity is a current or former licensee whose license as a broker or a salesperson has been denied, suspended or revoked. E. The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the commissioner or a court of law or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to do any of the following:

5 1. Proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary 6 proceeding against the licensee.

7 2. Render a decision suspending or revoking the license or denying8 the renewal or right of renewal of the license.

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3. Assess a civil penalty pursuant to section 32-2160.01.

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F. For the purposes of this section:

11 1. "Letter of concern" means an advisory letter to notify a 12 licensee that, while the conduct or evidence does not warrant other 13 disciplinary action, the commissioner believes that the licensee should 14 modify or eliminate certain practices and that continuation of the 15 activities may result in further disciplinary action against the licensee.

16 2. "Provisional license" means a license that the department issues 17 and that allows a licensee to practice subject to either a consent order 18 as prescribed in section 32-2153.01 or the commissioner's terms, 19 conditions and restrictions.

Sec. 18. Section 32–2163, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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32-2163. <u>Unlawful acts; out-of-state broker; cooperation</u> agreement

A. It is unlawful for any licensed broker in this state to employ or compensate, directly or indirectly, any person for performing any of the acts within the scope of this chapter if the person is not also a licensed broker in this state, or a salesperson licensed under the broker employing or compensating the salesperson, except that a licensed broker in this state may pay compensation to and receive compensation from a broker who is lawfully operating in another state.

B. Notwithstanding that pursuant to subsection A of this section a licensed broker in this state may pay to and receive compensation from an out-of-state broker, this authority does not allow an out-of-state broker to conduct activity in this state that would otherwise require a broker's license issued by the department.

C. A licensed broker in this state may cooperate with an out-of-state broker who would otherwise require licensure in this state if:

39 1. The licensed broker and the out-of-state broker enter into a 40 written cooperation agreement before the out-of-state broker conducts any 41 activity otherwise requiring a broker's license pursuant to this 42 chapter. The cooperation agreement shall include the following:

43 (a) A list of the real estate activities to be conducted by the 44 out-of-state broker. 1 (b) A statement that the out-of-state broker agrees to fully comply 2 with the laws of this state and submit to the regulatory jurisdiction of 3 the department for activities subject to real estate broker licensure 4 pursuant to this chapter.

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(c) A statement that the licensed broker in this state understands and accepts responsibility for the acts of the out-of-state broker.

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2. All negotiations in this state or with people who own property in this state are conducted through the licensed broker in this state.

9 3. The licensed broker in this state assumes all responsibility for 10 the acts of the out-of-state broker.

11 4. All principal funds handled by either the licensed broker in 12 this state or the out-of-state broker are subject to the deposit and 13 handling requirements of section 32-2151.

D. The offering of real estate brokerage services specified by section 32-2101, paragraph 50 51 for compensation or any other thing of value pertaining to real property located in this state through an internet website constitutes activity that requires a broker's license issued by the department.

19 E. This section does not allow an out-of-state broker who is not 20 licensed in this state to list, market or advertise in this state real 21 property located in this state for sale, lease or exchange.

F. Signs shall not be placed on real property in this state by an out-of-state broker. An out-of-state broker shall not use a cooperation agreement as authority to sell, lease, rent, exchange or attempt to sell, lease, rent or exchange real property to a resident of this state.

26 Sec. 19. Section 32-2174, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 27 read:

28 29 32-2174. <u>Property management accounts: trust accounts:</u> <u>signatories</u>

A. All property management accounts shall be designated as trust
 accounts ON THE BROKER'S RECORDS. and shall include descriptive wording,
 substantially similar to one of the following, in the trust account title:
 1. "Trust account".

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3. "In trust for (individual or entity name)".

4. "Trustee for (individual or entity name)".

5. "Fiduciary for (individual or entity name)".

B. A broker's trust account is required for all of the owner's monies, except if the owner directs the broker to deposit the monies directly into the owner's account. The broker shall not have access to the owner's account. Trust accounts may be interest bearing.

42 C. The designated broker for a property management firm may 43 authorize either a licensee or an unlicensed natural person in the direct 44 employ of the broker to transfer monies or to be a signatory on the 45 property management firm's trust accounts. If the person who is 1 designated to sign on behalf of the designated property management broker 2 is an unlicensed person, that person shall be a bona fide officer, member, 3 principal or employee of the property management firm. The broker may 4 require dual signatures on checks and may use a facsimile signature 5 according to the broker's business policies and procedures. The 6 designation of a licensed or unlicensed person to transfer monies or to be 7 a signatory on trust accounts does not lessen the broker's responsibility 8 or liability for any monies handled.

9 D. Within three banking days after receiving monies that are not 10 subject to dispute or contingency, the property management firm shall 11 deposit the monies in either the owner's direct account or the property 12 management firm's trust account for the benefit of the owner. A property 13 management firm may remit an owner's monies under its control to or for 14 the owner by any lawful means available.

15 E. Each rental agreement executed by a property manager shall 16 include a provision that clearly states the disposition of any tenant 17 deposits.

18 Sec. 20. Section 32-2197.08, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended 19 to read:

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32-2197.08. <u>Issuance of public report and amended public</u> report by commissioner on timeshare plan; denial of issuance; additional information; use of another state's public report

24 On examination of a timeshare plan, the commissioner, unless Α. there are grounds for denial, shall approve for use by the developer a 25 26 public report authorizing the sale or lease of the timeshare interests within the timeshare plan. For all timeshare interests sold in this 27 state, the commissioner shall require the developer to reproduce the 28 29 public report and furnish each prospective customer with a copy, taking a receipt for each copy. The public report shall be made available to each 30 31 prospective purchaser in written format and may also be made available in 32 a CD-ROM or other electronic format as approved by the commissioner EITHER BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR IN HARD COPY. The public report shall include the 33 34 following:

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1. The name and principal address of the owner and developer.

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A description of the type of timeshare interests being offered.

37 3. A description of the existing and proposed accommodations and 38 amenities of the timeshare plan, including type and number, any use 39 restrictions and any required fees for use.

40 4. A description of any accommodations and amenities that are 41 committed to be built, including:

42 (a) The developer's schedule of commencement and completion of all43 accommodations and amenities.

44 (b) The estimated number of accommodations per site that may become 45 subject to the timeshare plan. 1 5. A brief description of the duration, phases and operation of the 2 timeshare plan.

3 4 6. The current annual budget if available or the projected annual budget for the timeshare plan. The budget shall include:

5 6 (a) A statement of the amount or a statement that there is no amount included in the budget as a reserve for repairs and replacement.

(b) The projected common expense liability, if any, by category of

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8 expenditures for the timeshare plan.
9 (c) A statement of any services or expenses that are not reflected

in the budget and that the developer provides or pays.
 7. A description of any liens, defects or encumbrances on or

12 affecting the title to the timeshare interests.

13 8. A statement that by midnight of the tenth calendar day after execution of the purchase agreement a purchaser may cancel any purchase 14 15 agreement for a timeshare interest from a developer together with a 16 statement providing the name and street address where the purchaser should 17 mail any notice of cancellation. If, by agreement of the parties through 18 the purchase agreement, the purchase agreement allows for cancellation of the purchase agreement for a period of time exceeding ten calendar days, 19 20 the public report shall include a statement that the cancellation of the 21 purchase agreement is allowed for that period of time exceeding ten 22 calendar days.

9. A description of any bankruptcies, pending suits, adjudications
or disciplinary actions material to the timeshare interests of which the
developer has knowledge.

26 10. Any restrictions on alienation of any number or portion of any 27 timeshare interests.

Any current or expected fees or charges to be paid by timeshare
 purchasers for the use of any amenities related to the timeshare plan.

30 12. The extent to which financial arrangements have been provided 31 for completion of all promised improvements.

32 13. If the timeshare plan provides purchasers with the opportunity 33 to participate in any exchange programs, a description of the name and 34 address of the exchange companies and the method by which a purchaser 35 accesses the exchange programs.

36 14. Any other information that the developer, with the approval of 37 the commissioner, desires to include in the public report.

38 15. If the developer is offering a multisite timeshare plan, the 39 following information, which may be disclosed in a written, graphic or 40 tabular form:

41 (a) A description of each component site, including the name and 42 address of each component site.

(b) The number of accommodations and timeshare periods, expressed
in periods of use availability, committed to the multisite timeshare plan
and available for use by purchasers.

1 (c) Each type of accommodation in terms of the number of bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and sleeping capacity and a statement of whether or not the 3 accommodation contains a full kitchen. For the purposes of this 4 subdivision, "full kitchen" means a kitchen having a minimum of a 5 dishwasher, range, oven, sink and refrigerator.

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(d) A description of amenities available for use by the purchaser 7 at each component site.

8 (e) A description of the reservation system, includina the 9 following:

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(i) The entity responsible for operating the reservation system.

11 (ii) A summary of the rules governing access to and use of the 12 reservation system.

13 (iii) The existence of and an explanation regarding any priority 14 affect reservation features that а purchaser's ability to make 15 reservations for the use of a given accommodation on a first-reserved, 16 first-served basis.

17 (f) A description of any right to make any additions, substitutions 18 or deletions of accommodations or amenities and a description of the basis 19 on which accommodations and amenities may be added to, substituted in or 20 deleted from the multisite timeshare plan.

21 (g) A description of the purchaser's liability for any fees 22 associated with the multisite timeshare plan.

(h) The location and the anticipated relative use demand of each 23 24 component site in a multisite timeshare plan as well as any periodic adjustment or amendment to the reservation system that may be needed in 25 26 order to respond to actual purchaser use patterns and changes in purchaser 27 use demand for the accommodations existing at the time within the 28 multisite timeshare plan.

29 (i) Any other information reasonably required by the commissioner 30 or established by rule that is necessary for the protection of purchasers 31 of timeshare interests in timeshare plans.

32 (j) Any other information that the developer, with the approval of the commissioner, desires to include in the public report. 33

34 16. If a developer offers a nonspecific timeshare interest in a 35 multisite timeshare plan, the information set forth in paragraphs 1 36 through 14 of this subsection as to each component site.

37 17. Any other information that the commissioner determines or 38 establishes by rule is necessary to implement the purpose of this article.

39 B. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the 40 requirements prescribed by subsection A of this section apply to a 41 developer's application for approval to use an amended public report for the sale of timeshare interests in a timeshare plan, including an amended 42 43 public report to disclose and address a material change under section 32-2197.04. A developer may elect to prepare an amended public report for 44 45 use in the sale of timeshare interests as follows:

1 1. The developer shall prepare the amended public report and 2 provide a copy of the report to the commissioner with the submission of 3 the application for an amended public report, including any notification 4 required by section 32-2197.04, and shall comply with all other 5 requirements of this article.

6 2. An amendment filing fee established pursuant to section 7 32-2197.07 shall accompany the application prescribed by paragraph 1 of 8 this subsection.

9 3. On receipt of the application and amended public report, the department shall review and, within fifteen business days if the amendment 10 11 adds less than six new component sites to the timeshare plan or within 12 thirty calendar days if the amendment adds six or more new component sites 13 to the timeshare plan, issue either a certification that the application 14 and amended public report are administratively complete or a denial letter if it appears that the application, amended public report or timeshare 15 16 plan is not in compliance with all legal requirements, that the applicant 17 has a background of violations of state or federal law or that the 18 applicant or timeshare plan presents an unnecessary risk of harm to the 19 public. If the commissioner has received the application and amended 20 public report but has not issued a certification or a denial letter within 21 the required time period, the application and amended public report are 22 deemed administratively complete.

4. The developer may commence sales or leasing activities as allowed under this article using an amended public report when the commissioner issues a certification of administrative completeness or as of the date the application and amended public report are deemed administratively complete pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection. The certification may be issued on paper or electronically.

29 Before or after the commissioner issues a certification of 5. 30 administrative completeness or, if applicable, after the application and 31 amended public report are deemed to be administratively complete pursuant 32 to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the department may examine any public 33 report, timeshare plan or applicant that has applied for or received the 34 certification. If the commissioner determines that the public report, 35 timeshare plan or applicant is not in compliance with any requirement of 36 state law or that grounds exist under this chapter to suspend, deny or 37 revoke a public report, the commissioner may commence an administrative action under section 32-2154, 32-2157 or 32-2197.14. If the developer 38 39 immediately corrects the deficiency and fully complies with state law, the 40 commissioner shall promptly vacate any action that the commissioner may 41 have commenced pursuant to section 32-2154, 32-2157 or 32-2197.14.

42 6. The department shall provide forms and guidelines for the 43 submission of the application and amended public report pursuant to this 44 subsection. 1 C. In the event of denial, suspension or revocation, grounds shall 2 set forth in writing at the time of denial, suspension or be 3 revocation. The commissioner may deny, suspend or revoke the public 4 report on any of the following grounds:

5 1. Failure to comply with this article or the rules of the 6 commissioner pertaining to this article.

7 2. The sale or lease would constitute misrepresentation to or 8 deceit or fraud of the purchasers or lessees.

9 3. Inability to demonstrate that adequate financial or other arrangements acceptable to the commissioner have been made for completion 10 11 of the timeshare property, installation of all streets, sewers, electric, gas and water utilities, drainage, flood control and other similar 12 13 improvements included in the offering.

4. The developer, including if an entity, an officer, director, 14 member, manager, partner, owner, trust beneficiary holding ten percent or 15 16 more beneficial interest, stockholder owning ten percent or more of the 17 stock or other person exercising control of the entity, has:

18 (a) Been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving theft, 19 fraud or dishonesty or involving the conduct of any business or a 20 transaction in real estate, cemetery property, timeshare interests or 21 membership camping campgrounds or contracts.

22 (b) Been permanently or temporarily enjoined by order, judgment or 23 decree from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in 24 connection with the sale or purchase of real estate, cemetery property, 25 timeshare interests, membership camping campgrounds or contracts, or 26 securities or involving consumer fraud or the Arizona racketeering laws.

27 (c) Had an administrative order entered against him by a real estate regulatory agency or securities regulatory agency. 28

29 (d) Had an adverse decision or judgment entered against him involving fraud or dishonesty or involving the conduct of any business in 30 31 or a transaction in real estate, cemetery property, timeshare interests or 32 membership camping campgrounds or contracts.

33 (e) Disregarded or violated this chapter or the rules of the 34 commissioner pertaining to this chapter.

(f) Participated in, operated or held an interest in any entity to 35 36 which subdivision (b), (c), (d), or (e) of this paragraph applies.

5. If within this state, the timeshare property is incompatible 37 38 with the existing neighborhood and would introduce into a neighborhood a 39 character of property or use that would clearly be detrimental to property 40 values in that neighborhood.

41 D. If the timeshare property is within an active management area, 42 as defined in section 45-402, the commissioner shall deny issuance of a 43 public report unless the developer has been issued a certificate of assured water supply by the director of water resources and has paid all 44 45 applicable fees pursuant to sections 48-3772 and 48-3774.01, or unless the 1 developer has obtained a written commitment of water service for the 2 timeshare property from a city, town or private water company designated 3 as having an assured water supply by the director of water resources 4 pursuant to section 45-576.

E. In areas outside of active management areas, if the timeshare property is located in a county that has adopted the provision authorized by section 11-823, subsection A or in a city or town that has enacted an ordinance pursuant to section 9-463.01, subsection 0, the commissioner shall deny issuance of a public report unless one of the following applies:

1. The director of water resources has reported pursuant to section 12 45-108 that the timeshare property has an adequate water supply.

2. The developer has obtained a written commitment of water service for the timeshare property from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply by the director of water resources pursuant to section 45-108.

3. The timeshare property was approved pursuant to an exemption authorized by section 9-463.01, subsection K, pursuant to an exemption authorized by section 11-823, subsection B, paragraph 1, pursuant to an exemption granted by the director of water resources under section 45-108.02 and the exemption has not expired or pursuant to an exemption granted by the director of water resources under section 45-108.03.

4. The subdivision received final plat approval from the city, town or county before the requirement for an adequate water supply became effective in the city, town or county, and there have been no material changes to the plat since the final plat approval. If changes were made to the plat after the final plat approval, the director of water resources shall determine whether the changes are material pursuant to the rules adopted by the director to implement section 45-108.

F. In addition to providing to each prospective customer a copy of the public report as required in subsection A of this section, the developer shall also provide to each customer before the close of any transaction information and materials that identify any timeshare exchange companies currently under contract and disclosure statements regarding the use of the timeshare exchange companies, as well as any additional information the commissioner deems appropriate.

G. The commissioner may authorize for use in this state by a developer of a timeshare plan in which all accommodations are located outside of this state a current public report that is issued by another jurisdiction or an equivalent registration and disclosure document that is required before offering a timeshare plan for sale, lease or use and that is issued by another jurisdiction. This authorization does not constitute an exemption from other applicable requirements of this article.

1 Sec. 21. Section 32-2197.10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended 2 to read: 3 32-2197.10. Timeshare interest reservations A. The notice of intent required by section 32-2197.02 and the 4 5 approval for use of a public report required by section 32-2197.08 are not 6 required for any party to enter into a timeshare interest reservation. 7 B. Before the approval for use of a public report for a timeshare 8 plan, a deposit may be accepted from a prospective buyer for a timeshare 9 interest reservation if all of the following requirements are met: 10 Before accepting any timeshare interest reservation, 1. the 11 prospective seller shall mail or deliver, or provide in a written, CD-ROM or other electronic format as approved by the commissioner, notice of the 12 13 seller's intention to accept timeshare interest reservations to the 14 department A HARD COPY NOTICE OR ELECTRONIC NOTICE AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SELLER'S INTENTION TO ACCEPT THE TIMESHARE INTEREST 15 16 **RESERVATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT.** The notice shall include: 17 (a) The name, address and telephone number of the prospective 18 seller. 19 (b) The name, address and telephone number of any real estate 20 broker retained by the prospective seller to promote the timeshare 21 interest reservation program. 22 (c) The name and location of the timeshare property for which 23 timeshare interest reservations are to be offered. (d) The form to be used for accepting 24 timeshare interest 25 reservations subject to approval by the commissioner. 26 (e) The name and address of the independent third party THIRD-PARTY 27 escrow or trust account agent responsible for holding the reservation 28 deposits. 29 2. The reservation deposit for a single timeshare interest shall 30 not exceed twenty percent of the purchase price. 31 3. Within one business day after a reservation is accepted by the prospective seller, the reservation deposit shall be delivered to an 32 independent third-party escrow or trust account in a federally insured 33 depository. The account may be interest bearing at the direction of 34 35 either the prospective seller or prospective buyer. Payment of any 36 account fees and payment of interest monies shall be as agreed to between 37 the prospective buyer and prospective seller. All reservation deposits shall remain in the account until cancellation or termination of the 38 39 timeshare interest reservation or execution of a purchase agreement. 40 4. Within fifteen calendar days after the prospective seller 41 receives the public report approved for use by the commissioner relating to the reserved timeshare interest, the prospective seller shall provide 42 43 the prospective buyer with a copy of the public report and a copy of the proposed purchase agreement for the sale of the timeshare interest. 44 The prospective buyer and prospective seller shall have ten business days 45

1 after the prospective buyer's receipt of the public report and the 2 proposed purchase agreement to enter into a contract for the purchase of 3 the timeshare interest. If the prospective buyer and prospective seller 4 do not enter into a contract for the purchase of the timeshare interest 5 within the ten business day period, the reservation automatically 6 terminates. The prospective seller has no cancellation rights concerning 7 timeshare interest reservation other than as provided in this а 8 subsection.

9 5. A prospective buyer may cancel a timeshare interest reservation 10 at any time before the execution of a purchase agreement by delivering 11 written notice of termination to the prospective seller as provided in 12 paragraph 9 of this subsection.

13 6. Within five business days after a timeshare interest reservation has been terminated for any reason, the prospective seller shall refund to 14 the prospective buyer all reservation deposits made by the prospective 15 16 buyer, including any interest monies earned minus any account fees agreed 17 The independent third-party escrow account or trust on, if applicable. 18 account agent shall refund to the prospective buyer all reservation 19 deposits made by the prospective buyer, including any interest monies 20 earned minus any account fees agreed on if the prospective seller is not 21 available. After the refund, neither the prospective buyer nor the 22 prospective seller has any obligation arising out of the timeshare 23 interest reservation.

7. A prospective buyer may not transfer rights under a reservation without the prior written consent of the prospective seller, and any purported transfer without the consent of the prospective seller is voidable at the sole discretion of the prospective seller.

8. If the department denies an application for a public report on a timeshare plan on which timeshare interest reservations were taken, within five business days after notification by the department, the prospective seller shall notify in writing each prospective buyer who entered into a timeshare interest reservation agreement. The prospective seller shall return any reservation deposits previously taken.

9. All notices required by this section to be given to the department, the prospective buyer or the prospective seller shall be in writing and either hand delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested with postage fully prepaid. Notices sent by mail are deemed delivered on the earlier of actual receipt, as evidenced by the delivery receipt, or seven calendar days after being deposited in the United States mail.

41 10. Each timeshare interest reservation form shall contain the 42 following statement in conspicuous type above the purchaser's signature 43 line: The Arizona department of real estate has not inspected or approved this timeshare property and no public report has been issued for the timeshare plan. No offer to sell may be made and no offer to purchase may be accepted before issuance of a public report or pre-sale authorization for the timeshare plan.

7 C. The commissioner may deny, suspend or revoke authorization to 8 accept timeshare interest reservations under this section to any person 9 who has violated any provision of this chapter.

10 Sec. 22. Section 32-2197.16, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended 11 to read:

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32-2197.16. <u>Separate disclosures</u>

A. The purchase agreement must contain a separate disclosure document that discloses all of the following in at least ten-point type:

1. If the purchaser signs the purchase agreement, the purchaser has
 ten days to cancel the purchase agreement without a penalty.

17 2. If the purchaser signs the purchase agreement, the purchaser may
18 be responsible for paying maintenance fees, taxes and other assessments
19 every year for the duration of ownership.

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3. Timeshares are not investments.

4. The purchase agreement is final and any conflicting statementsmade by the seller are not part of the purchase agreement.

23 5. The purchaser has the right to file a consumer complaint with 24 the attorney general.

B. Before entering into a purchase agreement, the seller must provide the purchaser with a separate disclosure document to adequately inform the purchaser of the purchaser's actual and potential liabilities under the purchase agreement. At a minimum, this separate disclosure document must conspicuously disclose all of the following:

30 1. The duration of the timeshare agreement entered into by the 31 purchaser or whether the agreement has no set duration.

2. A good faith LOAN estimate of the total potential financial obligation of the purchaser during the first year of ownership that includes additional charges to which the purchaser may be subject during the first year of ownership, including all potential assessments. The disclosure shall be as follows:

(a) If the maximum amount of the first year's assessments is known
at the time of purchase, the disclosure must disclose the maximum amount
of these assessments and the assessments levied for each of the previous
three years, if available.

(b) If the maximum amount of the first year's assessments is
unknown at the time of purchase, the disclosure must provide the purchaser
with the following:

1 (i) Notice that the purchaser will be required to pay assessments 2 in addition to the disclosed purchase payment and that the amount of those 3 assessments is currently unknown.

4 (ii) A statement disclosing the assessments levied for each of the 5 previous three years, if available, and a good faith LOAN estimate of the 6 first year's assessments that is at least the highest amount assessed 7 during any of the previous three years based on the timeshare interest 8 being offered.

9 (iii) Unless the purchase agreement provides for a limit on assessments during the first year of ownership, an affirmative statement 10 11 that there is no limit on the assessments that the purchaser may be 12 charged in the first year of ownership.

13 C. If there are blank spaces in the purchase agreement or the 14 disclosure documents prescribed by this section, the contract is voidable.

D. The purchaser must separately initial each disclosure prescribed 15 16 by subsection A of this section, sign the separate disclosure prescribed 17 by subsection B of this section and verify that the purchaser has read and 18 understands the information presented in the separate disclosures. An 19 initialed copy of the separate disclosure prescribed by subsection A of 20 this section and a signed copy of the separate disclosure prescribed by 21 subsection B of this section shall be provided to the purchaser for the 22 purchaser's records at the time of signing, and the seller shall keep a signed copy of the separate disclosures. 23

24 E. The commissioner may recommend or require that the separate 25 disclosures be in a specified form. The form must contain the information 26 required by this section.

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Sec. 23. <u>Retention of members</u>

Notwithstanding section 32-2104, Arizona Revised Statutes, 28 as 29 amended by this act, all persons serving as members of the real estate advisory board on the effective date of this act may continue to serve 30 31 until the expiration of their normal terms. The governor shall make all 32 subsequent appointments as prescribed by statute.