TITLE 876 INDIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Proposed Rule

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DIGEST

Amends <u>876 IAC 3-5-1</u> concerning continuing education requirements. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

876 IAC 3-5-1

SECTION 1. <u>876 IAC 3-5-1</u>, PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED AT <u>20071219-IR-876070338PRA</u>, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

876 IAC 3-5-1 Continuing education requirements

Authority: <u>IC 25-34.1-3-8</u> Affected: <u>IC 25-1-4; IC 25-1-11; IC 25-34.1</u>

Sec. 1. (a) As a prerequisite to renewal of a real estate appraiser license or certification, excluding a trainee license during the first five (5) years of licensure, the licensee or certificate holder shall satisfactorily complete twenty-eight (28) classroom hours of continuing education within that two (2) year renewal period from real estate appraiser continuing education courses approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as provided for in IC 25-1-4-0.5(1)(B) or by the board under this rule. Notwithstanding the normal twenty-eight (28) hour requirement for two (2) year renewal periods, for the renewal of licenses or certificates that expire on June 30, 2008, the licensee or certificate holder must satisfactorily complete thirty-five (35) classroom hours of continuing education courses approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as provided for in IC 25-1-4-0.5(1)(B) or by the board under this rule. However, a licensee or certificate holder initially licensed within the last one hundred eighty-five (185) days of a two (2) year renewal period shall not be required to obtain any hours of continuing education. For licenses or certificates that expire on June 30, 2008, the one hundred eighty-five (185) days before June 30, 2008.

(b) After holding a trainee's licensed trainee appraiser license for a five (5) year period, a trainee is required to satisfactorily complete the continuing education requirement in each following renewal cycle:

(1) If the five (5) year period ends in the first year of a two (2) year renewal cycle, the trainee will be required to complete fourteen (14) hours of continuing education for the remainder of that renewal period.

(2) If the five (5) year period ends in the second year of two (2) year renewal cycle, the trainee shall not be required to obtain any hours of continuing education for that renewal cycle.

(3) For licensed trainee appraiser licenses that expire on June 30, 2008, the first year under subdivision (1) shall be considered to have ended on December 31, 2006, and the second year under subdivision (2) shall be considered to have started on January 1, 2007, and ended on June 30, 2008.

(c) The following criteria apply to determine the number of hours:

A classroom hour of instruction is defined as fifty (50) minutes of each sixty (60) minute hour segment.
Credit toward the classroom hour requirement may be granted only where the length of the educational offering is at least two (2) hours.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), up to fifty percent (50%) of continuing education credit may be granted for participation, other than as a student in appraisal educational programs, as follows:

(1) Teaching.

(2) Program development.

(3) Authorship of textbooks.

(e) A licensee is not entitled to continuing education credit for any classroom hours that were used for required prelicensure education under <u>876 IAC 3-3</u>.

(f) The continuing education requirement is to ensure that appraisers participate in educational programs that maintain and increase their skill, knowledge, and competency in real estate appraising.

(g) The board may verify any information concerning continuing education that is submitted by the licensee or certificate holder as evidence supporting the course information. The board may require licensees or certificate holders to provide information regarding the continuing education hours claimed on the individual's renewal. Failure to do so may lead to action under $\frac{|C|25-1-4-5}{|C|25-1-4-6}$.

(h) It is the responsibility of each licensee or certificate holder to retain evidence to support the courses taken for a period of three (3) years after the end of the renewal period for which the renewal application is submitted to the board. These records shall include one (1) or more of the following:

- (1) Course attendance verification by the sponsor.
- (2) Certificates of course completion.
- (3) Continuing education attendance history by employer or third party.
- (4) Other evidence of support and justification.

(Indiana Real Estate Commission; <u>876 IAC 3-5-1</u>; filed Sep 24, 1992, 9:00 a.m.: 16 IR 747; filed Dec 8, 1993, 4:00 p.m.: 17 IR 779; filed Apr 10, 1995, 10:00 a.m.: 18 IR 2123; filed Dec 24, 1997, 11:00 a.m.: 21 IR 1764, eff Jan 1, 1998 [IC 4-22-2-36 suspends the effectiveness of a rule document for thirty (30) days after filing with the secretary of state. LSA Document #97-65 was filed Dec 24, 1997.]; filed Apr 12, 2001, 12:30 p.m.: 24 IR 2705, eff Jan 2, 2002; readopted filed May 29, 2001, 10:00 a.m.: 24 IR 3238; filed Aug 6, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR 184; readopted filed Jul 19, 2007, 1:16 p.m.: <u>20070808-IR-876070068RFA</u>)

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