

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2381

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As of February 20, 2014

**Title:** An act relating to creating an inactive certification, license, or registration status for real estate appraisers.

**Brief Description:** Creating an inactive certification, license, or registration status for real estate appraisers.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Hurst and Dahlquist.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/12/14, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Commerce & Labor: 2/19/14.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Staff:** Jessica Stevenson (786-7465)

**Background:** The Certified Real Estate Appraiser Act governs the certification, licensing, and registration of real estate appraisers. To become certified, licensed, or registered, a person must pay the fees and comply with the education, experience, and examination requirements set by the Department of Licensing (DOL). The certification, license, or registration expires on the person's second birthday following the issuance. Renewal requires the person to complete continuing education requirements, pay the renewal fee, and apply for renewal within 120 days prior to expiration of the certificate, license, or registration.

If a person fails to renew prior to expiration, the person can still apply within one year of the expiration date by complying with all renewal requirements and paying a late fee. If the person fails to renew within one year, DOL must cancel the certification, license, or registration. A person may obtain a new certificate, license, or registration by satisfying all of the procedures and qualifications for the initial certification, licensing, or registration.

DOL must suspend a certificate, license, or registration if a person has been certified by the Department of Social and Health Services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order or a lending agency reports to DOL nonpayment or default on a federally or state-guaranteed educational loan or service-conditional scholarship.

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DOL may take disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct involving the application process; improper use of the certificate, license, or registration; violations of law or rules; conflicts of interests; or improperly refusing to perform appraisals or drafting reports.

**Summary of Bill:** A person may place their valid real estate appraiser certification, license, or registration on inactive status for up to two years, but cannot continue to act as a state-certified real estate appraiser, state-licensed real estate appraiser, or state-registered appraiser trainee without reactivating the certification, license, or registration.

The director of DOL must establish rules for inactive certifications, licenses, or registrations. An inactive certification, license, or registration may be placed on an active status by complying with the rules established by DOL. Failure to renew an inactive certification, license, or registration results in cancellation of the certification, license, or registration.

The provisions relating to the denial, suspension, and revocation of active certifications, licenses, and registrations and the discipline of its holder apply to an inactive certification, license, or registration and the person who possesses it. The director of DOL may take disciplinary action for a person continuing to act as a state-certified real estate appraiser, state-licensed real estate appraiser, or state-registered appraiser trainee when that person's certificate, license, or registration is on an inactive status.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** No one.