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HOUSE BILL 1740

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By Representatives Kirby, Ryu, and Moscoso; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to fingerprint-based background checks for state-  
2 registered appraiser trainee applicants and existing credential  
3 holders; amending RCW 18.140.060 and 18.140.120; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 18.140 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.140.060 and 2005 c 339 s 5 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) Applications for examinations, original certification,  
9 licensure, or registration, and renewal certification, licensure, or  
10 registration shall be made in writing to the department on forms  
11 approved by the director. Applications for original and renewal  
12 certification, licensure, or registration shall include a statement  
13 confirming that the applicant shall comply with applicable rules and  
14 regulations and that the applicant understands the penalties for  
15 misconduct.

16 (2) The appropriate fees shall accompany all applications for  
17 examination, reexamination, original certification, licensure, or  
18 registration, and renewal certification, licensure, or registration.

1       (3) Each applicant for registration as a state-registered appraiser  
2 trainee must submit to a background investigation under section 3 of  
3 this act.

4       (4) Qualified applicants for licensure or certification from  
5 another jurisdiction not requiring trainee registration shall submit to  
6 a background investigation under section 3 of this act.

7       (5) At the discretion of the director, existing credential holders  
8 may by rule be required to submit to background investigations under  
9 section 3 of this act at renewal.

10       **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.140.120 and 2005 c 339 s 9 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12       An applicant for certification or licensure who is currently  
13 certified or licensed and in good standing under the laws of another  
14 state may obtain a certificate or license as a Washington state-  
15 certified or state-licensed real estate appraiser without being  
16 required to satisfy the examination requirements of this chapter  
17 if((+)) the director determines that ((the certification or licensure  
18 requirements are substantially similar to those found in Washington  
19 state; and that the other state has a written reciprocal agreement to  
20 provide similar treatment to holders of Washington state certificates  
21 and/or licenses)): The appraiser licensing and certification program  
22 of the other state is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. 3351(b); and the  
23 other state's requirements for certification or licensing meet or  
24 exceed the licensure standards established in this chapter.

25       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.140 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27       Effective January 1, 2015, background investigations under this  
28 chapter consist of fingerprint-based background checks through the  
29 Washington state patrol criminal identification system and through the  
30 federal bureau of investigation. The applicant is required to pay the  
31 current federal and state fees for fingerprint-based criminal history  
32 background checks. The applicant shall submit the fingerprint cards  
33 and required fees for background checks to the department for  
34 submission to the Washington state patrol.

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