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**2014 Real Estate Appraiser Commission Legislative Update**

Pursuant to Tenn. Code. Ann. § 4-3-1306(d), you are receiving this notice because you have elected to receive notification by e-mail of certain changes or potential changes to the law applicable to your profession. As such, please accept this email as notification of the passage of Public Chapter 621, Public Chapter 570, Public Chapter 815 and Public Chapter 881.

[Public Chapter 621](#), amends Tenn. Code Ann., Title 62, Chapter 39, and requires that applicants applying for an initial registration, licensure, or certification as a real estate appraiser submit a full set of fingerprints in order for the Real Estate Appraiser Commission to conduct a criminal history background check. Public Chapter 621 was signed into law on April 4, 2014 and will become effective January 1, 2015. A copy of the new law is available for review on the website of the Tennessee General Assembly here: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0621.pdf>.

[Public Chapter 570](#), amends Tenn. Code Ann., Title 62, Chapter 39, relative to real estate appraisers. This change removes the requirement that a real estate appraiser must file a renewal application and pay a renewal fee to renew a certificate thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the license then held. Public Chapter 570 was signed into law and became effective March 21, 2014. A copy of the new law is available for review on the website of the Tennessee General Assembly here: <http://www.tn.gov/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0570.pdf>

[Public Chapter No. 815](#), amends Title 40, Chapter 29, relative to restoration of citizenship. This Act allows certain persons beginning on January 1, 2015, who have had their rights of citizenship restored to petition the court for a certificate of employability. If a person obtains such a certificate, an agency may not deny the issuance, restoration or renewal of an occupational license solely on the person's past record of criminal activity but, instead, must consider each such applicant on a case-by-case basis. The certificate of employability preempts any existing rule that authorizes or requires the denial or refusal to issue, restore or renew a license based on the person's past record of criminal history; however, any agency may promulgate new rules which allow or require such a denial or refusal to issue, restore or renew a license notwithstanding the certificate based on the time elapsed since the criminal offense or the

nature of the offense having a direct bearing on the fitness or ability to perform any duty or responsibility necessarily related to the sought license. Further, employers that hire individuals holding a certificate of employability may be provided with defenses to certain civil actions based on such hiring. This law became effective on April 28, 2014. A copy of the new law is available for review on the website of the Tennessee General Assembly here: <http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0815.pdf>.

Public Chapter No. 881, amends Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-76-201 and 202, and Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-1-129 and 130, relative to each board and commission created under Title 62. This Act requires each board and commission in consultation with the division of Regulatory Boards develop a plan to create an apprentice program for use by such board or commission. The details of the plan shall include specific items set out in the Public Chapter and shall be submitted to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the commissioner of commerce and insurance, the commissioner of health and the commissioner of labor and workforce development on or before December 31, 2014. If any board or commission has statutorily created apprenticeship programs or previously had such programs, it shall submit a similar report detailing information about such programs as set out in the Public Chapter. This law became effective on May 1, 2014. A copy of the new law is available for review on the website of the Tennessee General Assembly here: <http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0881.pdf>.

If you have any questions or concerns about these new laws, please contact Nikole Avers, Executive Director for the Tennessee Real Estate Appraiser Commission, at 615-741-1831 or electronically at [nikole.avers@tn.gov](mailto:nikole.avers@tn.gov)