SENATE BILL 571

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AN ACT

RELATING TO REAL ESTATE LICENSES; CHANGING A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AS A BROKER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-29-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1959, Chapter 226, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-29-9. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE. --

- A. Licenses shall be granted only to persons who are deemed by the commission to be of good repute and competent to transact the business of a real estate broker or salesperson in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public.
- B. An applicant for a broker's license shall be a legal resident of the United States, have reached the age of majority and, except as provided in Section 61-29-14 NMSA 1978, be a resident of New Mexico. Each applicant for a broker's

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license shall have passed the real estate examination approved by the commission and shall:

(1) have performed actively as a real estate salesperson for at least [twenty-four months out of the preceding thirty-six months immediately prior to filing application] two years and furnish the commission a certificate that he has completed successfully a broker basics course approved by the commission;

[(2) furnish the commission a certificate that he has completed successfully one hundred eighty classroom hours of instruction in basic real estate courses approved by the commission;

(3) (2) furnish the commission a certificate that he is a duly licensed real estate broker in good standing in another state; [providing] provided that he has completed successfully ninety classroom hours of instruction in basic real estate courses approved by the commission, thirty hours of which shall have been a broker basics course: or

[(4)] (3) furnish the commission satisfactory proof of his equivalent experience in an activity closely related to or associated with real estate and furnish the commission a certificate that he has completed successfully ninety classroom hours of instruction in basic real estate courses approved by the commission, thirty hours of which shall have been a broker basics course.

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C. Each applicant for a <u>real estate</u> salesperson's license shall be a legal resident of the United States, have reached the age of majority, have passed the real estate examination approved by the commission and furnish the commission a certificate that he has completed successfully sixty classroom hours of instruction in basic real estate courses approved by the commission.

D. The commission shall require the information it deems necessary from every applicant to determine his honesty, trustworthiness and competency. Corporations, partnerships or associations may hold a broker's license issued in the name of the corporation, partnership or association, provided at least one member of the partnership or association or one officer or employee of a corporation who actively engages in the real estate business first secures a broker's license. The license shall be issued in the name of the corporation, partnership or association, naming the partner, associate, officer or employee as qualifying broker for the corporation, partnership or association."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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