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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITL	E:	Real Estate Licensee	Requirements		SB	443/aHCPAC
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriatio	on Contained	Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI		NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

<u>Responses Received From</u> No Response received from Regulation and Licensing Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amended Senate Bill 443 to include an age requirement with the experience requirement. The licensee must now be a minimum of 65 years of age and have 25 continuous years of experience to qualify for the reduced continuing education standard.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 443 provides that a real estate licensee with 25 years of continuous licensed experience need not take 30 hours of continuing education every 3 years, as other licensees must in order to renew their license. The bill provides that the licensee with 25 years continuous licensed experience need only take 8 hours of continuing education every 3 years.

Significant Issues

- 1. The real estate licensing laws currently reference those who are 65-years or older as exempted from the continuing education requirement.
- 2. Currently, the exemption is a blanket exemption. No continuing education is required of those 65-years or older.

- 3. Changing the benchmark from 65-years or older to 25 years of continuous licensed experience is appropriate. The benchmark becomes more relevant.
- 4. Adding a minimum of 8 hours continuing education will provide an avenue for keeping up-to-date with changes in the professional and legal landscape.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Real Estate Commission will be minimally impacted by having to verify the 8-hour continuing education requirement for licensees with 25 years or more continuous licensed experience at the time of renewal.

There will not likely be many licensees for which this must be done. The burden will fall on the licensee to present the Commission with the appropriate documentation at the time of renewal. Therefore, the Commission should be able to absorb this added administrative function with ease.

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