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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend <u>HB4107</u> Of the printed Bill Page Section Lines Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Jim Grego

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
З	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4107 By: Grego
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7	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
8	An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 858-723, which relates
9	to the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act; mandating forfeiture of fine for frivolous complaints; proscribing use of forfeited fines; and providing an effective date.
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14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
15	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 858-723, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	Section 858-723. A. The Real Estate Appraiser Board, after
18	notice and opportunity for a hearing, pursuant to Article II of the
19	Administrative Procedures Act, may issue an order imposing one or
20	more of the following penalties whenever the Board finds, by clear
21	and convincing evidence, that a certificate holder has violated any
22	provision of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act, or
23	rules promulgated pursuant thereto:
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Revocation of the certificate with or without the right to
 reapply;

3 2. Suspension of the certificate for a period not to exceed4 five (5) years;

5 3. Probation, for a period of time and under such terms and6 conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board;

7 4. Stipulations, limitations, restrictions, and conditions
8 relating to practice;

9 5. Censure, including specific redress, if appropriate;
10 6. Reprimand, either public or private;

11 7. Satisfactory completion of an educational program or 12 programs;

Administrative fines as authorized by the Oklahoma Certified
 Real Estate Appraisers Act; and

15 9. Payment of costs expended by the Board for any legal fees 16 and costs and probation and monitoring fees including, but not 17 limited to, administrative costs, witness fees and attorney fees. 18 Any administrative fine imposed as a result of a в. 1. 19 violation of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act or 20 the rules of the Board promulgated pursuant thereto shall not: 21 be less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and shall not a. 22 exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each 23 violation of this act or the rules of the Board, or

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b. exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for all
 violations resulting from a single incident or
 transaction.

All administrative fines shall be paid within thirty (30)
days of notification of the certificate holder by the Board of the
order of the Board imposing the administrative fine, unless the
certificate holder has entered into an agreement with the Board
extending the period for payment.

9 3. The certificate may be suspended until any fine imposed upon10 the licensee by the Board is paid.

4. Unless the certificate holder has entered into an agreement with the Board extending the period for payment, if fines are not paid in full by the licensee within thirty (30) days of the notification by the Board of the order, the fines shall double and the certificate holder shall have an additional thirty-day period. If the double fine is not paid within the additional thirty-day period, the certificate shall automatically be revoked.

18 5. All monies received by the Board as a result of the
19 imposition of the administrative fine provided for in this section
20 shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers
21 Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 858-730 of this title.

C. The rights of any holder under a certificate as a trainee, state licensed, state certified residential or state certified general real estate appraiser may be revoked or suspended, or the

1 holder of the certificate may be otherwise disciplined pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act, 2 upon any of the grounds set forth in this section. The Board may 3 4 investigate the actions of a trainee, state licensed, state 5 certified residential or state certified general real estate appraiser, and may revoke or suspend the rights of a certificate 6 7 holder or otherwise discipline a trainee, state licensed, state certified residential or state certified general real estate 8 9 appraiser for any of the following acts or omissions:

Procuring or attempting to procure a certificate pursuant to
 the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act
 by knowingly making a false statement, knowingly submitting false
 information, refusing to provide complete information in response to
 a question in an application for certification or through any form
 of fraud or misrepresentation;

16 2. Failing to meet the minimum qualifications established 17 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate 18 Appraisers Act;

Paying money other than provided for by the Oklahoma
 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act to any member or employee of
 the Board to procure a certificate pursuant to the Oklahoma
 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;

4. A conviction, including a conviction based upon a plea of
guilty or nolo contendere, of a felony crime that substantially

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relates to the practice of real estate appraisals or poses a
 reasonable threat to public safety;

5. An act or omission involving dishonesty, fraud, or
misrepresentation with the intent to substantially benefit the
certificate holder or another person or with the intent to
substantially injure another person;

7 6. Violation of any of the standards for the development or
8 communication of real estate appraisals as provided in the Oklahoma
9 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;

10 7. Failure or refusal without good cause to exercise reasonable 11 diligence in developing an appraisal, preparing an appraisal report 12 or communicating an appraisal;

13 8. Negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal, in
14 preparing an appraisal report, or in communicating an appraisal;

9. Willfully disregarding or violating any of the provisions of
the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act or the regulations
of the Board for the administration and enforcement of the
provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act;

19 10. Accepting an appraisal assignment when the employment 20 itself is contingent upon the appraiser reporting a predetermined 21 estimate, analysis or opinion, or where the fee to be paid is 22 contingent upon the opinion, conclusion, or valuation reached, or 23 upon the consequences resulting from the appraisal assignment;

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1 11. Violating the confidential nature of governmental records
 2 to which the appraiser gained access through employment or
 3 engagement as an appraiser by a governmental agency;

4 12. Entry of a final civil judgment against the person on
5 grounds of deceit, fraud, or willful or knowing misrepresentation in
6 the making of any appraisal of real property;

7 13. Violating any of the provisions in the code of ethics set8 forth in this act; or

9 14. Failing to at any time properly identify themselves10 according to the specific type of certification held.

D. In a disciplinary proceeding based upon a civil judgment, the trainee, state licensed, state certified residential or state certified general real estate appraiser shall be afforded an opportunity to present matters in mitigation and extenuation, but may not collaterally attack the civil judgment.

16 Ε. 1. A complaint may be filed with the Board against a 17 trainee or state licensed or state certified appraiser for any 18 violations relating to a specific transaction of the Oklahoma 19 Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act by any person who is the 20 recipient of, relies upon or uses an appraisal prepared for a 21 federally related transaction or real-estate-related financial 22 transaction as described in Section 858-701 of this title.

23 2. Any person with knowledge of any circumstances surrounding
24 an act or omission by a trainee or state licensed or state certified

1 appraiser involving fraud, dishonesty or misrepresentation in any 2 real property valuation-related activity, not limited to federally 3 related transactions, may file a complaint with the Board setting 4 forth all facts surrounding the act or omission.

3. A complaint may be filed against a trainee or state licensed
or state certified appraiser directly by the Board, if reasonable
cause exists for violations of the code of ethics set forth in this
act.

9 4. Any complaint filed pursuant to this subsection shall be in 10 writing and signed by the person filing same and shall be on a form 11 approved by the Board. The trainee or state licensed or state 12 certified appraiser shall be entitled to any hearings or subject to 13 any disciplinary proceedings provided for in the Oklahoma Certified 14 Real Estate Appraisers Act based upon any complaint filed pursuant 15 to this subsection.

16 <u>5. If, after hearing evidence on a complaint against a trainee,</u>
17 <u>state licensed appraiser, or state certified appraiser pursuant to</u>
18 <u>this subsection, the Board finds the complaint to be frivolous, the</u>
19 <u>Board has the authority to levy a fine of no more than Five Hundred</u>
20 <u>Dollars (\$500.00). Any forfeited fines shall be transferred to the</u>
21 <u>Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board and used for training purposes.</u>
22 F. As used in this section:

23 1. "Substantially relates" means the nature of criminal conduct24 for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on the

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1	fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or
2	responsibilities necessarily related to the occupation; and
3	2. "Poses a reasonable threat" means the nature of criminal
4	conduct for which the person was convicted involved an act or threat
5	of harm against another and has a bearing on the fitness or ability
6	to serve the public or work with others in the occupation.
7	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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