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A BILL

1	FOR AN ACT	relating to appraisers; to amend section 76-2222, Reissue
2		Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-2223,
3		Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to adopt
4		the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration
5		Act; to add a member to the Real Property Appraiser
6		Board; to provide powers and duties for the board; to
7		provide an operative date; and to repeal the original
8		sections.

1 Section 1. Sections 1 to 20 of this act shall be known

- 2 and may be cited as the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company
- 3 Registration Act.
- 4 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Appraisal Management
- 5 Company Registration Act:
- 6 (1) Appraisal has the same meaning as in section 76-2204;
- 7 (2) Appraisal Foundation has the same meaning as in
- 8 section 76-2205;
- 9 (3) Appraisal management company means, in connection
- 10 with valuing real property collateralizing mortgage loans, mortgages,
- 11 or trust deeds incorporated into a securitization, any external third
- 12 party that oversees a network or panel of more than fifteen certified
- or licensed appraisers in this state or twenty-five or more certified
- 14 or licensed appraisers nationally within a given year and that is
- 15 <u>authorized</u>, either by a creditor of a consumer credit transaction
- 16 <u>secured by a consumer's principal dwelling or by an underwriter of or</u>
- other principal in the secondary mortgage markets:
- 18 (a) To recruit, select, and retain appraisers;
- 19 (b) To contract with certified or licensed appraisers to
- 20 perform real property appraisal activity;
- 21 (c) To manage the process of having an appraisal
- 22 performed, including providing administrative duties such as
- 23 receiving appraisal orders and appraisal reports, submitting
- 24 completed appraisal reports to creditors and underwriters, collecting
- 25 fees from creditors and underwriters for appraisal services provided,

1 and reimbursing appraisers for appraisal services performed; or

2	(d) To review and verify the work of appraisers;
3	(4) Appraisal practice has the same meaning as in section
4	<u>76-2205.01;</u>
5	(5) Appraisal report has the same meaning as in section
6	<u>76-2206;</u>
7	(6) Appraisal review means the act or process of
8	developing and communicating an opinion about the quality of another
9	appraiser's work that was performed as part of a real property
10	appraisal activity, except that a quality control examination of an
11	appraisal report shall not be an appraisal review;
12	(7) Appraisal services means residential valuation
13	assignments performed by an individual acting as an appraiser,
14	including, but not limited to, appraisal, appraisal review, or
15	consulting services;
16	(8) Appraiser means an individual who holds a license or
17	certification as an appraiser and is expected to perform valuation
18	assignments competently and in a manner that is independent,
19	impartial, and objective;

(10) Board means the Real Property Appraiser Board;

appraisal services for a third party;

(11) Consulting service has the same meaning as in

certified independent appraisers that have been selected to perform

(9) Appraiser panel means a group of licensed or

25 <u>section 76-2211.01;</u>

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- 1 (12) Controlling person means:
- 2 (a) An officer or director of, or owner of greater than a
- 3 ten percent interest in, a corporation, partnership, or other
- 4 business entity seeking to act or acting as an appraisal management
- 5 company in this state;
- 6 (b) An individual employed, appointed, or authorized by
- 7 an appraisal management company that has the authority to enter into
- 8 <u>a contractual relationship with other persons for the performance of</u>
- 9 services requiring registration as an appraisal management company
- 10 and that has the authority to enter into agreements with appraisers
- 11 for the performance of appraisals; or
- 12 (c) An individual who possesses, directly or indirectly,
- 13 the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or
- 14 policies of an appraisal management company;
- 15 (13) Federal financial institution regulatory agency
- 16 means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the
- 17 <u>Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller</u>
- 18 of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the National
- 19 Credit Union Administration, or the successor of any of such
- 20 agencies;
- 21 (14) Federally related transaction means any real estate-
- 22 related financial transaction which:
- 23 (a) A federal financial institution regulatory agency or
- 24 the Resolution Trust Corporation engages in, contracts for, or
- 25 <u>regulates; and</u>

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- 2 (15) Owned and controlled means direct or indirect
- 3 ownership or control of more than twenty-five percent of the voting
- 4 shares of an appraisal management company;
- 5 (16) Person means an individual, firm, partnership,
- 6 limited partnership, limited liability company, association,
- 7 corporation, or other group engaged in joint business activities,
- 8 <u>however organized;</u>
- 9 (17) Quality control examination means an examination of
- 10 <u>an appraisal report for compliance and completeness, including</u>
- 11 grammatical, typographical, or other similar errors;
- 12 (18) Real estate has the same meaning as in section
- 13 <u>76-2214;</u>
- 14 (19) Real property has the same meaning as in section
- 15 <u>76-2217;</u>
- 16 (20) Real property appraisal activity has the same
- meaning as in section 76-2215;
- 18 (21) Real estate-related financial transaction means any
- 19 <u>transaction involving:</u>
- 20 (a) The sale, lease, purchase, investment in, or exchange
- 21 of real property, including interests in real property or the
- 22 <u>financing thereof</u>;
- 23 (b) The refinancing of real property or interests in real
- 24 property; or
- 25 <u>(c) The use of real property or interests in real</u>

1 property as security for a loan or investment, including mortgage-

- 2 backed securities;
- 3 (22) Relocation management company means a business
- 4 entity in which the preponderance of its business services include
- 5 relocation of employees as an agent or contracted service provider to
- 6 the employer for the purposes of determining an anticipated sales
- 7 price for the residence of an employee being relocated by the
- 8 <u>employer;</u>
- 9 (23) Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice
- 10 <u>has the same meaning as in section 76-2213.01; and</u>
- 11 (24) Valuation assignment has the same meaning as in
- 12 <u>section 76-2219.</u>
- Sec. 3. (1) It is unlawful for a person to directly or
- 14 indirectly engage in or attempt to engage in business as an appraisal
- 15 management company or to advertise or hold itself out as engaging in
- 16 or conducting business as an appraisal management company in this
- 17 state without first obtaining a registration issued by the board.
- 18 (2) An application for the registration required by
- 19 subsection (1) of this section shall include the following
- 20 information:
- 21 (a) The name of the person seeking registration and any
- 22 other name or names, if any, under which it will do business in this
- 23 <u>state;</u>
- 24 (b) The business address of the person seeking
- 25 <u>registration;</u>

1 (c) The telephone contact information of the person 2 seeking registration; 3 (d) If the person seeking registration is not a corporation that is domiciled in this state, the name and contact 4 5 information for the person's agent for service of process in this 6 <u>state;</u> 7 (e) The name, address, and contact information for any 8 person that owns ten percent or more of the person seeking 9 registration; (f) The name, address, and contact information for one 10 controlling person designated as the main contact for all 11 12 communication between the person seeking registration and the board; 13 (g) A certification that the person seeking registration has a system and process in place to verify that an appraiser 14 15 selected to the appraiser panel of the person seeking registration 16 holds a license or certification in good standing in this state pursuant to the Real Property Appraiser Act; 17 (h) A certification that the person seeking registration 18 requires appraisers completing appraisal services at the person's 19 20 request to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, including the requirements for geographic and 21 22 product competence; 23 (i) A certification that the person seeking registration has a system in place to verify that only licensed or certified 24

appraisers are used for federally related transactions;

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1 (j) A certification that the person seeking registration 2 has a system in place to require that appraisals are conducted independently and free from inappropriate influence and coercion as 3 4 required by the appraisal independence standards established under 5 section 129E of the federal Truth in Lending Act, as amended, 6 including the requirements for payment of a reasonable and customary 7 fee to appraisers when the appraisal management company is providing 8 appraisal services for a consumer credit transaction secured by the 9 principal dwelling of a consumer; 10 (k) A certification that the person seeking registration 11 maintains a detailed record of each request for appraisal services 12 that it receives and the appraiser that performs the residential real 13 estate appraisal services for the appraisal management company; 14 (1) If the person seeking registration is a nonresident, 15 an irrevocable consent for service of process, if required pursuant 16 to section 5 of this act; and 17 (m) Any other information required by the board which is reasonably necessary to implement the Nebraska Appraisal Management 18 19 Company Registration Act. 20 (3) An applicant for registration as an appraisal 21 management company in this state shall submit to the board an 22 application on a form or forms prescribed by the board. 23 (4) A registration issued pursuant to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act shall be valid for two 24 years after the date on which it is issued. An application for the 25

1 renewal of a registration shall include substantially similar

- 2 information required for the initial registration as provided in
- 3 <u>subsection (2) of this section.</u>
- 4 Sec. 4. The Nebraska Appraisal Management Company
- 5 Registration Act does not apply to:
- 6 (1) A person that exclusively employs persons for the
- 7 performance of appraisal services. The employer is responsible for
- 8 ensuring that the appraisal services are performed by employees in
- 9 accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal
- 10 Practice;
- 11 (2) An appraisal management company that is owned and
- 12 <u>controlled</u> by a financial institution regulated by a federal
- 13 financial institution regulatory agency;
- 14 (3) An appraiser that enters into an agreement, written
- or oral, with an appraiser for the performance of appraisal services
- 16 if upon the completion of the appraisal services the appraisal report
- 17 is signed by both the appraiser who completed the appraisal services
- 18 and the appraiser who requested the appraisal services; or
- 19 (4) A relocation management company.
- 20 Sec. 5. Each person seeking registration as an appraisal
- 21 management company in this state that is not domiciled in this state
- 22 shall submit an irrevocable consent that service of process upon such
- 23 person may be made by delivery of the process to the director of the
- 24 board if the plaintiff cannot, in the exercise of due diligence,
- 25 effect personal service upon the person in an action against the

1 applicant in a court of this state arising out of the person's

- 2 activities in this state.
- 3 Sec. 6. (1) The board shall establish, by rule and
- 4 regulation, a nominal processing fee to be paid by each appraisal
- 5 management company seeking registration under the Nebraska Appraisal
- 6 Management Company Registration Act that is sufficient for the
- 7 administration of the registration process, but in no case shall the
- 8 <u>fee be more than five hundred dollars.</u>
- 9 (2) The board may establish, by rule and regulation, a
- 10 <u>similar processing fee, not to exceed five hundred dollars, to be</u>
- 11 charged in connection with the renewal of any registration.
- 12 Sec. 7. (1) An appraisal management company applying for
- 13 registration in this state shall not:
- 14 (a) In whole or in part, directly or indirectly, be owned
- 15 by any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate in this
- 16 state or in any other state refused, denied, canceled, surrendered in
- 17 <u>lieu of revocation, or revoked; and</u>
- 18 (b) Be more than ten percent owned by a person who is not
- 19 of good moral character, which for purposes of this section shall
- 20 require that such person has not been convicted of, or entered a plea
- 21 of nolo contendere to, a felony relating to the appraisal practice or
- 22 any crime involving fraud, misrepresentation, or moral turpitude.
- 23 (2) For purposes of subdivision (1)(b) of this section,
- 24 <u>each owner of more than ten percent of an appraisal management</u>
- 25 company shall submit and pay the costs of a national criminal history

1 record information check. The check shall be carried out by the

- 2 board.
- 3 Sec. 8. An appraisal management company that applies to
- 4 the board for a registration to do business in this state as an
- 5 appraisal management company shall not:
- 6 (1) Knowingly employ any individual to perform appraisal
- 7 <u>services who has had a license or certificate to act as an appraiser</u>
- 8 in this state or in any other state refused, denied, canceled,
- 9 <u>surrendered in lieu of revocation, or revoked; or</u>
- 10 (2) Knowingly enter into any independent contractor
- 11 arrangement to perform appraisal services, whether in verbal,
- 12 written, or other form, with any individual who has had a license or
- 13 certificate to act as an appraiser in this state or in any other
- 14 state refused, denied, canceled, surrendered in lieu of revocation,
- 15 <u>or revoked.</u>
- 16 Sec. 9. Prior to assigning appraisal orders, an appraisal
- 17 management company shall have a system in place to verify that an
- 18 appraiser being added to the appraiser panel holds the appropriate
- 19 appraiser license or certification in good standing.
- 20 Sec. 10. Any employee of or independent contractor to an
- 21 appraisal management company that performs a Uniform Standards of
- 22 <u>Professional Appraisal Practice standard 3 appraisal review shall be</u>
- 23 an appraiser with the proper level of licensure. Quality control
- 24 <u>examinations</u> are exempt from this requirement as they are not
- 25 <u>considered a standard 3 review.</u>

1 Sec. 11. Each appraisal management company seeking to be

- 2 registered in this state shall certify to the board on a biennial
- 3 basis on a form prescribed by the board that the appraisal management
- 4 company has a system in place to verify that an appraiser on the
- 5 appraiser panel has not had a license or certification as an
- 6 appraiser refused, denied, canceled, revoked, or surrendered in lieu
- 7 of a pending revocation in any state in the previous twenty-four
- 8 months.
- 9 Sec. 12. <u>Each appraisal management company seeking to be</u>
- 10 registered in this state shall certify to the board on a biennial
- 11 <u>basis that it maintains a detailed record of each appraisal service</u>
- 12 request that it receives and of the appraiser who performs the
- 13 appraisal services for the appraisal management company. Record
- 14 retention requirements are for a period of five years after appraisal
- 15 services are completed or two years after final disposition of a
- 16 judicial proceeding related to the real property appraisal activity,
- 17 whichever period expires later.
- 18 Sec. 13. An appraisal management company may not alter,
- 19 modify, or otherwise change a completed appraisal report submitted by
- 20 an appraiser without the appraiser's written consent.
- 21 Sec. 14. (1) The board shall issue a unique registration
- 22 number to each appraisal management company that is registered in
- this state.
- 24 (2) The board shall maintain a published list of the
- 25 appraisal management companies that have registered with the board

1 pursuant to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration

- 2 Act and have been issued a registration number pursuant to subsection
- 3 (1) of this section.
- 4 (3) An appraisal management company registered in this
- 5 state shall disclose the registration number provided to it by the
- 6 board on the engagement documents presented to the appraiser.
- 7 Sec. 15. (1) Except within the first ninety days after an
- 8 appraiser is first added to the appraiser panel of an appraisal
- 9 management company, an appraisal management company may not remove
- 10 the appraiser from the appraiser panel of the appraisal management
- 11 company or otherwise refuse to assign requests for appraisal services
- 12 to an appraiser on the appraiser panel without:
- 13 (a) Notifying the appraiser in writing of the reasons why
- 14 the appraiser is being removed from the appraiser panel of the
- 15 <u>appraisal management company; and</u>
- 16 (b) Providing an opportunity for the appraiser to respond
- 17 to the notification from the appraisal management company.
- 18 (2) An appraiser who is removed from the appraiser panel
- 19 of an appraisal management company may file a complaint with the
- 20 board for a review of the decision of the appraisal management
- 21 company. The scope of the board's review in any such case is limited
- 22 to determining that the appraisal management company has complied
- 23 with subsection (1) of this section and whether a violation of the
- 24 Real Property Appraiser Act has occurred.
- 25 (3) If an appraiser files a complaint against an

1 appraisal management company pursuant to subsection (2) of this

- 2 section, the board shall adjudicate the complaint within one hundred
- 3 eighty days after the filing of the complaint.
- 4 (4) If, after opportunity for hearing and review, the
- 5 board determines that an appraisal management company acted
- 6 improperly in removing the appraiser from the appraiser panel the
- 7 board shall:
- 8 (a) Provide written findings to the involved parties;
- 9 (b) Provide an opportunity for the appraisal management
- 10 company and the appraiser to respond to the findings; and
- 11 (c) Make recommendations for action.
- 12 Sec. 16. (1) To the extent permitted by any applicable
- 13 federal legislation or regulation, the board may censure an appraisal
- 14 management company, conditionally or unconditionally suspend or
- 15 revoke the registration issued to the appraisal management company
- 16 under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act, or
- 17 levy fines or impose civil penalties not to exceed five thousand
- 18 dollars, if the board determines that an appraisal management company
- 19 is attempting to perform, has performed, or has attempted to perform
- 20 any of the following:
- 21 <u>(a) A material violation of the act;</u>
- 22 (b) A violation of any rule or regulation adopted and
- 23 promulgated by the board; or
- 24 (c) Procurement of a registration for itself or any other
- 25 person by fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit.

(2) In order to promote voluntary compliance, encourage 1 2 appraisal management companies to correct errors promptly, and ensure a fair and consistent approach to enforcement, the board shall 3 4 endeavor to impose fines or civil penalties that are reasonable in 5 light of the nature, extent, and severity of the violation. The board 6 shall also take action against an appraisal management company's 7 registration only after less severe sanctions have proven 8 insufficient to ensure behavior consistent with the act. When 9 deciding whether to impose a sanction permitted by subsection (1) of 10 this section, determining the sanction that is most appropriate in a specific instance, or making any other discretionary decision 11 12 regarding the enforcement of the act, the board shall consider 13 whether an appraisal management company: 14 (a) Has an effective program reasonably designed to 15 ensure compliance with the act; 16 (b) Has taken prompt and appropriate steps to correct and prevent the recurrence of any detected violations; and 17 (c) Has independently reported to the board any 18 significant violations or potential violations of the act prior to an 19 20 imminent threat of disclosure or investigation and within a reasonably prompt time after becoming aware of the occurrence of such 21 22 violations. 23 Sec. 17. (1) The board shall conduct disciplinary hearings for any violation of the Nebraska Appraisal Management 24 Company Registration Act in accordance with the Administrative 25

- 1 Procedure Act.
- 2 (2) Before the board may censure, suspend, or revoke the
- 3 registration of, or levy a fine or civil penalty against, a
- 4 registered appraisal management company, the board shall notify the
- 5 company in writing of any charges made under the Nebraska Appraisal
- 6 Management Company Registration Act at least twenty days prior to the
- 7 date set for the hearing and shall permit the appraisal management
- 8 company an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. The
- 9 notice shall be satisfied by personal service on the controlling
- 10 person of the company or agent for service of process in this state
- 11 or by sending the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested,
- 12 to the address of the controlling person of the company that is on
- 13 file with the board.
- 14 (3) Any hearing pursuant to this section shall be heard
- by a hearing officer at a time and place prescribed by the board. The
- 16 hearing officer may make findings of fact and shall deliver such
- 17 findings to the board. The board shall take such disciplinary action
- 18 as it deems appropriate, subject to the limitations contained within
- 19 section 16 of this act.
- 20 Sec. 18. The board may adopt and promulgate rules and
- 21 regulations not inconsistent with the Nebraska Appraisal Management
- 22 Company Registration Act which may be reasonably necessary to
- 23 <u>implement</u>, administer, and enforce the provisions of the act.
- Sec. 19. The board shall collect all fees and other
- 25 revenue pursuant to the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company

1 Registration Act and shall remit such fees and revenue to the State

- 2 Treasurer for credit to the Appraisal Management Company Fund, which
- 3 <u>is hereby created. The fund shall be used to implement, administer,</u>
- 4 and enforce the act. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 5 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 6 <u>Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds</u>
- 7 <u>Investment Act.</u>
- 8 Sec. 20. An appraisal management company that has a
- 9 reasonable basis to believe that an appraiser has failed to comply
- 10 with applicable laws or the Uniform Standards of Professional
- 11 Appraisal Practice shall refer the matter to the board if the failure
- 12 to comply is material. For purposes of this section, a failure to
- 13 comply is material if it is likely to significantly affect the value
- 14 <u>assigned to the consumer's principal dwelling.</u>
- 15 Sec. 21. Section 76-2222, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 16 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 17 76-2222 (1) The Real Property Appraiser Board is hereby
- 18 created. The board shall consist of five_six_members, one member who
- 19 is a certified real property appraiser shall be selected from each of
- 20 the three congressional districts, and two-three members shall be
- 21 selected at large. The two three members selected at large shall
- 22 include one representative of financial institutions, and one
- 23 licensed real estate broker who also holds a credential as a licensed
- 24 or certified real property appraiser, and one representative of the
- 25 <u>appraisal management company industry</u>. The Governor shall appoint the

1 members of the board. The members shall be appointed so that the

- 2 membership of the board selected from the congressional districts
- 3 includes at least two certified general real property appraisers.
- 4 (2) The term of each member of the board shall be five
- 5 years, except that of the members initially appointed one shall serve
- 6 for one year, one shall serve for two years, one shall serve for
- 7 three years, and one shall serve for four years as designated by the
- 8 Governor. Upon the expiration of his or her term, a member of the
- 9 board shall continue to hold office until the appointment and
- 10 qualification of his or her successor. No person shall serve as a
- 11 member of the board for consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be
- 12 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The Governor
- 13 may remove a member for cause.
- 14 (3) The members of the board shall elect a chairperson
- 15 during the first meeting of each year from among the members.
- 16 (4) Four Five members shall constitute a quorum. Each
- 17 member shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars per day or
- 18 substantial part of a day for each scheduled meeting of the board at
- 19 which the member is present and shall be reimbursed for actual and
- 20 necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
- 21 Sec. 22. Section 76-2223, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 22 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:
- 23 76-2223 (1) The Real Property Appraiser Board shall
- 24 administer and enforce the Real Property Appraiser Act and may:
- (1) (a) Receive applications for credentialing under the

1 act, process such applications and regulate the issuance of

- 2 credentials to qualified applicants, and maintain a directory of the
- 3 names and addresses of persons who receive credentials under the act;
- 4 (2)—(b) Hold meetings, public hearings, informal
- 5 conferences, and administrative hearings, prepare or cause to be
- 6 prepared specifications for all appraiser classifications, solicit
- 7 bids and enter into contracts with one or more testing services, and
- 8 administer or contract for the administration of examinations
- 9 approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board in such places and at
- 10 such times as deemed appropriate;
- 11 $\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ Develop the specifications for credentialing
- 12 examinations, including timing, location, and security necessary to
- 13 maintain the integrity of the examinations;
- 14 $\frac{(4)}{(d)}$ Review the procedures and criteria of a
- 15 contracted testing service to ensure that the testing meets with the
- 16 approval of the Appraiser Qualifications Board;
- 17 $\frac{(5)-(e)}{(e)}$ Collect all fees required or permitted by the
- 18 act. The Real Property Appraiser Board shall remit all such receipts
- 19 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Real Property Appraiser
- 20 Fund. In addition, the board may collect and transmit to the
- 21 appropriate federal authority any fees established under the
- 22 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989,
- 23 as the act existed on January 1, 2010; 2011;
- 24 (6) (f) Establish appropriate administrative procedures
- 25 for disciplinary proceedings conducted pursuant to the Real Property

- 1 Appraiser Act;
- (7) Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of
- 3 witnesses and the production of books, documents, records, and other
- 4 papers, administer oaths, and take testimony and require submission
- 5 of and receive evidence concerning all matters within its
- 6 jurisdiction. In case of disobedience of a subpoena, the Real
- 7 Property Appraiser Board may make application to the district court
- 8 of Lancaster County to require the attendance and testimony of
- 9 witnesses and the production of documentary evidence. If any person
- 10 fails to obey an order of the court, he or she may be punished by the
- 11 court as for contempt thereof;
- 12 (8) (h) Deny, censure, suspend, or revoke an application
- or credential if it finds that the applicant or credential holder has
- 14 committed any of the acts or omissions set forth in section 76-2238
- 15 or otherwise violated the act. Any disciplinary matter may be
- 16 resolved through informal disposition pursuant to section 84-913;
- 17 $\frac{(9)-(i)}{(i)}$ Take appropriate disciplinary action against a
- 18 credential holder if the Real Property Appraiser Board determines
- 19 that a credential holder has violated any provision of the act or the
- 20 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice;
- 21 (10) (j) Enter into consent decrees and issue cease and
- 22 desist orders upon a determination that a violation of the act has
- 23 occurred;
- 24 (11) (k) Promote research and conduct studies relating to
- 25 the profession of real property appraisal, sponsor real property

- 1 appraisal educational activities, and incur, collect fees for, and
- 2 pay the necessary expenses in connection with activities which shall
- 3 be open to all credential holders;
- 4 $\frac{(12)}{(1)}$ Establish and adopt minimum standards for
- 5 appraisals as required under section 76-2237;
- $\frac{(13)-(m)}{2}$ Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
- 7 carry out the act. The rules and regulations may include provisions
- 8 establishing minimum standards for schools, courses, and instructors.
- 9 The rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to the
- 10 Administrative Procedure Act; and
- 11 $\frac{(14)-(n)}{(n)}$ Do all other things necessary to carry out the
- 12 Real Property Appraiser Act.
- 13 (2) The Real Property Appraiser Board shall also
- 14 <u>administer and enforce the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company</u>
- 15 <u>Registration Act.</u>
- 16 Sec. 23. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2012.
- 17 Sec. 24. Original section 76-2222, Reissue Revised
- 18 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-2223, Revised Statutes
- 19 Cumulative Supplement, 2010, are repealed.