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Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections
 76-2207.27, 76-2207.30, 76-2222, 76-2228.01, 76-2228.02, 76-2230,
 76-2231.01, 76-2232, 76-2236, 76-2238, and 76-3202, Reissue Revised
 Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Real Property
 Appraiser Act and alphabetize and redefine terms in the Nebraska
 Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; to harmonize
 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 76-2207.27, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 is amended to read:

76-2207.27 Education provider means: Any <u>real property appraisal or</u>
<u>real estate related person;</u> organization; proprietary school; accredited
degree-awarding community college, college, or university; or state or
federal agency; or such other provider that may be approved by the board
that provides appraiser qualifying or continuing training or education.

8 Sec. 2. Section 76-2207.30, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

76-2207.30 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement
 Act of 1989 means the act as it existed on January 1, <u>2019</u> 2018.

12 Sec. 3. Section 76-2222, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 13 amended to read:

76-2222 (1) The Real Property Appraiser Board is hereby created. The 14 board shall consist of five members. One member who is a certified real 15 property appraiser shall be selected from each of the three congressional 16 districts, and two members shall be selected at large. The two members 17 selected at large shall include one representative of financial 18 19 institutions and one licensed real estate broker who also holds a credential as a licensed or certified real property appraiser. The 20 Governor shall appoint the members of the board. 21

(2) The term of each member of the board shall be five years. Upon the expiration of his or her term, a member of the board shall continue to hold office until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. No person shall serve as a member of the board for consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The Governor may remove a member for cause.

(3) The members of the board shall elect a chairperson during thefirst meeting of each year from among the members.

30 (4) Three members of the board, at least two of whom are real
31 property appraisers, shall constitute a quorum.

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1 (5) Each member of the board shall receive a per diem of one hundred 2 dollars per day (a) for each scheduled meeting of the board or a committee of the board at which the member is present and (b) actually 3 4 spent in traveling to and from and attending meetings and conferences of 5 the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials and its committees and subcommittees or of The Appraisal Foundation and its committees and 6 subcommittees, board committee meetings, or other business as authorized 7 8 by the board.

9 (6) Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for actual and 10 necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under 11 the Real Property Appraiser Act and Nebraska Appraisal Management Company 12 Registration Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

Sec. 4. Section 76-2228.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 76-2228.01 (1) To qualify for a credential as a trainee real16 property appraiser, an applicant shall:

17 (a) Be at least nineteen years of age;

(b) Hold a high school diploma or a certificate of high school
equivalency or have education acceptable to the Real Property Appraiser
Board;

(c)(i) Have successfully completed and passed examination for no 21 fewer than seventy-five class hours in Real Property Appraiser Board-22 23 approved qualifying education courses <u>conducted by education providers</u> as 24 prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board 25 and completed complete the fifteen-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Course. The fifteen-hour course shall be 26 27 taught by a Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice 28 Instructor who is certified by the Appraiser Qualifications Board and who is a state-certified appraiser in good standing. The qualifying education 29 30 courses shall be conducted by an accredited degree-awarding community college, college, or university, an appraisal society, institute, or 31

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association, a state or federal agency or commission, a proprietary 1 2 school, or such other education provider as may be approved by the Real 3 Property Appraiser Board, and shall be, at a minimum, fifteen class hours 4 in length. Each course shall be conducted in a classroom and not online 5 or by correspondence. Each course shall include a proctored, closed-book an examination pertinent to the material presented. Except for the 6 National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal 7 fifteen-hour Practice Course, which shall be completed within the two-year period 8 9 immediately preceding submission of the application, all class hours shall be completed within the five-year period immediately preceding 10 submission of the application; or 11

(ii) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in real estate from an 12 accredited degree-awarding college or university that has had all or part 13 of its curriculum approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as 14 required core curriculum or the equivalent as determined by the Appraiser 15 16 Qualifications Board. The degree shall be conferred within the five-year period immediately preceding submission of the application. If the degree 17 in real estate <u>or equivalent</u> as approved by the Appraiser Qualifications 18 19 Board does not satisfy all required qualifying education for credentialing, the remaining class hours shall be completed in Real 20 Property Appraiser Board-approved qualifying education pursuant to 21 22 subdivision (c)(i) of this subsection;

(d) As prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property
Appraiser Board, successfully complete a Real Property Appraiser Boardapproved seven-hour supervisory appraiser and trainee course within one
year immediately preceding the date of application; and

(e) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or
equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property
Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form
approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check

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shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal
 Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the
 Real Property Appraiser Board.

4 (2) Prior to engaging in appraisal practice or real property 5 appraisal activity, a trainee real property appraiser shall submit a 6 written request for supervisory appraiser approval on a form approved by 7 the board. The request for supervisory appraiser approval may be made at 8 the time of application or any time after approval as a trainee real 9 property appraiser.

10 (3) To qualify for an upgraded credential, a trainee real property
 11 appraiser shall satisfy the appropriate requirements as follows:

(a) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or 12 13 equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form 14 approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of 15 16 Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal 17 Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the 18 19 Real Property Appraiser Board; and

(b) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser Board for an upgraded credential, pass an appropriate examination approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board for that upgraded credential, prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board, and administered by a contracted testing service.

26 (4) To qualify for a credential as a licensed residential real
27 property appraiser, a trainee real property appraiser shall:

28 (a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant to
 29 subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) and subdivision (1)(c) of section 76-2230;

30 (a) (b) Successfully complete and pass proctored, closed-book
 31 <u>examinations</u> examination for no fewer than seventy-five additional class

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hours in board-approved qualifying education courses <u>conducted by</u>
<u>education providers</u> as prescribed by rules and regulations of the board,
or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an accredited degreeawarding college or university <u>or equivalent pursuant to subdivision (1)</u>
(c)(ii) (1)(d)(ii) of section 76-2230; and

6 (b) (c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)
 7 (d) (1)(e) of section 76-2230.

8 (5) To qualify for a credential as a certified residential real 9 property appraiser, a trainee real property appraiser shall:

10 (a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant to
11 subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 76-2231.01;

Successfully pass proctored, closed-book 12 (b) complete and <u>examinations</u> examination for no fewer than one hundred twenty-five 13 additional class hours in board-approved qualifying education courses 14 <u>conducted by education providers</u> as prescribed by rules and regulations 15 16 of the board, or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an accredited degree-awarding college or university or equivalent pursuant 17 to subdivision (1)(d)(ii) of section 76-2231.01; and 18

19 (c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)(e)20 of section 76-2231.01.

(6) To qualify for a credential as a certified general real property
appraiser, a trainee real property appraiser shall:

(a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant to
subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 76-2232;

25 (b) Successfully complete and pass proctored, closed-book examinations examination for no fewer than two hundred twenty-five 26 additional class hours in board-approved qualifying education courses 27 conducted by education providers as prescribed by rules and regulations 28 of the board, or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an 29 accredited degree-awarding college or university or equivalent pursuant 30 to subdivision (1)(d)(ii) of section 76-2232; and 31

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(c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)(e)
 of section 76-2232.

3 (7) The scope of practice for the trainee real property appraiser 4 shall be limited to the appraisal of <u>the types of real property or real</u> 5 <u>estate those properties</u> that the supervisory certified real property 6 appraiser is permitted to appraise by his or her current credential and 7 that the supervisory appraiser is competent to appraise.

8 Sec. 5. Section 76-2228.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is9 amended to read:

76-2228.02 (1) Each trainee real property appraiser's experience
 shall be subject to direct supervision by a supervisory appraiser. To
 qualify as a supervisory appraiser, a real property appraiser shall:

(a) Be a certified residential real property appraiser or certified
general real property appraiser in good standing;

(b) Have held a certified real property appraiser credential in this state, or the equivalent in any other jurisdiction, for a minimum of three years immediately preceding the date of the written request for approval as supervisory appraiser;

(c) Have not successfully completed disciplinary action by the board or any other jurisdiction, which action limited the real property appraiser's legal eligibility to engage in real property appraisal activity within three years immediately preceding the date the written request for approval as supervisory appraiser is submitted by the applicant or trainee real property appraiser on a form approved by the board;

(d) As prescribed by rules and regulations of the board, have successfully completed a board-approved seven-hour supervisory appraiser and trainee course within two years immediately preceding the date the written request for approval as supervisory appraiser is submitted by the applicant or trainee real property appraiser on a form approved by the board; and

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1 (e) Certify that he or she understands his or her responsibilities 2 and obligations under the Real Property Appraiser Act as a supervisory 3 appraiser and applies his or her signature to the written request for 4 approval as supervisory appraiser submitted by the applicant or trainee 5 real property appraiser.

6 (2) The supervisory appraiser shall be responsible for the training 7 and direct supervision of the trainee real property appraiser's 8 experience by:

9 (a) Accepting responsibility for the report by applying his or her 10 signature and certifying that the report is in compliance with the 11 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice;

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(b) Reviewing the trainee real property appraiser reports; and

(c) Personally inspecting each appraised property with the trainee real property appraiser as is consistent with his or her scope of practice until the supervisory appraiser determines that the trainee real property appraiser is competent in accordance with the competency rule of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(3) A certified real property appraiser disciplined by the board or 18 any other appraiser regulatory agency in another jurisdiction, which 19 discipline may or may not have limited the real property appraiser's 20 legal eligibility to engage in real property appraisal activity, shall 21 not be eligible as a supervisory appraiser as of the date disciplinary 22 action was imposed against the appraiser by the board or any other 23 24 appraiser regulatory agency. The certified real property appraiser shall be considered to be in good standing and eligible as a supervisory 25 appraiser upon the successful completion of disciplinary action that does 26 not limit the real property appraiser's legal eligibility to engage in 27 real property appraisal activity, or three years after the successful 28 29 completion of disciplinary action that limits the real property appraiser's legal eligibility to engage in real property appraisal 30 31 activity.

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(4) The trainee real property appraiser may have more than one
 supervisory appraiser, but a supervisory appraiser may not supervise more
 than three trainee real property appraisers at one time.

4 (5) As prescribed by rules and regulations of the board, an
5 appraisal experience log shall be maintained jointly by the supervisory
6 appraiser and the trainee real property appraiser.

Sec. 6. Section 76-2230, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 76-2230 (1) To qualify for a credential as a licensed residential 10 real property appraiser, an applicant shall:

11 (a) Be at least nineteen years of age;

(b) Hold a high school diploma or a certificate of high school
 equivalency or have education acceptable to the Real Property Appraiser
 <u>Board;</u>

15 (b)(i) Hold an associate's degree, or higher, from an accredited 16 degree-awarding community college, college, or university; or

17 (ii) Successfully complete thirty semester hours of college-level 18 education, from an accredited degree-awarding community college, college, 19 or university. If an accredited degree-awarding community college, 20 college, or university accepts the College-Level Examination Program and 21 examinations and issues a transcript for the examination showing its 22 approval, it will be considered as credit for the college course;

(c) Have his or her education evaluated for equivalency by one of
 the following if the college degree is from a foreign country:

25 (i) An accredited degree-awarding college or university;

26 (ii) The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and 27 Admissions Officers;

28 (iii) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company that is
29 a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services;
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31 (iv) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company that

1 provides equivalency evaluation reports accepted by an accredited degree2 awarding college or university;

(c)(i) $\frac{(d)(i)}{(d)}$ Have successfully completed and passed examination for 3 4 no fewer than one hundred fifty class hours in Real Property Appraiser 5 Board-approved qualifying education courses conducted by education providers as prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property 6 7 Appraiser Board and completed complete the fifteen-hour National Uniform 8 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Course. The fifteen-hour 9 course shall be taught by a Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal 10 Practice Instructor who is certified by the Appraiser Qualifications 11 Board and who is a state-certified appraiser in good standing. The 12 gualifying education courses shall be conducted by an accredited degree-13 awarding community college, college, or university, an appraisal society, 14 institute, or association, a state or federal agency or commission, a 15 proprietary school, or such other education provider as may be approved 16 by the Real Property Appraiser Board, and shall be, at a minimum, fifteen 17 class hours in length. Each course shall be conducted in a classroom and not online or by correspondence. Each course shall include a proctored, 18 19 closed-book examination pertinent to the material presented; or

(ii) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in real estate from an 20 accredited degree-awarding college or university that has had all or part 21 22 of its curriculum approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as 23 required core curriculum or the equivalent as determined by the Appraiser 24 Qualifications Board. If the degree in real estate or equivalent as 25 approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board does not satisfy all required qualifying education for credentialing, the remaining class 26 hours shall be completed in Real Property Appraiser Board-approved 27 28 qualifying education pursuant to subdivision (c)(i) (d)(i) of this subsection; 29

30 (d) (e) Have no fewer than <u>one</u> two thousand hours of experience as
 31 prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board.

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1 The required experience shall be acceptable to the Real Property 2 Appraiser Board and subject to review and determination as to conformity 3 with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The 4 experience shall have occurred during a period of no fewer than <u>six</u> 5 twelve months. If requested, evidence acceptable to the Real Property 6 Appraiser Board concerning the experience shall be presented by the 7 applicant in the form of written reports or file memoranda;

8 (e) (f) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or 9 equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form 10 approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of 11 Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check 12 shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal 13 Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the 14 Real Property Appraiser Board; and 15

16 (f) (g) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser 17 Board, pass a licensed residential real property appraiser examination, 18 certified residential real property appraiser examination, or certified 19 general real property appraiser examination, approved by the Appraiser 20 Qualifications Board, prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real 21 Property Appraiser Board, and administered by a contracted testing 22 23 service.

(2) To qualify for an upgraded credential, a licensed residential
 real property appraiser shall satisfy the appropriate requirements as
 follows:

(a) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or
equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property
Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form
approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check

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shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal
 Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the
 Real Property Appraiser Board; and

4 (b) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's 5 education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser Board for an 6 upgraded credential, pass an appropriate examination approved by the 7 Appraiser Qualifications Board for that upgraded credential, prescribed 8 by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board, and 9 administered by a contracted testing service.

10 (3) To qualify for a credential as a certified residential real
 11 property appraiser, a licensed residential real property appraiser shall:

(a)(i) (a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant
 to subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 76-2231.01; or

(ii)(A) Have held a credential as a licensed residential real
 property appraiser for a minimum of five years; and

16 (B) Not have been subject to a nonappealable disciplinary action by 17 the board or any other jurisdiction, which action limited the real 18 property appraiser's legal eligibility to engage in real property 19 appraisal activity within five years immediately preceding the date of 20 application for the certified residential real property appraiser 21 credential;

22 (b) Successfully complete and pass proctored, closed-book examinations examination for no fewer than fifty additional class hours 23 24 in board-approved qualifying education courses conducted by education 25 providers as prescribed by rules and regulations of the board, or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an accredited degree-awarding 26 college or university or equivalent pursuant to subdivision (1)(d)(ii) of 27 28 section 76-2231.01; and

(c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)(e)
of section 76-2231.01.

31 (4) To qualify for a credential as a certified general real property

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appraiser, a licensed residential real property appraiser shall:

2 (a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant to
3 subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 76-2232;

4 (b) Successfully complete and pass proctored, closed-book examinations examination for no fewer than one hundred fifty additional 5 class hours in board-approved qualifying education courses conducted by 6 7 education providers as prescribed by rules and regulations of the board, or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an accredited degree-8 9 awarding college or university or equivalent pursuant to subdivision (1) 10 (d)(ii) of section 76-2232; and

11 (c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)(e) 12 of section 76-2232.

(5) An appraiser holding a valid licensed residential real property
appraiser credential shall satisfy the requirements for the trainee real
property appraiser credential for a downgraded credential.

(6) The scope of practice for a licensed residential real property 16 17 appraiser shall be limited to the appraisal of, and review of appraisal of, noncomplex residential real property or real estate having no more 18 than four units, if any, with a transaction value of less than one 19 million dollars and complex residential real property or real estate 20 having no more than four units, if any, with a transaction value of less 21 than two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The appraisal of subdivisions 22 for which a development analysis or appraisal is necessary is not 23 24 included in the scope of practice for a licensed residential real 25 property appraiser.

26 Sec. 7. Section 76-2231.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 27 amended to read:

76-2231.01 (1) To qualify for a credential as a certified
residential real property appraiser, an applicant shall:

30 (a) Be at least nineteen years of age;

31 (b)(i) (b) Hold a bachelor's degree, or higher, from an accredited

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degree-awarding college or university; 1 2 (ii) Hold an associate's degree from an accredited degree-awarding community college, college, or university in the study of business 3 4 administration, accounting, finance, economics, or real estate; (iii) Successfully complete thirty semester hours of college-level 5 education from an accredited degree-awarding community college, college, 6 7 or university that includes: (A) Three semester hours in each of the following: English 8 9 composition; microeconomics; macroeconomics; finance; algebra, geometry, 10 or higher mathematics; statistics; computer science; business law or real estate law; and 11 (B) Three semester hours each in two elective courses in any of the 12 13 topics listed in subdivision (b)(iii)(A), or in accounting, geography, agricultural economics, business management, or real estate; 14 15 (iv) Successfully complete thirty semester hours of College-Level Examination Program from an accredited degree-awarding community college, 16 17 college, or university that includes three semester hours in each of the following subject matter areas: College algebra; college composition; 18 college composition modular; college mathematics; principles of 19 macroeconomics; principles of microeconomics; introductory business law; 20 21 and information systems; or 22 (v) Successfully complete any combination of subdivisions (b)(iii) and (iv) of this section that ensures coverage of all topics and hours 23 24 identified in subdivision (b)(iii) of this section; 25 (c) Have his or her education evaluated for equivalency by one of the following if the college degree is from a foreign country: 26 27 (i) An accredited degree-awarding college or university; 28 (ii) The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; 29 30 (ii) (iii) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company

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that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation

2 (iii) (iv) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company
3 that provides equivalency evaluation reports accepted by an accredited
4 degree-awarding college or university;

(d)(i) Have successfully completed and passed examination for no 5 fewer than two hundred class hours in Real Property Appraiser Board-6 7 approved qualifying education courses conducted by education providers as prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board 8 9 and completed the fifteen-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional 10 Appraisal Practice Course. The fifteen-hour course shall be taught by a Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Instructor who is 11 12 certified by the Appraiser Qualifications Board and who is a state-13 certified appraiser in good standing. The qualifying education courses 14 shall be conducted by an accredited degree-awarding community college, 15 college, or university, an appraisal society, institute, or association, 16 a state or federal agency or commission, a proprietary school, or such 17 other education provider as may be approved by the Real Property Appraiser Board, and shall be, at a minimum, fifteen class hours in 18 19 length. Each course shall be conducted in a classroom and not online or by correspondence. Each course shall include a proctored, closed-book 20 examination pertinent to the material presented; or 21

(ii) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in real estate from an 22 accredited degree-awarding college or university that has had all or part 23 of its curriculum approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as 24 25 required core curriculum or the equivalent as determined by the Appraiser Qualifications Board. If the degree in real estate or equivalent as 26 approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board does not satisfy all 27 28 required qualifying education for credentialing, the remaining class hours shall be completed in Real Property Appraiser Board-approved 29 qualifying education pursuant to subdivision (d)(i) of this subsection; 30

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(e) Have no fewer than one two thousand five hundred hours of

experience as prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property 1 Appraiser Board. The required experience shall be acceptable to the Real 2 3 Property Appraiser Board and subject to review and determination as to conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. 4 The experience shall have occurred during a period of no fewer than 5 twelve twenty-four months. If requested, evidence acceptable to the Real 6 7 Property Appraiser Board concerning the experience shall be presented by 8 the applicant in the form of written reports or file memoranda;

9 (f) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property 10 Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form 11 approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of 12 Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check 13 shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal 14 Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the 15 16 Real Property Appraiser Board; and

(g) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser Board, pass a certified residential real property appraiser examination or certified general real property appraiser examination, approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board, prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board, and administered by a contracted testing service.

(2) To qualify for an upgraded credential, a certified residential
 real property appraiser shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or
equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property
Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form
approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check
shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal

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Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the
 Real Property Appraiser Board; and

3 (b) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's 4 education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser Board for an 5 upgrade to a certified general real property appraiser credential, pass a 6 certified general real property appraiser examination approved by the 7 Appraiser Qualifications Board, prescribed by rules and regulations of 8 the Real Property Appraiser Board, and administered by a contracted 9 testing service.

10 (3) To qualify for a credential as a certified general real property
 11 appraiser, a certified residential real property appraiser shall:

12 (a) Meet the postsecondary educational requirements pursuant to
13 subdivisions (1)(b) and (c) of section 76-2232;

Successfully complete and pass proctored, closed-book 14 (b) examinations examination for no fewer than one hundred additional class 15 hours in board-approved qualifying education courses <u>conducted by</u> 16 17 education providers as prescribed by rules and regulations of the board, or hold a bachelor's degree in real estate from an accredited degree-18 awarding college or university or equivalent pursuant to subdivision (1) 19 (d)(ii) of section 76-2232; and 20

(c) Meet the experience requirements pursuant to subdivision (1)(e)
of section 76-2232.

(4) An appraiser holding a valid certified residential real property appraiser credential shall satisfy the requirements for the trainee real property appraiser credential and licensed residential real property appraiser credential for a downgraded credential. If requested, evidence acceptable to the Real Property Appraiser Board concerning the experience shall be presented along with an application in the form of written reports or file memoranda.

30 (5) The scope of practice for a certified residential real property
 31 appraiser shall be limited to the appraisal of, and review of appraisal

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1 of, residential <u>real</u> property <u>or real estate</u> having no more than four 2 residential units, <u>if any</u>, without regard to transaction value or 3 complexity. The appraisal of subdivisions for which a development 4 analysis or appraisal is necessary_{τ} is not included in the scope of 5 practice for a certified residential real property appraiser.

Sec. 8. Section 76-2232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

8 76-2232 (1) To qualify for a credential as a certified general real9 property appraiser, an applicant shall:

10 (a) Be at least nineteen years of age;

(b) Hold a bachelor's degree, or higher, from an accredited degree awarding college or university;

13 (c) Have his or her education evaluated for equivalency by one of14 the following if the college degree is from a foreign country:

15 (i) An accredited degree-awarding college or university;

16 (ii) The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and 17 Admissions Officers;

(ii) (iii) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company
 that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation
 Services; or

21 (iii) (iv) A foreign degree credential evaluation service company 22 that provides equivalency evaluation reports accepted by an accredited 23 degree-awarding college or university;

(d)(i) Have successfully completed and passed examination for no 24 25 fewer than three hundred class hours in Real Property Appraiser Boardapproved qualifying education courses conducted by education providers as 26 prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board 27 28 and completed the fifteen-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Course. The fifteen-hour course shall be taught by a 29 30 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Instructor who is certified by the Appraiser Qualifications Board and who is a state-31

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1 certified appraiser in good standing. The qualifying education courses 2 shall be conducted by an accredited degree-awarding community college, 3 college, or university, an appraisal society, institute, or association, 4 a state or federal agency or commission, a proprietary school, or such 5 other education provider as may be approved by the Real Property Appraiser Board, and shall be, at a minimum, fifteen class hours in 6 7 length. Each course shall be conducted in a classroom and not online or by correspondence. Each course shall include a proctored, closed-book 8 9 examination pertinent to the material presented; or

(ii) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in real estate from an 10 accredited degree-awarding college or university that has had all or part 11 of its curriculum approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board as 12 13 required core curriculum or the equivalent as determined by the Appraiser <u>Qualifications Board</u>. If the degree in real estate <u>or equivalent</u> as 14 approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board does not satisfy all 15 16 required qualifying education for credentialing, the remaining class hours shall be completed in Real Property Appraiser Board-approved 17 qualifying education pursuant to subdivision (d)(i) of this subsection; 18

(e) Have no fewer than three thousand hours of experience, of which 19 one thousand five hundred hours shall be in nonresidential appraisal 20 work, as prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property 21 22 Appraiser Board. The required experience shall be acceptable to the Real 23 Property Appraiser Board and subject to review and determination as to 24 conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. 25 The experience shall have occurred during a period of no fewer than eighteen thirty months. If requested, evidence acceptable to the Real 26 27 Property Appraiser Board concerning the experience shall be presented by 28 the applicant in the form of written reports or file memoranda;

(f) Submit two copies of legible ink-rolled fingerprint cards or
equivalent electronic fingerprint submissions to the Real Property
Appraiser Board for delivery to the Nebraska State Patrol in a form

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approved by both the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of
Investigation. A fingerprint-based national criminal history record check
shall be conducted through the Nebraska State Patrol and the Federal
Bureau of Investigation with such record check to be carried out by the
Real Property Appraiser Board; and

6 (g) Within the twelve months following approval of the applicant's 7 education and experience by the Real Property Appraiser Board, pass a 8 certified general real property appraiser examination, approved by the 9 Appraiser Qualifications Board, prescribed by rules and regulations of 10 the Real Property Appraiser Board, and administered by a contracted 11 testing service.

(2) An appraiser holding a valid certified general real property 12 appraiser credential shall satisfy the requirements for the trainee real 13 property appraiser credential, licensed residential real property 14 appraiser credential, and certified residential real property appraiser 15 16 credential for a downgraded credential. If requested, evidence acceptable to the Real Property Appraiser Board concerning the experience shall be 17 presented along with an application in the form of written reports or 18 19 file memoranda.

(3) The scope of practice for the certified general real property
appraiser is the appraisal of all types of real property <u>or real estate</u>
that appraiser is competent to appraise.

23 Sec. 9. Section 76-2236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 24 amended to read:

25 76-2236 (1) Every credential holder shall furnish evidence to the 26 board that he or she has satisfactorily completed no fewer than twenty-27 eight hours of approved continuing education activities in each two-year 28 continuing education period. The continuing education period begins on 29 January 1 of the next year for any credential holder who first obtained 30 his or her credential at the current level on or after July 1. Hours of 31 satisfactorily completed approved continuing education activities cannot

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be carried over from one two-year continuing education period to another. 1 2 Evidence of successful completion of such continuing education activities two-year continuing education period, 3 for the including passing 4 examination if applicable, shall be submitted to the board in the manner prescribed by the board. No continuing education activity shall be less 5 than two hours in duration. A person who holds a temporary credential 6 7 does not have to meet any continuing education requirements in the Real 8 Property Appraiser Act.

9 (2) As prescribed by rules and regulations of the Real Property Appraiser Board and at least once every two years, the seven-hour 10 National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Update 11 Course as approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or the 12 equivalent of the course as approved by the Real Property Appraiser 13 Board, shall be included in the continuing education requirement of each 14 An instructor certified by the Appraiser 15 credential holder. 16 Qualifications Board satisfies this requirement by successfully completing a seven-hour instructor recertification course and exam as 17 approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board. The seven-hour National 18 19 Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice Update Course or an equivalent of the course as approved by the board shall: 20

21 (a) Be approved by the board as a continuing education activity for
22 the duration the course is approved by the Appraiser Qualifications
23 Board; and

(b) Be taught by an instructor certified by the Appraiser
 Qualifications Board to teach the Uniform Standards of Professional
 Appraisal Practice and who is a state-certified appraiser in good
 standing.

(3) A continuing education activity conducted in another
jurisdiction in which the activity is approved to meet the continuing
education requirements for renewal of a credential in such other
jurisdiction shall be accepted by the board if that jurisdiction has

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adopted and enforces standards for such continuing education activity
 that meet or exceed the standards established by the Real Property
 Appraiser Act and the rules and regulations of the board.

4 (4) The board may adopt a program of continuing education for 5 individual credentials as long as the program is compliant with the 6 Appraiser Qualifications Board's criteria specific to continuing 7 education.

8 (5) No more than fourteen hours may be approved by the Real Property Appraiser Board as continuing education in each two-year continuing 9 education period for participation, other than as a student, in appraisal 10 educational processes and programs, which includes teaching, program 11 development, authorship of textbooks, or similar activities that are 12 determined by the board to be equivalent to obtaining continuing 13 education. Evidence of participation shall be submitted to the board upon 14 completion of the appraisal educational process or 15 program. No 16 preapproval will be granted for participation in appraisal educational 17 processes or programs.

(6) Qualifying education, as approved by the board, successfully 18 completed by a credential holder to fulfill the class-hour requirement to 19 20 а higher classification than his or her upgrade to current classification, shall be approved by the board as continuing education. 21

(7) Qualifying education, as approved by the board, taken by a
credential holder not to fulfill the class-hour requirement to upgrade to
a higher classification, shall be approved by the board as continuing
education if the credential holder completes the examination.

(8) A board-approved seven-hour supervisory appraiser and trainee
 course successfully completed by a certified real property appraiser for
 approval as a supervisory appraiser shall be approved by the board as
 continuing education no more than once during each two-year continuing
 education period.

31 (9) The Real Property Appraiser Board shall approve continuing

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education activities and instructors which it determines would protect
 the public by improving the competency of credential holders.

3 Sec. 10. Section 76-2238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 76-2238 The following acts and omissions shall be considered grounds 6 for disciplinary action or denial of an application by the board:

7 (1) Failure to meet the minimum qualifications for credentialing
8 established by or pursuant to the Real Property Appraiser Act;

9 (2) Procuring or attempting to procure a credential under the act by 10 knowingly making a false statement, submitting false information, or 11 making a material misrepresentation in an application filed with the 12 board or procuring or attempting to procure a credential through fraud or 13 misrepresentation;

(3) Paying money or other valuable consideration other than the fees
provided for by the act to any member or employee of the board to procure
a credential;

(4) An act or omission involving real estate or appraisal practice
which constitutes dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation with or without
the intent to substantially benefit the credential holder or another
person or with the intent to substantially injure another person;

(5) Failure to demonstrate character and general fitness such as to
command the confidence and trust of the public;

(6) Conviction, including a conviction based upon a plea of guilty
or nolo contendere, of any felony unless his or her civil rights have
been restored;

(7) Entry of a final civil or criminal judgment against a credential
 holder, including dismissal with settlement, on grounds of fraud,
 dishonesty, breach of trust, money laundering, misrepresentation, or
 deceit involving real estate, financial services, or in the making of an
 appraisal;

31 (8) Conviction, including a conviction based upon a plea of guilty

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3 (9) Performing services as a credentialed real property appraiser
4 under an assumed or fictitious name;

5 (10) Paying a finder's fee or a referral fee to any person in 6 connection with the appraisal of real estate or real property or an 7 appraisal review, except that an intracompany payment for business 8 development shall not be considered to be unethical or a violation of 9 this subdivision;

(11) Making a false or misleading statement in that portion of a
 written report that deals with professional qualifications or in any
 testimony concerning professional qualifications;

13 (12) Any violation of the act or any rules and regulations adopted14 and promulgated pursuant to the act;

(13) Violation of the confidential nature of any information to
which a credential holder gained access through employment for evaluation
assignments or valuation assignments;

18 (14) Acceptance of a fee for performing a real property appraisal 19 valuation assignment, evaluation assignment, or appraisal review 20 assignment when the fee is or was contingent upon (a) the real property 21 appraiser reporting a predetermined analysis, opinion, or conclusion, (b) 22 the analysis, opinion, conclusion, or valuation reached, or (c) the 23 consequences resulting from an appraisal or appraisal review;

(15) Failure or refusal to exercise reasonable diligence in
developing an appraisal or appraisal review, preparing a report, or
communicating a report or assignment results;

(16) Negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal or appraisal review, preparing a report, or communicating a report or assignment results, including failure to follow the standards and ethical rules adopted by the board;

31 (17) Failure to maintain, or to make available for inspection and

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1 copying, records required by the board;

2 (18) Demonstrating negligence, incompetence, or unworthiness to act
3 as a real property appraiser, whether of the same or of a different
4 character as otherwise specified in this section;

5 (19) Suspension or revocation of an appraisal credential or a 6 license in another regulated occupation, trade, or profession in this or 7 any other jurisdiction or disciplinary action taken by another 8 jurisdiction that limits the real property appraiser's ability to engage 9 in real property appraisal activity;

10 (20) Failure to renew or surrendering an appraisal credential or any 11 other registration, license, or certification issued by any other 12 regulatory agency or held in any other jurisdiction in lieu of 13 disciplinary action pending or threatened;

14 (21) Failure to report disciplinary action taken against an
15 appraisal credential or any other registration, license, or certification
16 issued by any other regulatory agency or held in any other jurisdiction
17 within sixty days of receiving notice of such disciplinary action;

18 (22) Failure to comply with terms of a consent agreement or 19 settlement agreement;

(23) Failure to submit or produce books, records, documents,
workfiles, reports, or other materials requested by the board concerning
any matter under investigation;

(24) Failure of an education provider to produce records, documents,
reports, or other materials, including, but not limited to, required
student attendance reports, to the board;

(25) Knowingly offering or attempting to offer a qualifying or continuing education course or activity as being approved by the board to an appraiser credentialed under the Real Property Appraiser Act, or an applicant, without first obtaining approval of the activity from the board, except for courses required by an accredited degree-awarding college or university for completion of a degree in real estate, if the

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college or university had its curriculum approved by the Appraiser
 Qualifications Board as qualifying education;

3 (26) Presentation to the Real Property Appraiser Board of any check 4 which is returned to the State Treasurer unpaid, whether payment of fee 5 is for an initial or renewal credential or for examination; and

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(27) Failure to pass the examination.

Sec. 11. Section 76-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, isamended to read:

9 76-3202 For purposes of the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company
 10 Registration Act:

(1) Affiliate means any person that controls, is controlled by, or
 is under common control with, another person;

(2) AMC appraiser means a person who holds a valid credential or
 equivalent to appraise real estate and real property under the laws of
 this state or another jurisdiction, and holds the status of active on the
 National Registry of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial
 Institutions Examination Council in one or more jurisdictions;

(3) AMC final rule means, collectively, the rules adopted by the
 federal agencies as required in section 1124 of the Financial
 Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as such rules
 existed on January 1, 2019;

(4) (2) AMC National Registry means the registry of appraisal
 management companies that hold a registration as an appraisal management
 company issued by the board or the equivalent issued in another
 jurisdiction, and federally regulated appraisal management companies,
 maintained by the Appraisal Subcommittee;

27 (3) AMC final rule means, collectively, the rules adopted by the
28 federal agencies as required in section 1124 of the Financial
29 Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as such rules
30 existed on January 1, 2018;

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(5) (4) Appraisal has the same meaning as in section 76-2204;

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2 (a) Provides appraisal management services to creditors or to
3 secondary mortgage market participants, including affiliates;

4 (b) Provides appraisal management services in connection with
5 valuing a consumer's principal dwelling as security for a consumer credit
6 transaction or incorporating such transactions into securitizations; and

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(c) Within a twelve-month period, oversees an appraiser panel of:

8 (i) More than fifteen AMC appraisers who each hold a credential in 9 this state; or

10 (ii) Twenty-five or more AMC appraisers who each hold a credential
11 or equivalent in two or more jurisdictions;

12 <u>(7)</u> (6) Appraisal management services means one or more of the 13 following:

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(a) To recruit, select, and retain AMC appraisers;

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(b) To contract with AMC appraisers to perform assignments;

16 (c) To manage the process of having an appraisal performed, 17 including providing administrative services such as receiving appraisal 18 orders and reports, submitting completed reports to creditors and 19 secondary mortgage market participants, collecting fees from creditors 20 and secondary mortgage market participants for services provided, and 21 paying AMC appraisers for valuation services performed; or

22 (d) To review and verify the work of AMC appraisers;

23 <u>(8)</u> (7) Appraisal practice has the same meaning as in section 24 76-2205.01;

(9) (8) Appraisal Subcommittee means the Appraisal Subcommittee of
 the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council;

(9) AMC appraiser means a person who holds a valid credential or
equivalent to appraise real estate and real property under the laws of
this state or another jurisdiction, and holds the status of active on the
National Registry of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial
Institutions Examination Council in one or more jurisdictions;

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1 (10) Appraiser panel means a network, list, or roster of AMC 2 appraisers approved by an appraisal management company to perform 3 appraisals as independent contractors for the appraisal management 4 company;

5 (11) Assignment has the same meaning as in section 76-2207.01;

6 (12) Board has the same meaning as in section <u>76-2207.18</u> 76-2207.02;

7 (13) Consumer credit means credit offered or extended to a consumer
8 primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;

9 (14) Contact person means a person designated by the appraisal
 10 management company as the main contact for all communication between the
 11 appraisal management company and the board;

(15) (14) Covered transaction means any consumer credit transaction
 secured by the consumer's principal dwelling;

14 <u>(16)</u> (15) Credential has the same meaning as in section <u>76-2207.25</u> 15 76-2207.09;

16 (17) (16) Creditor means a person who regularly extends consumer 17 credit that is subject to a finance charge or is payable by written 18 agreement in more than four installments, not including a downpayment, 19 and to whom the obligation is initially payable, either on the face of 20 the note or contract or by agreement when there is no note or contract. A 21 person regularly extends consumer credit if:

(a) The person extended credit, other than credit subject to the
requirements of 12 C.F.R. 1026.32, as such regulation existed on January
1, 2019 2018, more than five times for transactions secured by a dwelling
in the preceding calendar year, or in the current calendar year if a
person did not meet these standards in the preceding calendar year; and

(b) In any twelve-month period, the person originates more than one
credit extension that is subject to the requirements of 12 C.F.R.
1026.32, as such regulation existed on January 1, <u>2019</u> 2018, or one or
more such credit extensions through a mortgage broker;

31 (17) Contact person means a person designated by the appraisal

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1 management company as the main contact for all communication between the 2 appraisal management company and the board;

3 (18) Dwelling means a residential structure that contains one to 4 four units, whether or not that structure is attached to real property, 5 including an individual condominium unit, cooperative unit, mobile home, 6 or trailer if used as a residence. With respect to a dwelling:

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(a) A consumer may have only one principal dwelling at a time;

8 (b) A vacation or secondary dwelling is not a principal dwelling;9 and

10 (c) A dwelling bought or built by a consumer with the intention of 11 that dwelling becoming the consumer's principal dwelling within one year, 12 or upon completion of construction, is considered to be the consumer's 13 principal dwelling for the purpose of the Nebraska Appraisal Management 14 Company Registration Act;

15 (19) Federally regulated appraisal management company means an16 appraisal management company that is:

17 (a) Owned and controlled by an insured depository institution as
 18 defined in 12 U.S.C. 1813, as such section existed on January 1, <u>2019</u>
 19 2018; and

(b) Regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation, or the successor of any such agencies;

23 (20) Federal agencies means the Board of Governors of the Federal 24 Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of 25 the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal 26 Housing Finance Agency, or the successor of any of such agencies; 27

(21) Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of
1989 has the same meaning as in section <u>76-2207.30</u> 76-2207.14;

30 (22) Independent contractor means a person established as an31 independent contractor by the appraisal management company for the

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1 purpose of federal income taxation;

2 (23) Jurisdiction has the same meaning as in section <u>76-2207.32</u> 3 76-2207.16;

4 (24) Person has the same meaning as in section 76-2213.02;

5 (25) Real estate has the same meaning as in section 76-2214;

6 (26) Real property has the same meaning as in section 76-2214.01;

7 (27) Real property appraisal activity has the same meaning as in8 section 76-2215;

9 (28) Registration means a registration as an appraisal management 10 company in this state issued by the board if all requirements for 11 approval as an appraisal management company required in the Nebraska 12 Appraisal Management Company Registration Act have been met by a person 13 making application to the board, including the submission of all required 14 fees, and the board has granted all rights to the person to operate as an 15 appraisal management company in this state as allowed under the act;

(29) Report has the same meaning as in section 76-2216.02;

17 (30) Secondary mortgage market participant means a guarantor or 18 insurer of mortgage-backed securities, or an underwriter or issuer of 19 mortgage-backed securities, and only includes an individual investor in a 20 mortgage-backed security if that investor also serves in the capacity of 21 a guarantor, insurer, underwriter, or issuer for the mortgage-backed 22 security;

(31) Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice has the
same meaning as in section 76-2218.02; and

25 (32) Valuation services has the same meaning as in section 26 76-2219.01.

Sec. 12. Original sections 76-2207.27, 76-2207.30, 76-2222,
76-2228.01, 76-2228.02, 76-2230, 76-2231.01, 76-2232, 76-2236, 76-2238,
and 76-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

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