

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Relative to the La. Real Estate Commission (commission), new law provides that vendors who have been licensed to provide continuing education courses shall be exempt from the approval process when seeking to conduct a course offered to obtain any certificate or designation awarded by the National Association of REALTORS.

New law further provides an exemption for any live courses offered once a year in any one location in conjunction with a conference, meeting, or forum if the event is held or sponsored by a state or local real estate association or any affiliate institute, society, or council.

New law requires that courses specified by new law be approved by the commission in order to be utilized for continuing education credit for licensees.

New law requires a vendor of a continuing education program to submit the date, location, and time the course will be offered when applying for approval to conduct the program or approval for renewal of the ability to conduct the program, at least 45 days before the program is held. If the date, location, or time is not known at the time of submission for approval, the vendor is required to submit the missing information at least 10 days before the program is conducted.

New law requires that for exempt courses offered at a conference, meeting, or forum by a trade association or its affiliate, the vendor shall submit either the course content or a brief summary of the course content.

New law requires the vendor to submit the name and credentials of the instructor.

New law requires the executive director of the commission to notify the vendor whether the course has been approved or not approved within seven days of the vendor's submission for approval.

New law provides that if the course was denied approval by the executive director, the issue shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting to be voted upon by the commission. New law provides that when a course is approved by the commission, it is valid for a period of three years. After three years, the course is no longer valid if the vendor fails to obtain renewed approval.

New law allows any state department, office, board, or commission to offer a course for continuing education without being licensed as a real estate education vendor.

New law requires any state department, office, board, or commission which seeks to offer a continuing education course to submit the course for approval and provides an exemption from certain course and instructor approval requirements as set forth in the Louisiana Administrative Code or prescribed by the commission.

New law provides that once a course is approved, the instructor shall not be subject to an additional approval process. New law further provides that if the instructor changes for a course, the vendor shall submit the name and credentials of the new instructor at least seven days before the course.

New law provides that when a vendor is seeking approval or approval for renewal, the commission or any outside contractor is prohibited from asking the vendor or instructor to provide more specific course information such as an instructor guide, a narrative, outline, time allotment, detailed learning objectives, or any instructional methods or aids.

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(Adds R.S. 37:1461.1)