



requirements established by the commission that ensure that applicants are professionally competent and of good character.

The commission may deny a license to any applicant or reprimand a licensee for grounds that include fraudulently using a license, misrepresenting or failing to disclose specified information, conducting business in an unprofessional or unethical manner, or conviction of a felony or other crime related to the individual's profession. The individual has an opportunity to be heard by the commission before any final action is taken.

The commission is authorized to summarily *revoke* a license if a licensee is convicted of a violation of commission licensing guidelines, the conviction is final, and the period for appeal has expired. The commission may summarily *suspend* a license if the licensee fails to account promptly for any money held in escrow or fails to provide financial records requested by the commission. In these instances, the commission must notify the licensee of its decision and provide an opportunity to be heard before the commission. Alternately, the commission may elect not to revoke or suspend a license until the licensee has had an opportunity for a hearing.

**Background:** The State Real Estate Commission requires applicants for licensure to disclose their criminal history and may deny a license to an individual based on this information. The commission has recently identified several licensees who failed to disclose their complete criminal history on their applications for licensure. This bill authorizes the commission to immediately suspend a license for failure to disclose a felony conviction, with affected licensees provided an opportunity to then be heard before the commission.

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