To: Appropriations

By: Senator(s) Michel

SENATE BILL NO. 2086

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-35-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO DELETE THE REPEALER FOR CERTAIN APPLICATION AND LICENSURE FEES; 3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4
- **SECTION 1.** Section 73-35-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 5
- amended as follows: 6
- 73-35-17. (1) A fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars 7
- (\$100.00) shall accompany an application for a real estate 8
- 9 broker's license, and in the event that the applicant successfully
- passes the examination, no additional fee shall be required for 10
- 11 the issuance of a license for a one-year period; provided, that if
- 12 an applicant fails to pass the examination, he may be eligible to
- take the next or succeeding examination without the payment of an 13
- 14 additional fee. In the event a contract testing service is
- 15 utilized, the fee associated with administering the test shall be
- 16 collected by the testing provider and the application fee for any
- real estate license shall be collected by the commission. 17

- 18 (2) For each license as a real estate broker issued to a
 19 member of a partnership, association or officer of a corporation
 20 other than the member or officer named in the license issued to
 21 such partnership, association or corporation, a fee not to exceed
 22 Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be charged.
- 23 A fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall accompany an application for a real estate salesperson's license, 24 25 and in the event that the applicant successfully passes the 26 examination, no additional fee shall be required for the issuance of a license for a one-year period; provided, that if an applicant 27 28 fails to pass the examination, he may be eligible to take the next 29 or succeeding examination without the payment of an additional 30 In the event a contract testing service is utilized, the fee associated with administering the test shall be collected by the 31 32 testing provider and the application fee for any real estate 33 license shall be collected by the commission.
- 34 Except as provided in Section 33-1-39, it shall be the duty of all persons, partnerships, associations, companies or 35 36 corporations licensed to practice as a real estate broker or 37 salesperson to register with the commission annually or 38 biennially, in the discretion of the commission, according to 39 rules promulgated by it and to pay the proper registration fee. An application for renewal of license shall be made to the 40 commission annually no later than December 31 of each year, or 41 biennially on a date set by the commission. A licensee failing to 42

- 43 pay his renewal fee after the same becomes due and after two (2)
- 44 months' written notice of his delinquency mailed to him by United
- 45 States certified mail addressed to his address of record with the
- 46 commission shall thereby have his license automatically cancelled.
- 47 Any licensee renewing in this grace period shall pay a penalty in
- 48 the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the renewal fee. The
- 49 renewal fee shall not exceed Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per
- 50 year for real estate brokers, partnerships, associations and
- 51 corporations. The renewal fee for a real estate salesperson's
- 52 license shall not exceed Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per year.
- 53 (5) For each additional office or place of business, an
- 54 annual fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged.
- 55 (6) For each change of office or place of business, a fee
- 56 not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged.
- 57 (7) For each duplicate or transfer of salesperson's license,
- 58 a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged.
- 59 (8) For each duplicate license, where the original license
- 60 is lost or destroyed, and affidavit made thereof, a fee not to
- 61 exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged.
- 62 (9) To change status as a licensee from active to inactive
- 63 status, a fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be
- 64 charged. To change status as a licensee from inactive to active
- 65 status, a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be
- 66 charged.



- 67 (10) For each bad check received by the commission, a fee
- 68 not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be charged.
- 69 (11) A fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) per hour of
- 70 instruction may be charged to allay costs of seminars for
- 71 educational purposes provided by the commission.
- 72 (12) A fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) may be
- 73 charged for furnishing any person a copy of a real estate license,
- 74 a notarized certificate of licensure or other official record of
- 75 the commission.
- 76 (13) A fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall
- 77 be charged to review and process the application and instructional
- 78 materials for each curriculum seeking acceptance as a real estate
- 79 continuing education course developed to satisfy the mandatory
- 80 continuing education requirements for this chapter, with the
- 81 period of approval expiring after one (1) year. A fee not to
- 82 exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged for each renewal of
- 83 a previously approved course, with the period of renewal expiring
- 84 after one (1) year.
- 85 (14) Fees, up to the limits specified herein, shall be
- 86 established by the Mississippi Real Estate Commission.
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- 88 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 89 and after July 1, 2025.