

HOUSE BILL No. 1151

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-6-12-3; IC 24-5; IC 25-34.1.

Synopsis: Discriminatory appraisal practices. Adds the following to the duties of the homeowner protection unit (unit) of the office of the attorney general: (1) Cooperating with law enforcement agencies in investigating violations of the federal Fair Housing Act. (2) Investigating and enforcing: (A) existing law prohibiting improperly influencing the preparation of a real estate appraisal; and (B) the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory practices in the appraisal of residential real property. Prohibits a person whose business includes appraising residential real property from making an excessively low appraisal of the value of real estate that is the subject of a mortgage loan on the basis of the race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin of: (A) the loan applicant; or (B) residents of the neighborhood in which the real estate is located. Establishes the fair housing practices fund (fund), to be administered by the Indiana housing and community development authority (authority), for the purpose of: (1) providing down payment assistance, financial assistance for closing costs, and restitution for individuals injured by a violation the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory appraisal practices; and (2) providing grants for: (A) community education and outreach efforts; and (B) community reinvestment initiatives; for neighborhoods or communities adversely impacted by the prohibited discriminatory appraisal practices. Requires the authority to adopt rules to develop certain criteria and procedures necessary to: (1) administer the fund; and (2) provide assistance from the fund. Requires the unit to: (1) amend the form that creditors are required to provide to mortgage loan applicants to include information about how prospective
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borrowers can report suspected violations of the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory appraisal practices; and (2) accept complaints concerning these suspected violations. Provides that a person that knowingly or intentionally violates the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory appraisal practices: (1) commits an act that is actionable by an aggrieved individual and the attorney general under the deceptive consumer sales act; and (2) is liable for a civil penalty. Provides that any civil penalty collected shall be deposited in the fund. Requires the real estate appraiser licensure and certification board (board) to, not later than January 1, 2024, submit recommendations to the Indiana real estate commission (commission) concerning the following: (1) Rules requiring as a condition of initial licensure or certification at least one hour of instruction in cultural competency training, and at least one hour of instruction in implicit bias training. (2) Rules requiring as a condition of renewal for licensure and certification at least one hour of continuing education instruction in cultural competency training, and at least one hour of continuing education instruction in implicit bias training. (3) Policies to foster diversity in the real estate appraisal profession. Requires the commission to adopt the recommended rules not later than July 1, 2024. Provides that the office of the attorney general and the professional licensing agency (agency) may use an existing investigative fund to investigate and enforce: (1) existing law prohibiting improperly influencing the preparation of a real estate appraisal; and (2) the bill's provisions prohibiting discriminatory appraisal practices. Requires the board to submit, on at least a quarterly basis, a request to the attorney general for certain information concerning complaints filed against real estate appraisers. Requires the agency to publish and update on the board's web page, on at least a quarterly basis, certain data received by the board in the most recent quarterly report from the attorney general. Beginning in 2025, requires the agency to submit an annual report to the legislative council concerning: (1) the cultural competency and implicit bias training educational requirements adopted by the commission; and (2) the policies to foster diversity in the real estate appraisal profession implemented by the commission.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trade regulation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-6-12-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.52-2017,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) The unit shall do the following:
4 (1) Investigate deceptive acts in connection with mortgage
5 lending.
6 (2) Investigate violations of IC 24-9.
7 (3) Institute appropriate administrative and civil actions to
8 redress:
9 (A) deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending; and
10 (B) violations of IC 24-5-0.5 and IC 24-9.
11 (4) Cooperate with federal, state, and local law enforcement
12 agencies in the investigation of the following:
13 (A) Deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending.
14 (B) Criminal violations involving deceptive acts in connection
15 with mortgage lending.

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1 (C) Violations of IC 24-5-0.5 and IC 24-9.

2 (D) Violations of:

3 (i) the federal Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et
4 seq.);

5 (ii) the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C.
6 2601 et seq.); ~~and~~

7 **(iii) the federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.);**
8 **and**

9 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) any other federal laws or regulations concerning
10 mortgage lending.

11 To the extent authorized by federal law, the unit may enforce
12 compliance with the federal statutes or regulations described
13 in this clause or refer suspected violations of the statutes or
14 regulations to the appropriate federal regulatory agencies.

15 (5) Enforce violations of IC 32-25.5-3 by homeowners
16 associations.

17 **(6) Investigate and enforce violations of IC 24-5-23.5-7 and**
18 **IC 24-5-23.5-7.1.**

19 (b) The attorney general shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to the
20 extent necessary to organize the unit.

21 SECTION 2. IC 24-5-0.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.34-2022,
22 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
23 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) A supplier may not commit an unfair,
24 abusive, or deceptive act, omission, or practice in connection with a
25 consumer transaction. Such an act, omission, or practice by a supplier
26 is a violation of this chapter whether it occurs before, during, or after
27 the transaction. An act, omission, or practice prohibited by this section
28 includes both implicit and explicit misrepresentations.

29 (b) Without limiting the scope of subsection (a), the following acts,
30 and the following representations as to the subject matter of a
31 consumer transaction, made orally, in writing, or by electronic
32 communication, by a supplier, are deceptive acts:

33 (1) That such subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship,
34 approval, performance, characteristics, accessories, uses, or
35 benefits it does not have which the supplier knows or should
36 reasonably know it does not have.

37 (2) That such subject of a consumer transaction is of a particular
38 standard, quality, grade, style, or model, if it is not and if the
39 supplier knows or should reasonably know that it is not.

40 (3) That such subject of a consumer transaction is new or unused,
41 if it is not and if the supplier knows or should reasonably know
42 that it is not.



- 1 (4) That such subject of a consumer transaction will be supplied
2 to the public in greater quantity than the supplier intends or
3 reasonably expects.
- 4 (5) That replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
5 consumer transaction is needed, if it is not and if the supplier
6 knows or should reasonably know that it is not.
- 7 (6) That a specific price advantage exists as to such subject of a
8 consumer transaction, if it does not and if the supplier knows or
9 should reasonably know that it does not.
- 10 (7) That the supplier has a sponsorship, approval, or affiliation in
11 such consumer transaction the supplier does not have, and which
12 the supplier knows or should reasonably know that the supplier
13 does not have.
- 14 (8) That such consumer transaction involves or does not involve
15 a warranty, a disclaimer of warranties, or other rights, remedies,
16 or obligations, if the representation is false and if the supplier
17 knows or should reasonably know that the representation is false.
- 18 (9) That the consumer will receive a rebate, discount, or other
19 benefit as an inducement for entering into a sale or lease in return
20 for giving the supplier the names of prospective consumers or
21 otherwise helping the supplier to enter into other consumer
22 transactions, if earning the benefit, rebate, or discount is
23 contingent upon the occurrence of an event subsequent to the time
24 the consumer agrees to the purchase or lease.
- 25 (10) That the supplier is able to deliver or complete the subject of
26 the consumer transaction within a stated period of time, when the
27 supplier knows or should reasonably know the supplier could not.
28 If no time period has been stated by the supplier, there is a
29 presumption that the supplier has represented that the supplier
30 will deliver or complete the subject of the consumer transaction
31 within a reasonable time, according to the course of dealing or the
32 usage of the trade.
- 33 (11) That the consumer will be able to purchase the subject of the
34 consumer transaction as advertised by the supplier, if the supplier
35 does not intend to sell it.
- 36 (12) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
37 consumer transaction can be made by the supplier for the estimate
38 the supplier gives a customer for the replacement or repair, if the
39 specified work is completed and:
- 40 (A) the cost exceeds the estimate by an amount equal to or
41 greater than ten percent (10%) of the estimate;
- 42 (B) the supplier did not obtain written permission from the



- 1 customer to authorize the supplier to complete the work even
 2 if the cost would exceed the amounts specified in clause (A);
 3 (C) the total cost for services and parts for a single transaction
 4 is more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750); and
 5 (D) the supplier knew or reasonably should have known that
 6 the cost would exceed the estimate in the amounts specified in
 7 clause (A).
- 8 (13) That the replacement or repair constituting the subject of a
 9 consumer transaction is needed, and that the supplier disposes of
 10 the part repaired or replaced earlier than seventy-two (72) hours
 11 after both:
 12 (A) the customer has been notified that the work has been
 13 completed; and
 14 (B) the part repaired or replaced has been made available for
 15 examination upon the request of the customer.
- 16 (14) Engaging in the replacement or repair of the subject of a
 17 consumer transaction if the consumer has not authorized the
 18 replacement or repair, and if the supplier knows or should
 19 reasonably know that it is not authorized.
- 20 (15) The act of misrepresenting the geographic location of the
 21 supplier by listing an alternate business name or an assumed
 22 business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a local telephone
 23 directory if:
 24 (A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;
 25 (B) the listing fails to identify the locality and state of the
 26 supplier's business;
 27 (C) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
 28 or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
 29 is outside the calling area covered by the local telephone
 30 directory; and
 31 (D) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
 32 is not contiguous to a county in the calling area covered by the
 33 local telephone directory.
- 34 (16) The act of listing an alternate business name or assumed
 35 business name (as described in IC 23-0.5-3-4) in a directory
 36 assistance data base if:
 37 (A) the name misrepresents the supplier's geographic location;
 38 (B) calls to the local telephone number are routinely forwarded
 39 or otherwise transferred to a supplier's business location that
 40 is outside the local calling area; and
 41 (C) the supplier's business location is located in a county that
 42 is not contiguous to a county in the local calling area.



- 1 (17) The violation by a supplier of IC 24-3-4 concerning
2 cigarettes for import or export.
- 3 (18) The act of a supplier in knowingly selling or reselling a
4 product to a consumer if the product has been recalled, whether
5 by the order of a court or a regulatory body, or voluntarily by the
6 manufacturer, distributor, or retailer, unless the product has been
7 repaired or modified to correct the defect that was the subject of
8 the recall.
- 9 (19) The violation by a supplier of 47 U.S.C. 227, including any
10 rules or regulations issued under 47 U.S.C. 227.
- 11 (20) The violation by a supplier of the federal Fair Debt
12 Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.), including any
13 rules or regulations issued under the federal Fair Debt Collection
14 Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.).
- 15 (21) A violation of IC 24-5-7 (concerning health spa services), as
16 set forth in IC 24-5-7-17.
- 17 (22) A violation of IC 24-5-8 (concerning business opportunity
18 transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-8-20.
- 19 (23) A violation of IC 24-5-10 (concerning home consumer
20 transactions), as set forth in IC 24-5-10-18.
- 21 (24) A violation of IC 24-5-11 (concerning real property
22 improvement contracts), as set forth in IC 24-5-11-14.
- 23 (25) A violation of IC 24-5-12 (concerning telephone
24 solicitations), as set forth in IC 24-5-12-23.
- 25 (26) A violation of IC 24-5-13.5 (concerning buyback motor
26 vehicles), as set forth in IC 24-5-13.5-14.
- 27 (27) A violation of IC 24-5-14 (concerning automatic
28 dialing-announcing devices), as set forth in IC 24-5-14-13.
- 29 (28) A violation of IC 24-5-15 (concerning credit services
30 organizations), as set forth in IC 24-5-15-11.
- 31 (29) A violation of IC 24-5-16 (concerning unlawful motor
32 vehicle subleasing), as set forth in IC 24-5-16-18.
- 33 (30) A violation of IC 24-5-17 (concerning environmental
34 marketing claims), as set forth in IC 24-5-17-14.
- 35 (31) A violation of IC 24-5-19 (concerning deceptive commercial
36 solicitation), as set forth in IC 24-5-19-11.
- 37 (32) A violation of IC 24-5-21 (concerning prescription drug
38 discount cards), as set forth in IC 24-5-21-7.
- 39 (33) A violation of IC 24-5-23.5-7 (concerning real estate
40 appraisals) or **IC 24-5-23.5-7.1 (concerning discrimination in
41 appraising residential real property)**, as set forth in
42 IC 24-5-23.5-9.



- 1 (34) A violation of IC 24-5-26 (concerning identity theft), as set
2 forth in IC 24-5-26-3.
- 3 (35) A violation of IC 24-5.5 (concerning mortgage rescue fraud),
4 as set forth in IC 24-5.5-6-1.
- 5 (36) A violation of IC 24-8 (concerning promotional gifts and
6 contests), as set forth in IC 24-8-6-3.
- 7 (37) A violation of IC 21-18.5-6 (concerning representations
8 made by a postsecondary credit bearing proprietary educational
9 institution), as set forth in IC 21-18.5-6-22.5.
- 10 (38) A violation of IC 24-5-15.5 (concerning collection actions of
11 a plaintiff debt buyer), as set forth in IC 24-5-15.5-6.
- 12 (39) A violation of IC 24-14 (concerning towing services), as set
13 forth in IC 24-14-10-1.
- 14 (40) A violation of IC 24-5-14.5 (concerning misleading or
15 inaccurate caller identification information), as set forth in
16 IC 24-5-14.5-12.
- 17 (41) A violation of IC 24-5-27 (concerning intrastate inmate
18 calling services), as set forth in IC 24-5-27-27.
- 19 (c) Any representations on or within a product or its packaging or
20 in advertising or promotional materials which would constitute a
21 deceptive act shall be the deceptive act both of the supplier who places
22 such representation thereon or therein, or who authored such materials,
23 and such other suppliers who shall state orally or in writing that such
24 representation is true if such other supplier shall know or have reason
25 to know that such representation was false.
- 26 (d) If a supplier shows by a preponderance of the evidence that an
27 act resulted from a bona fide error notwithstanding the maintenance of
28 procedures reasonably adopted to avoid the error, such act shall not be
29 deceptive within the meaning of this chapter.
- 30 (e) It shall be a defense to any action brought under this chapter that
31 the representation constituting an alleged deceptive act was one made
32 in good faith by the supplier without knowledge of its falsity and in
33 reliance upon the oral or written representations of the manufacturer,
34 the person from whom the supplier acquired the product, any testing
35 organization, or any other person provided that the source thereof is
36 disclosed to the consumer.
- 37 (f) For purposes of subsection (b)(12), a supplier that provides
38 estimates before performing repair or replacement work for a customer
39 shall give the customer a written estimate itemizing as closely as
40 possible the price for labor and parts necessary for the specific job
41 before commencing the work.
- 42 (g) For purposes of subsection (b)(15) and (b)(16), a telephone



1 company or other provider of a telephone directory or directory
 2 assistance service or its officer or agent is immune from liability for
 3 publishing the listing of an alternate business name or assumed
 4 business name of a supplier in its directory or directory assistance data
 5 base unless the telephone company or other provider of a telephone
 6 directory or directory assistance service is the same person as the
 7 supplier who has committed the deceptive act.

8 (h) For purposes of subsection (b)(18), it is an affirmative defense
 9 to any action brought under this chapter that the product has been
 10 altered by a person other than the defendant to render the product
 11 completely incapable of serving its original purpose.

12 SECTION 3. IC 24-5-23.5-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 7.1. (a) Subject to subsection (b),**
 15 **a person whose business includes appraising residential real**
 16 **property shall not make an excessively low appraisal, or influence**
 17 **or attempt to influence another person to make an excessively low**
 18 **appraisal, of the value of residential real estate that is the subject**
 19 **of a mortgage loan, as compared to the purchase price of the real**
 20 **estate, on the basis of:**

21 (1) the race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or
 22 national origin of the applicant; or

23 (2) the race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or
 24 national origin of the residents of the neighborhood in which
 25 the real estate is located.

26 (b) This section does not prohibit a person from taking into
 27 consideration factors other than race, color, religion, sex,
 28 disability, familial status, or national origin in preparing a
 29 residential real estate appraisal.

30 SECTION 4. IC 24-5-23.5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 7.2. (a) As used in this section,**
 33 **"authority" means the Indiana housing and community**
 34 **development authority created by IC 5-20-1-3.**

35 (b) As used in this section, "fund" refers to the fair housing
 36 practices fund established by subsection (c).

37 (c) The fair housing practices fund is established for the purpose
 38 of:

39 (1) providing:

40 (A) down payment assistance;

41 (B) financial assistance for closing costs, including title
 42 fees, appraisal fees, document fees, escrow deposits, and



- 1 fees for credit reports; and
 2 (C) restitution;
 3 for individuals who have been determined by a final order of
 4 a court, or by the attorney general after an investigation, to
 5 have been injured by a violation of section 7.1 of this chapter;
 6 and
 7 (2) providing grants for:
 8 (A) community education and outreach efforts concerning
 9 home ownership, mortgage lending, and consumer credit;
 10 and
 11 (B) community reinvestment initiatives;
 12 for neighborhoods or communities that have been determined
 13 by a final order of a court, or by the attorney general after an
 14 investigation, to have been targeted or adversely impacted by
 15 a violation of section 7.1 of this chapter.
 16 (d) The fund shall be administered by the authority.
 17 (e) The fund consists of:
 18 (1) civil penalties deposited in the fund under section 9(e)(2)
 19 of this chapter;
 20 (2) any amounts deposited in the fund as a result of a
 21 settlement agreement or final judgment in an action brought
 22 for a violation of section 7.1 of this chapter;
 23 (3) gifts and grants to the fund; and
 24 (4) amounts appropriated to the fund by the general assembly.
 25 (f) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
 26 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
 27 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
 28 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.
 29 (g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 30 revert to the state general fund.
 31 (h) The authority shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the
 32 following:
 33 (1) Establish criteria for identifying individuals who may be
 34 eligible for assistance from the fund.
 35 (2) Establish criteria for identifying neighborhoods and
 36 communities that may be eligible for assistance from the fund.
 37 (3) Establish procedures by which individuals, neighborhoods,
 38 and communities can apply for assistance from the fund.
 39 (4) Establish objective, transparent criteria for determining
 40 eligibility for assistance for individuals who apply for
 41 assistance from the fund.
 42 (5) Establish objective, transparent criteria for determining



1 eligibility for assistance for neighborhoods and communities
2 that apply for assistance from the fund.

3 **(6) Establish objective, transparent criteria for determining**
4 **the amount and types of assistance to be awarded for**
5 **applicants whose applications for assistance are approved.**

6 **(7) Develop plans to publicize and promote awareness of the**
7 **assistance available from the fund in neighborhoods and**
8 **communities impacted from violations of section 7.1 of this**
9 **chapter.**

10 **(8) Develop other criteria or procedures the authority**
11 **determines to be necessary to administer the fund and provide**
12 **assistance from the fund.**

13 **In adopting the rules required by this subsection, the authority**
14 **may adopt emergency rules in the manner provided by**
15 **IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency**
16 **rule adopted by the authority under this subsection and in the**
17 **manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which**
18 **a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the**
19 **authority under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.**

20 SECTION 5. IC 24-5-23.5-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.52-2009,
21 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) This subsection applies with respect to a
23 completed application for a mortgage loan that is received by a creditor
24 after December 31, 2009. A creditor shall, not later than three (3)
25 business days after receiving a completed written application for a
26 mortgage loan from a borrower or prospective borrower, provide to the
27 borrower or prospective borrower a notice, on a form prescribed by the
28 homeowner protection unit under subsection (b), that includes the
29 following:

30 (1) Contact information for the homeowner protection unit
31 established by the attorney general under IC 4-6-12, including:

32 (A) an electronic mail address for the homeowner protection
33 unit; and

34 (B) the toll free telephone number described in IC 4-6-12-3.5.

35 (2) A statement that the borrower or prospective borrower may
36 contact the homeowner protection unit to report:

37 (A) a suspected violation of section 7 of this chapter; ~~or~~

38 **(B) in the case of a completed application for a mortgage**
39 **loan that is received by a creditor after December 31, 2023,**
40 **a suspected violation of section 7.1 of this chapter; or**

41 ~~(B)~~ (C) other information about suspected fraudulent
42 residential real estate transactions, as authorized by



1 IC 4-6-12-3.5(b).

2 (3) A statement that the borrower in a real estate transaction that
 3 involves the making, refinancing, or consolidation of a mortgage
 4 loan has the right to inspect the HUD-1 or HUD-1A settlement
 5 statement during the business day immediately preceding
 6 settlement, as provided by the federal Real Estate Settlement
 7 Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), as amended.

8 The creditor shall provide the notice required by this subsection by
 9 delivering it to the borrower or prospective borrower or placing it in the
 10 United States mail to the borrower or prospective borrower within the
 11 time prescribed by this subsection.

12 (b) Not later than September 1, 2009, the ~~home owner~~ **homeowner**
 13 protection unit established by the attorney general under IC 4-6-12
 14 shall prescribe the form required under subsection (a) for use by
 15 creditors who receive completed written applications for mortgage
 16 loans after December 31, 2009. **Not later than September 1, 2023, the**
 17 **homeowner protection unit established by the attorney general**
 18 **under IC 4-6-12 shall amend the form required under subsection**
 19 **(a) for use by creditors who receive completed written applications**
 20 **for mortgage loans after December 31, 2023, so that the form, as**
 21 **amended, includes the statement required by subsection (a)(2)(B).**

22 (c) The homeowner protection unit established by the attorney
 23 general under IC 4-6-12, in cooperation with the real estate appraiser
 24 licensure and certification board created by IC 25-34.1-8-1, shall
 25 publicize and promote awareness of the availability of the:

26 (1) electronic mail address; and

27 (2) toll free telephone number;

28 described in subsection (a)(1) to accept complaints from real estate
 29 appraisers, creditors, borrowers, potential borrowers, and other persons
 30 concerning suspected violations of section 7 **or 7.1** of this chapter.

31 (d) A creditor may share any information obtained concerning a
 32 suspected violation of section 7 **or 7.1** of this chapter with the
 33 homeowner protection unit established by the attorney general under
 34 IC 4-6-12. The homeowner protection unit may, in turn, share any
 35 information received from a creditor under this subsection with the
 36 following:

37 (1) Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and federal
 38 regulatory agencies in accordance with IC 4-6-12-3(a)(4).

39 (2) Any entity listed in IC 4-6-12-4 that may have jurisdiction
 40 over any person who is suspected of violating section 7 **or 7.1** of
 41 this chapter, including any entity that may have jurisdiction over
 42 the creditor or an agent of the creditor if the homeowner



1 protection unit suspects that the creditor or an agent of the
 2 creditor has violated section 7 **or** 7.1 of this chapter. However, the
 3 homeowner protection unit and any entity listed in IC 4-6-12-4
 4 that receives information under this subdivision shall treat the
 5 information, including information concerning the identity of the
 6 complainant, as confidential and shall exercise all necessary
 7 caution to avoid disclosure of the information, except as otherwise
 8 permitted or required by law.

9 (e) Any:

- 10 (1) real estate appraiser, creditor, borrower, potential borrower, or
 11 other person that makes, in good faith, a voluntarily disclosure of
 12 a suspected violation of section 7 **or** 7.1 of this chapter to the
 13 homeowner protection unit under this section or otherwise; and
 14 (2) director, officer, manager, employee, or agent of a person
 15 described in subdivision (1) who makes, or requires another
 16 person to make, a disclosure described in subdivision (1);

17 is not liable to any person under any law or regulation of the United
 18 States, under any constitution, law, or regulation of any state or a
 19 political subdivision of any state, or under any contract or other legally
 20 enforceable agreement, including an arbitration agreement, for a
 21 disclosure described in subdivision (1) or for failing to provide notice
 22 of a disclosure described in subdivision (1) to any person who is the
 23 subject of the disclosure.

24 (f) ~~Beginning in 2009~~; The report provided by the mortgage lending
 25 and fraud prevention task force to the legislative council under
 26 P.L.145-2008, SECTION 35, must include the following information:

- 27 (1) The total number of complaints or reports:
 28 (A) received by the homeowner protection unit during the
 29 most recent state fiscal year; and
 30 (B) concerning a suspected violation of section 7 **or** 7.1 of this
 31 chapter.
 32 (2) From the total number of complaints or reports reported under
 33 subdivision (1), a breakdown of the sources of the complaints or
 34 reports, classified according to the complainants' interest in or
 35 relationship to the real estate transactions upon which the
 36 complaints or reports are based.
 37 (3) A description of any:
 38 (A) disciplinary or enforcement actions taken; or
 39 (B) criminal prosecutions pursued;
 40 by the homeowner protection unit or any entity listed in
 41 IC 4-6-12-4 and having jurisdiction in the matter, as applicable,
 42 in connection with the complaints or reports reported under



- 1 subdivision (1).
 2 The homeowner protection unit shall make available to the mortgage
 3 lending and fraud prevention task force any information necessary to
 4 provide the information required under this subsection in the task
 5 force's report to the legislative council.
- 6 SECTION 6. IC 24-5-23.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.52-2009,
 7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 9. (a) A person that knowingly or intentionally
 9 violates section 7 of this chapter commits:
- 10 (1) a Class A misdemeanor; and
 11 (2) an act that is:
 12 (A) actionable by the attorney general under IC 24-5-0.5; and
 13 (B) subject to the penalties listed in IC 24-5-0.5.
- 14 **(b) A person that knowingly or intentionally violates section 7.1**
 15 **of this chapter:**
 16 **(1) commits an act that is:**
 17 **(A) actionable by an aggrieved individual and the attorney**
 18 **general under IC 24-5-0.5-4; and**
 19 **(B) subject to the penalties listed in IC 24-5-0.5; and**
 20 **(2) is liable for an additional civil penalty of two hundred**
 21 **dollars (\$200) per violation.**
- 22 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** The attorney general may maintain an action in the name of
 23 the state of Indiana to enjoin a person from violating section 7 **or 7.1**
 24 of this chapter. A court in which the action is brought may:
 25 (1) issue an injunction;
 26 (2) order the person to make restitution;
 27 (3) order the person to reimburse the state for the attorney
 28 general's reasonable costs of investigating and prosecuting the
 29 violation; and
 30 (4) **in the case of a violation of section 7 of this chapter**, impose
 31 a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per
 32 violation.
- 33 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** A person that violates an injunction issued under this section
 34 is subject to a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars
 35 (\$10,000) per violation. The court that issues the injunction retains
 36 jurisdiction over a proceeding seeking the imposition of a civil penalty
 37 under this subsection.
- 38 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** A civil penalty imposed and collected under this section shall
 39 be deposited in:
 40 **(1) the investigative fund established by IC 25-34.1-8-7.5, in the**
 41 **case of a civil penalty imposed and collected for a violation of**
 42 **section 7 of this chapter; or**



- 1 **(2) the fair housing practices fund established by section 7.2**
 2 **of this chapter, in the case of a civil penalty imposed and**
 3 **collected for a violation of section 7.1 of this chapter.**
 4 (e) (f) The enforcement procedures established by this section are
 5 cumulative and an enforcement procedure available under this section
 6 is supplemental to any other enforcement procedure available under:
 7 (1) this section; or
 8 (2) any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation;
 9 for a violation of section 7 or 7.1 of this chapter.
 10 SECTION 7. IC 25-34.1-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,
 11 SECTION 530, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) This section does not
 13 preclude a person who:
 14 (1) is not licensed or certified as a real estate appraiser under this
 15 section; and
 16 (2) is licensed as a broker under this article;
 17 for appraising real estate in Indiana for compensation.
 18 (b) As used in this section, "federal act" refers to Title XI of the
 19 Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act (12
 20 U.S.C. 3331 through 3351).
 21 (c) The commission shall adopt rules to establish a real estate
 22 appraiser licensure and certification program to be administered by the
 23 board.
 24 (d) The commission may not adopt rules under this section except
 25 upon the action and written recommendations of the board under
 26 IC 25-34.1-8-6.5.
 27 (e) The real estate appraiser licensure and certification program
 28 established by the commission under this section must meet the
 29 requirements of:
 30 (1) the federal act;
 31 (2) any federal regulations adopted under the federal act; and
 32 (3) any other requirements established by the commission as
 33 recommended by the board, including requirements for education,
 34 experience, examination, reciprocity, and temporary practice.
 35 (f) The real estate appraiser licensure and certification requirements
 36 established by the commission under this section must require a person
 37 to meet the standards for real estate appraiser certification and
 38 licensure established:
 39 (1) under the federal act;
 40 (2) by federal regulations; and
 41 (3) under any other requirements established by the commission
 42 as recommended by the board, including requirements for



1 education, experience, examination, reciprocity, and temporary
2 practice.

3 **Not later than July 1, 2024, and upon recommendation by the**
4 **board under IC 25-34.1-8-6.5(2)(A), the commission shall adopt**
5 **rules under IC 4-22-2 to require as a condition of initial licensure**
6 **or certification under the program at least one (1) hour of**
7 **instruction in cultural competency training, and at least one (1)**
8 **hour of instruction in implicit bias training, either individually or**
9 **as part of a broader course.**

10 (g) The commission may require continuing education as a
11 condition of renewal for real estate appraiser licensure and
12 certification. **Not later than July 1, 2024, and upon recommendation**
13 **by the board under IC 25-34.1-8-6.5(2)(B), the commission shall**
14 **adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require as a condition of renewal**
15 **for real estate appraiser licensure and certification:**

16 (1) at least one (1) hour of continuing education instruction in
17 cultural competency training; and

18 (2) at least one (1) hour of continuing education instruction in
19 implicit bias training;

20 **either individually or as part of a broader course.**

21 (h) The following are not required to be a licensed or certified real
22 estate appraiser to perform the requirements of IC 6-1.1-4:

23 (1) A county assessor.

24 (2) A township assessor.

25 (3) An employee of a county or township assessor.

26 (i) Notwithstanding IC 25-34.1-3-2(a):

27 (1) only a person who receives a license or certificate issued
28 under the real estate appraiser licensure and certification program
29 established under this section may appraise real estate involved
30 in transactions governed by:

31 (A) the federal act; and

32 (B) any regulations adopted under the federal act;
33 as determined under rules adopted by the commission, as
34 recommended by the board; and

35 (2) a person who receives a license or certificate issued under the
36 real estate appraiser licensure and certification program
37 established under this section may appraise real estate not
38 involved in transactions governed by:

39 (A) the federal act; and

40 (B) any regulations adopted under the federal act;
41 as determined under rules adopted by the commission, as
42 recommended by the board.



1 (j) Not later than July 1, 2024, and upon recommendation by the
 2 board under IC 25-34.1-8-6.5(2)(C), the commission shall
 3 implement policies under the program to foster diversity in the real
 4 estate appraisal profession, including policies to:

- 5 (1) attract people of color to the appraisal profession; and
 6 (2) overcome barriers to entry to the profession, including
 7 initial education, experience, or training requirements.

8 (k) For purposes of subsections (f) and (g), "cultural
 9 competency" means understanding and applying cultural and
 10 ethnic data to the standard of care, including information on the
 11 appropriate treatment of, and the provision of service to,
 12 communities of color. In adopting the rules required by subsections
 13 (f) and (g), the commission may adopt emergency rules in the
 14 manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding
 15 IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission
 16 under subsection (f) or (g) and in the manner provided by
 17 IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes
 18 the emergency rule is adopted by the commission under
 19 IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

20 SECTION 8. IC 25-34.1-8-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2007,
 21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 6.5. The board shall submit recommendations to
 23 the commission concerning the following:

24 (1) Implementation and operation of the real estate appraiser
 25 licensure and certification program under IC 25-34.1-3-8.

26 (2) Rules governing real estate appraisers licensed and certified
 27 under IC 25-34.1-3-8. **Not later than January 1, 2024, the**
 28 **board shall submit recommendations to the commission**
 29 **concerning the following:**

30 (A) Rules requiring as a condition of initial licensure or
 31 certification under the program:

32 (i) at least one (1) hour of instruction in cultural
 33 competency training; and

34 (ii) at least one (1) hour of instruction in implicit bias
 35 training;

36 either individually or as part of a broader course.

37 (B) Rules requiring as a condition of renewal for real
 38 estate appraiser licensure and certification:

39 (i) at least one (1) hour of continuing education
 40 instruction in cultural competency training; and

41 (ii) at least one (1) hour of continuing education
 42 instruction in implicit bias training;



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either individually or as part of a broader course.
(C) Policies to foster diversity in the real estate appraisal profession, including policies to:
(i) attract people of color to the appraisal profession; and
(ii) overcome barriers to entry to the profession, including initial education, experience, or training requirements.

For purposes of this subdivision, "cultural competency" means understanding and applying cultural and ethnic data to the standard of care, including information on the appropriate treatment of, and the provision of service to, communities of color.

- (3) Establishing a fee in an amount necessary to fund the investigative fund established by section 7.5 of this chapter but not more than twenty dollars (\$20).
- (4) Rules governing the administration of the investigative fund established by section 7.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 9. IC 25-34.1-8-7.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.127-2012, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7.5. (a) The investigative fund is established to provide funds for administering and enforcing the provisions of this article, including investigating and taking enforcement action against real estate fraud and real estate appraisal fraud. The fund shall be administered by the attorney general and the professional licensing agency.

- (b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from the money in the fund. The fund consists of:
 - (1) money from a fee imposed upon licensed or certified appraisers and real estate brokers under IC 25-34.1-2-7 and IC 25-34.1-3-9.5;
 - (2) civil penalties deposited in the fund under ~~IC 24-5-23.5-9(d);~~ **IC 24-5-23.5-9(e)(1);**
 - (3) registration fees imposed on appraisal management companies under IC 25-34.1-11-15; and
 - (4) civil penalties deposited under IC 25-34.1-11-17.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. If the total amount in the investigative fund exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) at the end of a state fiscal



1 year after payment of all claims and expenses, the amount that exceeds
 2 seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) reverts to the state
 3 general fund.

4 (e) Money in the fund is continually appropriated for use by the
 5 attorney general and the licensing agency to administer and enforce the
 6 provisions of this article and to conduct investigations and take
 7 enforcement action against real estate and appraisal fraud under this
 8 article. The attorney general shall receive five dollars (\$5) of each fee
 9 collected under IC 25-34.1-2-7 and IC 25-34.1-3-9.5, and the licensing
 10 agency shall receive any amount that exceeds five dollars (\$5) of each
 11 fee collected under IC 25-34.1-2-7 and IC 25-34.1-3-9.5.

12 SECTION 10. IC 25-34.1-8-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 15. The office of the
 14 attorney general and the professional licensing agency may use the
 15 investigative fund established by section 7.5 of this chapter to hire
 16 investigators and other employees to administer and enforce the
 17 provisions of this article and to:

18 (1) investigate and prosecute real estate fraud and real estate
 19 appraisal fraud; and

20 (2) investigate and enforce violations of IC 24-5-23.5-7 and
 21 IC 24-5-23.5-7.1.

22 SECTION 11. IC 25-34.1-8-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 23 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section,
 25 "agency" refers to the Indiana professional licensing agency
 26 established by IC 25-1-5-3.

27 (b) Not less frequently than on a quarterly basis, beginning after
 28 June 30, 2023, the board shall submit a request to the office of the
 29 attorney general under IC 25-1-7-13 for the information specified
 30 in IC 25-1-7-13 concerning complaints filed against real estate
 31 appraisers (as defined in IC 24-5-23.5-5).

32 (c) Not less frequently than on a quarterly basis, the agency, on
 33 behalf of the board, shall publish and update on the board's web
 34 page on the agency's website:

35 (1) the aggregate data received by the board in the most
 36 recent quarterly report under subsection (b); and

37 (2) to the extent not confidential under IC 25-1-7-10(a), the
 38 names and business locations of all real estate appraisers who
 39 have had complaints filed and prosecuted against them.

40 The agency shall make the first publication required under this
 41 subsection not later than January 1, 2024.

42 (d) The information required to be published under subsection



1 (c) must be:

2 (1) easily searchable; and

3 (2) downloadable in a format that can be imported into
4 standard spreadsheet computer software.

5 SECTION 12. IC 25-34.1-8-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section,
8 "agency" refers to the Indiana professional licensing agency
9 established by IC 25-1-5-3.

10 (b) Beginning in 2025, the agency, on behalf of the board, shall,
11 not later than November 1 each year, submit a report to the
12 legislative council concerning:

13 (1) the instruction in cultural competency and implicit bias
14 training for applicants for initial licensure or certification, as
15 required by the rules adopted by the commission under
16 IC 25-34.1-3-8(f);

17 (2) the continuing education instruction in cultural
18 competency training and implicit bias training, as required by
19 the rules adopted by the commission under IC 25-34.1-3-8(g);
20 and

21 (3) the policies to foster diversity in the real estate appraisal
22 profession implemented by the commission following
23 recommendation by the board under section 6.5(2)(C) of this
24 chapter, including an assessment by the board of the
25 effectiveness of the policies in:

26 (A) attracting people of color to the appraisal profession;
27 and

28 (B) overcoming barriers to entry to the profession,
29 including initial education, experience, or training
30 requirements.

31 (c) A report to the legislative council under this section must be
32 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

