House Bill 2275

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SUMMARY

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Adds certain individuals to list of persons exempt from real estate licensing law.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to persons exempt from real estate licensing law; amending ORS 696.030.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 696.030 is amended to read:

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- 5 696.030. ORS 696.010 to 696.375, 696.392, 696.395 to 696.430, 696.490, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.990 and 696.995 do not apply to:
 - (1)(a) A nonlicensed individual who is a full-time employee of an owner of real estate and whose real estate activity:
 - (A) Involves only the real estate of the employer; and
 - (B)(i) Is incidental to the employee's normal, nonreal estate activities; or
 - (ii) Is the employee's principal activity, but the employer's principal activity or business is not the sale, exchange, lease option or acquisition of real estate.
 - (b) For the purpose of this subsection, "owner of real estate" means:
 - (A) A person who has a sole ownership interest in the real estate; or
 - (B) More than one person, each of whom has an ownership interest in the real estate, if the ownership interest is by survivorship, tenancy in common or tenancy by the entirety.
 - (2) A nonlicensed individual who acts as attorney in fact under a duly executed power of attorney from the owner or purchaser authorizing the supervision of the closing of or supervision of the performance of a contract for the sale, leasing or exchanging of real estate if the power of attorney was executed prior to July 1, 2002, in compliance with the requirements of law at the time of execution or if:
 - (a) The power of attorney is recorded in the office of the recording officer for the county in which the real estate is located;
 - (b) The power of attorney specifically describes the real estate; and
 - (c) The nonlicensed individual does not use the power of attorney as a device to engage in professional real estate activity without obtaining the necessary real estate license.
 - (3) A nonlicensed individual who acts as attorney in fact under a duly executed power of attorney in which the authorized agent is the spouse of the principal, or the child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew of the principal or of the spouse of the principal, authorizing real estate activity if the power of attorney is recorded in the office of the recording officer for the county in which the real estate to be sold, leased or exchanged is located.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- (4) A nonlicensed individual who is an attorney at law rendering services in the performance of duties as an attorney at law.
- (5) A nonlicensed individual who acts in the nonlicensed individual's official capacity as a receiver, a conservator, a trustee in bankruptcy, a personal representative or a trustee, or a regular salaried employee of the trustee, acting under a trust agreement, deed of trust or will.
- (6) A nonlicensed individual who performs an act of professional real estate activity under order of a court.
- (7) A nonlicensed individual who is a regular full-time employee of a single corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or nonlicensed individual owner of real property acting for the corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or nonlicensed individual owner in the rental or management of the real property, but not in the sale, exchange, lease option or purchase of the real property.
- (8) A nonlicensed individual who is a registered professional engineer or architect rendering services in performance of duties as a professional engineer or architect.
- (9) A nonlicensed individual who is employed by a principal real estate broker engaged in the management of rental real estate or by a licensed real estate property manager and who acts on behalf of the principal real estate broker or licensed real estate property manager pursuant to a written delegation of the principal real estate broker's or licensed real estate property manager's authority, as provided by the agency by rule, if the real estate activity of the nonlicensed individual is limited to:
 - (a) Negotiating rental or lease agreements;
 - (b) Checking tenant and credit references;
- (c) Physically maintaining the real estate;
 - (d) Conducting tenant relations;
- (e) Collecting the rent;

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- (f) Supervising the premises' managers;
- (g) Discussing financial matters relating to the management of the real estate with the owner; and
 - (h) Receiving and disbursing trust funds in a clients' trust account under ORS 696.241.
- (10) A nonlicensed individual who sells or leases cemetery lots, parcels or units while engaged in the disposition of human bodies under ORS 97.010 to 97.040, 97.110 to 97.450, 97.510 to 97.730, 97.810 to 97.920 and 97.990 or an employee of the nonlicensed individual performing similar activities.
- (11) A nonlicensed individual who is a salaried employee of the State of Oregon, or any of its political subdivisions, engaging in professional real estate activity as a part of such employment.
- (12) A nonlicensed individual who analyzes or provides advice regarding permissible land use alternatives, environmental impact, building and use permit procedures, development alternatives or demographic market studies or who performs development management, or a regular full-time employee of the nonlicensed individual performing similar activities. This exclusion does not apply to marketing, procuring prospects, leasing or the handling of transactional negotiations for transfer of an interest in real estate.
- (13) [A nonlicensed] **An** individual who is a hotelkeeper or innkeeper as defined by ORS 699.005 arranging the rental of transient lodging at a hotel or inn in the course of business as a hotelkeeper or innkeeper.
 - (14) A nonlicensed individual who is a travel agent arranging the rental of transient lodging at

a hotel or inn as defined in ORS 699.005 in the course of business as a travel agent for compensation. For the purpose of this subsection, "travel agent" means a person, and employees of the person, regularly representing and selling travel services to the public directly or through other travel agents.

- (15) A nonlicensed individual who is a common carrier arranging the rental of transient lodging at a hotel or inn as defined in ORS 699.005 in the course of business as a common carrier. For the purpose of this subsection, "common carrier" means a person that transports or purports to be willing to transport individuals from place to place by rail, motor vehicle, boat or aircraft for hire, compensation or consideration.
- (16) A nonlicensed individual who is a hotel representative arranging the rental of transient lodging at a hotel or inn as defined in ORS 699.005 in the course of business as a hotel representative. For the purpose of this subsection, "hotel representative" means a person that provides reservations or sale services to independent hotels, airlines, steamship companies and government tourist agencies.
- (17) A nonlicensed individual transferring or acquiring an interest in real estate owned or to be owned by the nonlicensed individual.
- (18) A nonlicensed individual who is a general partner for a domestic or foreign limited partnership duly registered and operating within this state under ORS chapter 70 engaging in the sale of limited partnership interests and the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, transfer or management of the real estate of the limited partnership.
- (19) A nonlicensed individual who is a membership camping contract broker or salesperson registered with the Real Estate Agency selling membership camping contracts.
- (20) A nonlicensed individual who is a professional forester or farm manager engaging in property management activity on forestland or farmland when the activity is incidental to the nonreal estate duties involving overall management of forest or farm resources.
- (21) A nonlicensed individual who is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. 80b-1 et seq., rendering real estate investment services for the office of the State Treasurer or the Oregon Investment Council.
- (22) A nonlicensed individual who refers a new tenant for compensation to a real estate licensee acting as the property manager for a residential building or facility while the nonlicensed individual resides in the building or facility or within six months after termination of the nonlicensed individual's tenancy.
- (23) A nonlicensed individual who gives an opinion in an administrative or judicial proceeding regarding the value of real estate for taxation or representing a taxpayer under ORS 305.230 or 309.100.
- (24) A nonlicensed individual acting as a paid fiduciary whose real estate activity is limited to negotiating a contract to obtain the services of a real estate licensee.
- (25) A nonlicensed individual who is acting as a fiduciary under a court order, without regard to whether the court order specifically authorizes real estate activity.
- (26) A nonlicensed individual who is a representative of a financial institution or trust company, as those terms are defined in ORS 706.008, that is attorney in fact under a duly executed power of attorney from the owner or purchaser authorizing real estate activity, if the power of attorney is recorded in the office of the county clerk for the county in which the real estate to be sold, leased or exchanged is located.
 - (27) A nonlicensed individual who is a member of a domestic or foreign limited liability company

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- duly registered and operating within this state under ORS chapter 63 and who is engaging in the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, transfer or management of the real estate of the limited liability company if:
 - (a) The limited liability company is member-managed; or
- (b) The limited liability company is manager-managed, and the nonlicensed individual is a manager.
- (28) A nonlicensed individual who is a partner in a partnership as defined in ORS 67.005 and who is engaging in the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, transfer or management of the real estate of the partnership.
- (29) A nonlicensed individual who is an officer or director of a domestic or foreign corporation duly registered and operating within this state under ORS chapter 60 and who is engaging in the acquisition, sale, exchange, lease, transfer or management of the real estate of the corporation.