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Dear Legislators:

The Alaska Real Estate Commission would like to express support for HB129. The current statute AS 08.88.071(10) only provides for a Broker or an Associate Broker to have their license revoked if convicted of a felony or other crime while licensed.

The Commission, through the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing issues three types of licenses: Broker, Associate Broker and Salesperson.

This proposed legislation would complete the process that would allow the Commission to also pursue the revocation of the salesperson license. The majority of the licensees are salespersons and therefore, an increased probability would exist that a felony would be committed by a licensed salesperson.

The Commission is tasked with the duty to provide for real estate practice that is conducted competently and safely. All licensees (Broker, Associate Broker and Salespersons) convicted of a felony should be licensed at the discretion of the Real Estate Commission in order to practice in Alaska.

We ask that you consider making the change by adding the license type, Salesperson, to the existing list of licenses in AS 08.88.071(10).

Sincerely,



Brad Cole
Chairman

Alaska Real Estate Commission