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ALASKA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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Alaska Association of Realtors 4205 Minnesota Drive Anchorage, AK 99503

## Dear Realtors:

At the September meeting of the Real Estate Commission (REC), a motion was passed to request assistance from the Alaska Association of Realtors to lobby the Legislature for a change in Broker education requirements and experience.

Currently, the Alaska statute 08.88.171(c), requires that a Salesperson seeking to upgrade to an Associate Broker or Broker must take 15 hours of Broker Upgrade education and have been licensed as a Salesperson for 24 months.

The Real Estate Commission would like to see this statute change by making a Salesperson take 30 hours of Broker Upgrade education and be licensed as a Salesperson for 48 months.

The Commission heard from numerous licensees during the public comment period of this meeting and many of those licensees addressed the issue of increasing education hours, specifically, Broker education.

The Commission appreciates any assistance with this proposed change to our statutes. If REC staff can be of any assistance or answer any questions you may have regarding this request, please email or call the Commission office.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Sharon J. Walsh, Executive Administrator

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