1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 83rd General Assembly **HOUSE BILL 1566** 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Representatives McMellon, Verkamp 6 By: Senator Wilkinson 7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-42-107(a) AND 17-42-10 11 301 TO PROTECT CONSUMERS IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF 12 A PRINCIPAL BROKER OR THE CLOSING OF A REAL ESTATE FIRM: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 13 14 **Subtitle** 15 16 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 17-42-107 (a) AND 17-42-301 TO PROTECT CONSUMERS 17 18 IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A PRINCIPAL 19 BROKER OR THE CLOSING OF A REAL ESTATE 20 FIRM. 21 22 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-42-107(a), concerning real estate agents 25 26 and brokers capacity to sue and be sued, is amended to read as follows: 27 (a) No action or suit shall be instituted, nor recovery be had, in any court of this state by any person or other legal entity for compensation for 28 29 performance of any acts described in § 17-42-103(12) unless at the time of 30 offering to perform and performing any such person was duly licensed under 31 this chapter as a principal broker at the time of offering to perform any such 32 act or procuring any promise to contract for the payment of compensation for 33 any such contemplated act, the person holds an active license under this chapter as a principal broker, or the person or other legal entity was the 34 35 owner of the real estate firm which contracted for or otherwise performed the 36 acts for the compensation which is the subject of the action or suit through

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| 1 | either a principal broker or a person approved by the commission under § 17- |
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| 2 | 42-301(f) while licensed or approved by the commission at the time of the |
| 3 | <u>acts</u> . |
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| 5 | SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-42-301, concerning real estate agent and |
| 6 | brokers licenses, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows: |
| 7 | (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person or other |
| 8 | legal entity not licensed by the commission may own a real estate firm, |
| 9 | provided the employees or agents employed by or associated with the firm who |
| 10 | perform real estate activities identified under § 17-42-103(12) hold an active |
| 11 | license under this chapter. The firm may enter into contracts or otherwise |
| 12 | perform activities identified under § 17-42-103(12) only through a principal |
| 13 | broker and any licensee employed by or associated with the principal broker |
| 14 | that holds an active license issued by the commission at the time of |
| 15 | performing the contract or activities. |
| 16 | (f) The commission may provide for the continuing temporary operation |
| 17 | of a real estate firm having all rights under § 17-42-107(a) upon the death, |
| 18 | resignation, termination, or incapacity of the principal broker, or the |
| 19 | closing of a real estate firm, under the direction of a person approved by the |
| 20 | commission, subject to time limitations and other conditions imposed by the |
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