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Overview

This bill classifies certain data relating to disciplinary actions by the commissioner of commerce against a real estate appraiser, requires renewal applicants for a real estate appraiser license to disclose certain crimes, and provides a six-year limitation on private rights of action against a real estate appraiser.

Section

- 1 Real estate appraisers. Provides that certain data relating to disciplinary action against real estate appraisers is classified.
- **2 [82B.072] Formal complaints.** Provides that if an allegation of noncompliance does not result in a disciplinary action, it does not constitute a formal complaint under either chapter 82B or section 45.027.
- 3 Criminal history record check; fingerprints. Clarifies that applicants applying for an initial real estate appraiser license must consent to a criminal history background check and fingerprint card. Requires an applicant renewing a real estate appraiser license to disclose certain information involving crimes to the commissioner of commerce.
- 4 Time limitations. Provides that after five years all data related to a disciplinary action is private data. Excludes disciplinary actions related to certain acts from this classification.

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Time limitations. Requires a private right of action to begin the earlier of six years from the date of the appraisal services or the date the appraisal was completed. This limitation does not apply to certain types of actions.

Effective date. All sections are effective August 1, 2017, and apply to appraisals performed on or after that date.