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**COMMISSION ENACTS TEMPORARY  
LICENSE FOR EVACUEES FROM KATRINA**

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The Texas Real Estate Commission, meeting in an emergency teleconference today, adopted a process whereby real estate salespersons, brokers, and home inspectors relocated to Texas due to Hurricane Katrina may obtain a temporary license to conduct business in the state.

Individuals currently licensed as a broker or salesperson, in good standing, in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi who are unable to continue to practice or reside in those states as a result of Hurricane Katrina may apply for a temporary emergency salesperson license which will expire on March 31, 2006. All such individuals must be sponsored by a Texas real estate broker in order to conduct business in the state.

Individuals currently licensed as a home inspector, in good standing, in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi who are unable to continue to practice or reside in those states as a result of Hurricane Katrina may apply for a temporary emergency real estate inspector license which will expire on February 28, 2006. All such individuals must be sponsored by a Texas professional inspector in order to conduct inspections in the state.

As a result of the proclamation by the Governor dated September 1, 2005 declaring a state of emergency due to Hurricane Katrina, the Commission has determined that the conditions concerning emergency rulemaking have been satisfied. The new rules are adopted on an emergency basis under the Real Estate License Act which authorizes the Commission to make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the performance of its duties and to establish standards of conduct and ethics for its licensees in keeping with the purpose and intent of the Act. The statutes impacted by today's actions are Texas Occupations Code, Chapters 1101 and 1102.

Further information relative to the temporary emergency real estate salesperson and real estate inspector license can be obtained from the Commission's web site at [www.trec.state.tx.us](http://www.trec.state.tx.us)