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EDUCATIONAL CRITERIA MAY UNDERGO MAJOR OVERHAUL FOR REAL ESTATE LICENSURE

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Rules under the Texas Real Estate License Act governing educational requirements and related qualifications for licensees of the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) are being scheduled for a comprehensive review. Authorization to file a notice of intent to review these provisions was approved by the Commission during its Monday, April 12th meeting. Suggestions for substantive changes are anticipated and are to be given in-depth consideration over the next several weeks.

TREC Administrator, Wayne Thorburn, said an assessment of these requirements is particularly important because it "goes to the heart of all professional real estate education requirements, curriculums, and licensure examinations for brokers, salespersons, and real estate inspectors. I urge," he said, "all interested persons and groups to carefully consider these rules and advise the Commission of what changes they feel may be needed." Commission Chairman Jay Brummett also added, "Over the next six weeks, this process will provide a window of opportunity to review the technical aspects of our educational standards and produce a potentially major overhaul of professional licensing requirements."

In other rule review action, the Commission proposed repealing four rules relating to conditions for payment of certain commissions; definitions of real estate; offering property from another state; and the auctioning of property. This action would reduce a total of 25 rules contained in eleven pages down to 21 requiring only seven pages in this particular section. The four provisions are viewed as unnecessary because their requirements are clearly reflected under existing statutory language of The Real Estate Act, and in some cases, can be consolidated with other rules.

Commissioners took final action to readopt rules governing felony and misdemeanor criminal offense guidelines. Criminal offenses under this rule are regarded by the Commission as demonstrating an inability to represent persons with honesty, trustworthiness and integrity. Any Individuals who have committed such violations would be prohibited from holding a real estate license.