

5-Year Reviews of Title Insurance Rules

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Utah statute requires all state agencies to do 5-year reviews of their rules to ensure they continue to make sense in a changing world.

What must be done at the May 28 Title & Escrow Commission meeting is to make a yes-or-no determination of whether the above rules should stay on the books.

Rules cannot be amended as part of a 5-year review, but the need for future amendments can be discussed for inclusion on a future agenda.

R592. Insurance, Title and Escrow Commission.

R592-6. Unfair Inducements and Marketing Practices in Obtaining Title Insurance Business.

R592-6-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 31A-2-404(2), which authorizes the Title and Escrow Commission (Commission) to make rules for the administration of the Insurance Code related to title insurance, including rules related to standards of conduct for a title insurer, agency title insurance producer or individual title insurance producer.

R592-6-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is to identify certain practices, which the Commission finds creates unfair inducements for the placement of title insurance business and as such constitute unfair methods of competition. These practices include the payment of expenses that are considered normal, customary, reasonable and recurring in the operation of a client of a title producer.

(2) This rule applies to all title producers and all employees, representatives and any other party working for or on behalf of said entities whether as a full time or part time employee or as an independent contractor.

R592-6-3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this rule the Commission adopts the definitions as set forth in Section 31A-1-301 and 31A-2-402, and the following:

(1) "Bona fide real estate transaction" means:

(a) a preliminary title report is issued to a seller or listing agent in conjunction with the listing of a property; or

(b) a commitment for title insurance is ordered, issued, or distributed in a purchase and sale transaction showing the name of the proposed buyer and the sales price, or in a loan transaction showing the proposed lender and loan amount.

(2) "Business Activities" shall include sporting events, sporting activities, musical and art events. In no case shall such business activities rise to the level of ceremonies, for example, award banquets, recognition events or similar activities sponsored by or for clients, or include travel by air, or other commercial transportation.

(3) "Business meals" shall include breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, cocktails and tips. In no case shall such business meals raise to the level of ceremonies, for example, awards banquets, recognition events or similar activities sponsored by or for clients.

(4) (a) "Client" means any person, or group, who influences, or who may influence, the placement of title insurance business or who is engaged in a business, profession or occupation of:

(i) buying or selling interests in real property; and

(ii) making loans secured by interests in real property.

(b) "Client" includes real estate agents, real estate brokers, mortgage brokers, lending or financial institutions, builders, developers, subdividers, attorneys, consumers, escrow companies and the employees, agents, representatives, solicitors and groups or associations of any of the foregoing.

(5) "Discount" means the furnishing or offering to furnish title insurance, services constituting the business of title insurance or escrow services for a total charge less than the amounts set forth in the applicable rate schedules filed pursuant to Section 31A-19a-203 or 31A-19a-209.

(6) "Official trade association publication" means:

(a) a membership directory, provided its exclusive purpose is that of providing the distribution of an annual roster of the association's members to the membership and other interested parties; or

(b) an annual, semiannual, quarterly or monthly publication containing information and topical material for the benefit of the members of the association.

(7) "Title insurance business" means the business of title insurance and the conducting of escrow.

(8) "Title producer" means a title insurer, agency title insurance producer, or individual title insurance producer.

(9) "Trade Association" means a recognized association of persons, a majority of whom are clients or persons whose primary activity involves real property.

R592-6-4. Unfair Methods of Competition, Acts and Practices.

In addition to the acts prohibited under Section 31A-23a-402, the Commission finds that providing or offering to provide any of the following benefits by parties identified in Section R592-6-2 to any client, either directly or indirectly, except as allowed in Section R592-6-5 below, is a material and unfair inducement to obtaining title insurance business and constitutes an unfair method of competition.

(1) The furnishing of a title insurance commitment when the title producer is aware that no policy is intended to be issued without one of the following:

(a) sufficient evidence in the file of the title producer that a bona fide real estate transaction or listing agreement exists; or

(b) request from a proposed insured to issue a title insurance commitment together with a payment of a minimum cancellation fee of \$200.

(2) The paying of any charges for the cancellation of an existing title insurance commitment issued by a competing organization, unless that commitment discloses a defect which gives rise to a claim on an existing policy.

(3) Furnishing escrow services pursuant to Section 31A-23a-406:

(a) for a charge less than the charge filed pursuant to Section 31A-19a-209(5); or

(b) the furnishing of escrow services, for a charge, which are less than the actual cost of providing the services.

(4) Waiving all or any part of established fees or charges for services which are not the subject of rates or escrow charges filed with the commissioner.

(5) Deferring or waiving any payment for insurance or services otherwise due and payable, including a series of real estate transactions for the same parcel of property.

(6) Furnishing services not reasonably related to a bona fide title insurance, escrow, settlement, or closing transaction,

including non-related delivery services, accounting assistance, or legal counseling.

(7) The paying for, furnishing, or waiving all or any part of the rental or lease charge for space which is occupied by any client.

(8) Renting or leasing space from any client, regardless of the purpose, at a rate which is excessive or inadequate when compared with rental or lease charges for comparable space in the same geographic area, or paying rental or lease charges based in whole or in part on the volume of business generated by any client.

(9) Furnishing any part of a title producer's facilities, for example, conference rooms or meeting rooms, to a client or its trade association, for anything other than the providing of escrow or title services, or meetings related to such, without receiving a fair rental or lease charge comparable to other rental or lease charges for facilities in the same geographic area.

(10) The co-habitation or sharing of office space with a client of a title producer.

(11) Furnishing all or any part of the time or productive effort of any employee of the title producer, for example, secretary, clerk, messenger or escrow officer, to any client.

(12) Paying for all or any part of the salary of a client or an employee of any client.

(13) Paying, or offering to pay, either directly or indirectly, salary, commissions or any other consideration to any employee who is at the same time licensed as a real estate agent or real estate broker or as a mortgage lender or mortgage company subject to 31A-2-405 and R592-5.

(14) Paying for the fees or charges of a professional, for example, an appraiser, surveyor, engineer or attorney, or for the pre-payment of fees and charges of a client or party to the transaction, for example subordination, loan or HOA payoff request fees, whose services are required by any party or client to structure or complete a particular transaction. This subsection does not include the pre-payment of overnight delivery/mail fees that will be recovered through closing of a transaction.

(15) Sponsoring, cosponsoring, subsidizing, contributing fees, prizes, gifts, food or otherwise providing anything of value for an activity of a client, except as allowed under Subsection R592-6-5. Activities include open houses at homes or property for sale, meetings, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, conventions, installation ceremonies, celebrations, outings, cocktail parties, hospitality room functions, open house celebrations, dances, fishing trips, gambling trips, sporting events of all kinds, hunting trips or outings, golf or ski tournaments, artistic performances and outings in recreation areas or entertainment areas.

(16) Sponsoring, cosponsoring, subsidizing, supplying prizes or labor, except as allowed under Subsection R592-6-5 or otherwise providing things of value for promotional activities of a client. Title producers may attend activities of a client if there is no additional cost to the title producer, other than their own entry fees, registration fees, meals, and provided that these fees are no greater than those charged to clients or others attending the function.

(17) Providing gifts or anything of value to a client in

connection with social events such as birthdays or job promotions. A letter or card in these instances will not be interpreted as providing a thing of value.

(18) Furnishing or providing access to the following, even for a cost:

- (a) building plans;
- (b) construction critical path timelines;
- (c) "For Sale by Owner" lists;
- (d) surveys;
- (e) appraisals;
- (f) credit reports;
- (g) mortgage leads for loans;
- (h) rental or apartment lists; or
- (i) printed labels.

(19) Newsletters cannot be property specific or cannot highlight specific customers.

(20) A title producer cannot provide a client access to any real property information that the title producer pays to produce, develop, or maintain, except as otherwise permitted by R592-6-5.

(21) (a) A title producer cannot provide title or escrow services on real property where an existing or anticipated investment loan or financing has been or will be provided by said title producer, including its owners or employees.

(b) Subsection (21)(a) does not apply to such transactions involving seller financing.

(22) Paying for any advertising on behalf of a client.

(23) Advertising jointly with a client on subdivision or condominium project signs, or signs for the sale of a lot or lots in a subdivision or units in a condominium project. A title producer may advertise independently that it has provided title insurance for a particular subdivision or condominium project but may not indicate that all future title insurance will be written by that title producer.

(24) Advertisements may not be placed in a publication, including an internet web page and its links, that is hosted, published, produced for, distributed by or on behalf of a client.

(25) A donation may not be made to a charitable organization created, controlled or managed by a client.

(26) A direct or indirect benefit, provided to a client which is not specified in Section R592-6-5 below, will be investigated by the department for the purpose of determining whether it should be defined by the Commission as an unfair inducement under Section 31A-23a-402(8).

(27) Title producers who have ownership in, or control of, other business entities, including I.R.C. Section 1031 qualified intermediaries and escrow companies, may not use those other business entities to enter into any agreement, arrangement, or understanding or to pursue any course of conduct, designed to avoid the provisions of this rule.

R592-6-5. Permitted Advertising, Business Entertainment, and Methods of Competition.

Except as specifically prohibited in Section R592-6-4 above, the following are permitted:

(1) In addition to complying with the provisions of 31A-23a-402 and R590-130, Rules Governing Advertisements of Insurance, advertisement by title producers must comply with the following:

(a) the advertisement must be purely self-promotional; and
(b) advertisement in official trade association publications are permissible as long as any title producer has an equal opportunity to advertise in the publication and at the standard rates other advertisers in the publication are charged.

(2) A title producer may use free or paid social media services to promote its own business as long as such social media services are open and available to the general public. Additionally, the following shall be permitted and are not in violation of R592-6-4(22) and (24):

(a) a title producer may write or post on social media services about an event that directly involves the title producer and a client, and it may reference or link to the client's social media page or the client company's social media page; and

(b) a title producer may share, like, respond to, or comment on a client's social media page, post, or event as long as such action is free of charge. Paying a fee to share, like, respond, or comment on any social media service that involves a client or to increase visibility, ranking, or distribution of any social media involving a client is not an allowed exception to R592-6-4(22) and (24).

(3) A title producer may donate time to serve on a trade association committee and may also serve as an officer for the trade association.

(4) A title producer may have two self-promotional open houses per calendar year for each of its owned or occupied facilities, including branch offices. The title producer may not expend more than \$15 per guest per open house. The expenditures per guest may not be in the form of a gift, gift certificate, or coupons. The open house may take place on or off the title producer's premises but may not take place on a client's premises.

(5) A donation to a charitable organization must:

(a) not be paid in cash;

(b) if paid by a negotiable instrument, be made payable only to the charitable organization;

(c) be distributed directly to the charitable organization; and

(d) not provide any benefit to a client.

(6) A title producer may distribute self-promotional items having a value of \$10 or less, including taxes, setup fees, shipping, and the like, to clients, consumers and members of the general public.

These self-promotional items shall be novelty items which are non-edible and may not be personalized or bear the name of the donee.

Self-promotional items may only be distributed in the regular course of business. Self-promotional items may not be given to clients or trade associations for redistribution by these entities.

(7) A title producer may make expenditures for business meals or business activities on behalf of any person, whether a client or not, as a method of advertising, if the expenditure meets all the following criteria:

(a) the person representing the title producer must be present

during the business meal or business activity;

(b) there is a substantial title insurance business discussion directly before, during or after the business meal or business activity;

(c) the total cost of the business meal, the business activity, or both is not more than \$50 per person, per day;

(d) no more than three individuals from an office of a client may be provided a business meal or business activity by a title producer in a single day; and

(e) the entire business meal or business activity may take place on or off the title producer's premises, but may not take place on a client's premises.

(8) A title producer may conduct continuing education programs that are approved by the appropriate regulatory agency, under the following conditions:

(a) the continuing education program shall address only title insurance, escrow or other topics related thereto;

(b) the continuing education program must be of at least one hour in duration;

(c) for each hour of continuing education, \$15 or less per person may be expended, including the cost of meals and refreshments; and

(d) no more than one such continuing education program may be conducted at each individual, physical office location of a client per calendar quarter.

(9) A title producer may acknowledge a wedding, birth or adoption of a child, or funeral of a client or members of the client's immediate family with flowers or gifts not to exceed \$75.

(10) A title producer may provide a property profile to a client through any means, including copies thereof. The property profile may include not more than the following:

(a) the last vesting deed of public record;

(b) a plat map reproduction and/or locator map;

(c) tax and property characteristics information from the Treasurer's and Assessor's offices; and

(d) Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

(11) A title producer may provide clients access to water, beverages, and edible treats at the title producer's premises.

(12) A title producer may provide a client the documents used to produce a title commitment. The title producer may provide access to the documents used to produce the title commitment through any means.

(13) A title producer may provide a client access to closing software as long as the access is related to a specific transaction identified in the title commitment.

R592-6-6. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing the provisions of this rule 45 days from the effective date of the rule.

R592-6-7. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such invalidity may not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given

effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

KEY: title insurance

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R592. Insurance, Title and Escrow Commission.

R592-7. Title Insurance Continuing Education.

R592-7-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Subsection 31A-2-404(2) (a) (iii), which directs the Title and Escrow Commission to make rules for the administration of the provisions related to continuing education courses related to a title licensee.

R592-7-2. Purpose and Scope.

- (1) The purposes of this rule are to:
 - (a) adopt continuing education requirements for the approval of a continuing education course under 31A-2-404(2) (a) (iii);
 - (b) delegate authority from the Commission to the commissioner to approve a continuing education course related to a title licensee; and
 - (c) exempt a title licensee from the provisions of R590-142-4(2) (c).
- (2) This rule applies to:
 - (a) a title licensee;
 - (b) an unlicensed individual authorized to do business as a title licensee; and
 - (d) a continuing education course related to title insurance.
- (3) This rule does not apply to an individual who is considered to have met the continuing education requirements pursuant to Subsection 31A-23a-202(3) (b) (iii) (C).

R592-7-3. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply for the purpose of this rule.

- (1) "Commission" means the Title and Escrow Commission as created under Subsection 31A-2-403(1) (a).
- (2) "Continuing education course" means a continuing education course related to title insurance.
- (3) "Title licensee" has the same meaning as found in Subsection 31A-2-402(6).

R592-7-4. Continuing Education Course and Approval.

- (1) The Commission hereby delegates to the commissioner the authority to approve a continuing education course under Subsection 31A-2-404(2) (e).
- (2) The commissioner shall rely on the requirements of R590-142, Continuing Education Rule, for the consideration of a request for a continuing education course approval.
- (3) When the commissioner approves a continuing education course, the course:
 - (a) is deemed approved by the Commission and has concurrence of the commissioner under Subsection 31A-2-404(2) (e) and this Subsection (1); and
 - (b) will be added to the Department's approved course list.
- (4) The commissioner shall provide a report to the Commission on a quarterly basis listing new continuing education courses approved pursuant to this section.
- (5) If the commissioner disapproves a continuing education

course, the commissioner shall:

- (a) remove the course from the Department's approved course list; and
- (b) notify the course provider of the disapproved course.

R592-7-5. Course Submission.

A continuing education provider shall submit to the commissioner a request for approval of a continuing education course in accordance with Section 31A-23a-202 and R590-142.

R592-7-6. Licensee Course Requirements.

(1) The continuing education credit hours required for the renewal of a title insurance producer license pursuant to Subsections 31A-23a-202(3)(b)(iii)(A) and (B), may only be fulfilled through an approved course that is:

- (a) related to title insurance, escrow, real estate, or ethics; and
- (b) categorized by the commissioner as:
 - (i) title;
 - (ii) title ethics; or
 - (iii) ethics.

(2)(a) The restrictions set forth in R590-142-4(2)(c) shall not apply to a title licensee.

(b) A title licensee may obtain all required credit hours through one or more insurers.

R592-7-7. Penalties.

A person found, after a hearing or other regulatory process, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R592-7-8. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule upon the rule's effective date.

R592-7-9. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

KEY: title insurance continuing education

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R592. Insurance, Title and Escrow Commission.

R592-8. Application Process for an Attorney Exemption for Agency Title Insurance Producer Licensing.

R592-8-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated by the Title and Escrow Commission pursuant to Section 31A-2-404 which authorizes the Commission to make rules for the administration of the provisions in this title related to title insurance and Section 31A-23a-204 which authorizes the Commission to make a rule to exempt attorneys with real estate experience from the three year licensing requirement to license an agency title insurance producer.

R592-8-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purposes of this rule are:

(a) to delegate to the Commissioner preliminary approval or denial of a request for exemption;

(b) to provide a description of the types of real estate experience that could be used by an attorney seeking to qualify for the exemption;

(c) to provide a process to apply for a request for exemption; and

(d) to provide a process to appeal a denial of a request for exemption.

(2) This rule applies to all attorneys seeking an exemption under the provisions of 31A-23a-204.

R592-8-3. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions of Sections 31A-1-301, 31A-2-402 and 31A-23a-102, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this rule:

(1) "Attorney" means a person licensed and in good standing with the Utah State Bar.

(2) "Real estate experience" includes:

(a) law firm transactional experience consisting of any or all of the following:

(i) real estate transactions, including drafting documents, reviewing and negotiating contracts of sale, including real estate purchase contracts (REPC), commercial transactions, residential transactions;

(ii) financing and securing construction and permanent financing;

(iii) title review, due diligence, consulting and negotiations with title companies, researching and drafting opinions of title, coordinating with title companies, pre-closing;

(iv) zoning, development, construction, homeowners associations, subdivisions, condominiums, planned unit developments;

(v) conducting closings; and

(vi) estate planning and probate-related transactions and conveyances.

(b) law firm litigation experience consisting of any or all of the following:

(i) foreclosures;

(A) judicial and non-judicial;

- (B) homeowner association (HOA) lien foreclosure;
- (ii) either side of homeowner vs HOA litigation;
- (iii) state construction registry litigation - mechanics lien filing and litigation;
- (iv) real estate disputes or litigation involving:
 - (A) a real estate contract;
 - (B) a boundary line;
 - (C) a rights of way and/or easement;
 - (D) a zoning issue;
 - (E) a property tax issue;
 - (F) a title issue or claim;
 - (G) a landlord/tenant issue; and
 - (F) an estate and/or probate litigation involving real property assets, claims, and disputes.
- (c) non-law firm experience consisting of any or all of the following:
 - (i) real estate agent, broker, developer, investor;
 - (ii) mortgage broker;
 - (iii) general contractor;
 - (iv) professor or instructor teaching real estate licensing, real estate contracts, or real estate law;
 - (v) lender involved with any or all of the following real estate lending activities:
 - (A) lending;
 - (B) escrow; or
 - (C) foreclosure;
 - (vi) private lender;
 - (vii) in-house counsel involved in real estate transactions for bank, mortgage lender, credit union, title company, or agency title insurance producer;
 - (viii) employment with or counsel to a government agency involved in regulation of real estate, such as HUD, FHA, zoning, tax assessor, county recorder, insurance department, and Federal or state legislatures;
 - (ix) escrow officer;
 - (x) title searcher; or
 - (xi) surveyor; and
- (d) other experience with real estate not included in (a), (b), and (c) above.

R592-8-4. Delegation of Authority.

The Commission hereby grants its preliminary concurrence to the approval or denial of a request for exemption requested by an attorney pursuant to 31A-23a-204 to the Utah Insurance Commissioner.

R592-8-5. Request for Exemption Process.

(1) An individual title licensee, who is an attorney as defined in this rule desiring to obtain an agency title insurance producer license under the exemption provided in 31A-23A-204(1)(c), shall make a request for exemption to the Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(2) The applicant will submit a letter addressed to the Commission:

- (a) requesting exemption from the licensing time period requirements in 31A-23a-204(1)(a)(i); and
- (b) providing the following information:
 - (i) the applicant's name, mailing address and email, telephone number, and title license number;
 - (ii) a description of the applicant's real estate experience; and
 - (iii) why the applicant feels that experience qualifies the applicant for the exemption.
- (3) The Commissioner will review the request for exemption within five business days of its receipt and
 - (a) request additional information from the applicant;
 - (b) preliminarily approve the request for exemption; or
 - (c) preliminarily disapprove the request for exemption.
- (4) The Commissioner will report monthly to the Commission all preliminarily approved or denied requests for exemption received and reviewed since the previous Commission meeting.
- (5) The Commission will concur or non-concur with the Commissioner's preliminary approval or denial of a request for exemption.
- (6) If the Commissioner's preliminary denial of a request for exemption is concurred with by the Commission, the Commissioner will:
 - (a) notify the applicant of the denial; and
 - (b) inform the applicant of the applicant's right to a hearing.
- (7) If the Commissioner's preliminary approval of a request for exemption is concurred with by the Commission, the Commissioner will expeditiously notify the applicant to submit an electronic license application and pay the required fees and assessments.
- (8) If the Commission does not concur with the commissioner's preliminary approval or preliminary denial, the applicant shall be informed of the applicant's right to a hearing.

R592-8-6. Penalties.

A person found, after a hearing or other regulatory process, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R592-8-7. Enforcement Date.

The Commission will begin enforcing this rule on the rule's effective date.

R592-8-8. Severability.

If any provision of this rule or the application of it to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid, the remaining provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

KEY: attorney exemption application process

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R592. Insurance, Title and Escrow Commission.

R592-9. Title Insurance Recovery, Education, and Research Fund Assessment Rule.

R592-9-1. Authority.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to Section 31A-41-202 which requires the Title and Escrow Commission to determine the amount of required assessments from individual title insurance producers and agency title insurance producers to provide funding for the recovery, education, and research fund.

R592-9-2. Purpose and Scope.

(1) The purpose of this rule is:

(a) to establish the amounts for individual title insurance producer assessments; and

(b) to establish the amounts for agency title insurance producer assessments.

(2) This rule applies to all individual title insurance producer applicants and licensees and all agency title insurance producer license applicants and licensees and any unlicensed person doing the business of title insurance.

R592-9-3. Establishing Assessment Amounts.

(1) Prior to July 1 of each year, the Commission shall establish the assessment amounts for:

(a) an initial producer license for an individual title insurance producer applicant;

(b) a renewal license for a licensed individual title insurance producer;

(c) an initial agency license for a title insurance agency applicant; and

(d) an annual assessment for a licensed agency title insurance producer.

(2) Annual licensed agency title insurance producer assessment amounts shall be established for the following four premium bands of title insurance premiums:

(a) Band A: \$0 to \$1 million;

(b) Band B: more than \$1 million to \$10 million;

(c) Band C: more than \$10 million to \$20 million; and

(d) Band D: more than \$20 million.

(3) The individual title insurance producer and agency title insurance producer assessment amounts shall be adopted by motion of the Commission.

(4) The adopted assessment amounts shall be posted on the Insurance Department's web page.

R592-9-4. Individual Title Insurance Producer Assessment.

(1) Beginning July 1, 2009:

(a) A person applying for an initial individual title insurance producer license or a licensed individual title insurance producer adding an additional title insurance line of authority shall pay an assessment not to exceed \$20.00 at the time of application; and

(b) a licensee renewing an individual title insurance producer license shall pay an assessment not to exceed \$20.00 at the time of

application.

(2) An individual title insurance producer assessment will be paid in accordance with R590-102, Insurance Department Fee Payment Rule.

R592-9-5. Title Insurance Agency Assessment.

(1) Beginning July 1, 2008, a person applying for an initial title insurance agency license shall pay an assessment of \$1,000 at the time of application.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2009, a licensed title insurance agency shall pay an annual assessment.

(3) An agency's placement in one of the four assessment bands will be determined by an agency's title insurance written premium volume for the preceding calendar year as of December 31 of that calendar year.

(4) An agency title insurance producer's annual assessment will be paid in accordance with R590-102, Insurance Department Fee Payment Rule.

R592-9-6. Penalties.

A person found, after a hearing or other regulatory process, to be in violation of this rule shall be subject to penalties as provided under Section 31A-2-308.

R592-9-7. Enforcement Date.

The commissioner will begin enforcing this rule upon the rule's effective date.

R592-9-8. Severability.

If any provision or clause of this rule or its application to any person or situation is held invalid, such invalidity may not affect any other provision or application of this rule which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this rule are declared to be severable.

KEY: title insurance recovery assessment

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