# HF 2632

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HOUSE FILE 2632

BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,

REGULATION AND LABOR

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2389)

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#### H-8221

- Amend House File 2632 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, lines 10 and 11, by striking the words
- 3 "or lessor, or prospective purchaser," and inserting
- 4 the following: "lessor, or prospective purchaser who
- 5 does not make repeated and successive transactions of
- 6 a like character,".
- 7 2. Page 1, line 15, by striking the words and
- 8 figure "subsections 3 and" and inserting the
- 9 following: "subsection".
- 10 3. Page 1, line 16, by striking the word "are"
- 11 and inserting the following: "is".
- 12 4. Page 1, by striking lines 17 through 31.

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- 1 Section 1. Section 543B.5, Code Supplement 2005, is
- 2 amended by adding the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 13A. "Listing" is an agreement between a
- 4 property owner and another person in which that person holds
- 5 or advertises the property to the public as being available
- 6 for sale or lease.
- 7 Sec. 2. Section 543B.7, subsection 1, Code Supplement
- 8 2005, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 1. A person who, as owner, spouse of an owner, general
- 10 partner of a limited partnership, or lessor, or-prospective
- 11 purchaser, or through another engaged by such person on a
- 12 regular full-time basis, buys, sells, manages, or otherwise
- 13 performs any act with reference to property owned, rented,
- 14 leased, or to be acquired by such person.
- 15 Sec. 3. Section 543B.15, subsections 3 and 4, Code
- 16 Supplement 2005, are amended to read as follows:
- 3. An applicant for a real estate broker's or
- 18 salesperson's license who has been convicted of forgery,
- 19 embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, theft,
- 20 extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or other similar offense, or
- 21 of any crime involving moral turpitude in a court of competent
- 22 jurisdiction in this state, or in any other state, territory,
- 23 or district of the United States, or in any foreign
- 24 jurisdiction, may shall be denied a license by the commission,
- 25 on the grounds of the conviction. For purposes of this
- 26 section, "conviction" means a conviction for an indictable
- 27 offense and includes a guilty plea, deferred judgment from the
- 28 time of entry of the deferred judgment until the time the
- 29 defendant is discharged by the court without entry of
- 30 judgment, or other finding of guilt by a court of competent
- 31 jurisdiction.
- 32 4. An applicant for a real estate broker's or
- 33 salesperson's license who has had a professional license of
- 34 any kind revoked or suspended or who has had any other form of
- 35 <u>discipline imposed</u>, in this or any other jurisdiction may be

- 1 denied a license by the commission on the grounds of the
- 2 revocation, suspension, or other discipline.
- 3 Sec. 4. Section 543B.49, Code 2005, is amended to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 543B.49 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.
- 6 1. In addition to the penalty and complaint provisions of
- 7 sections 543B.43, 543B.44, and 543B.48, an injunction may be
- 8 granted through an action in district court to prohibit a
- 9 person from engaging in an activity which violates the
- 10 provisions of section 543B.1. The court shall grant a
- 11 permanent or temporary injunction if it appears to the court
- 12 that a violation has occurred or is imminently threatened.
- 13 The plaintiff is not required to show that the violation or
- 14 threatened violation would greatly or irreparably injure the
- 15 plaintiff. No bond shall be required of the plaintiff unless
- 16 the court determines that a bond is necessary in the public
- 17 interest. The action for injunctive relief may be brought by
- 18 an affected person. For the purposes of this section,
- 19 "affected person" means any person directly impacted by the
- 20 actions of a person suspected of violating the provisions of
- 21 section 543B.1, including but not limited to the commission
- 22 created in section 543B.8, a person who has utilized the
- 23 services of a person suspected of violating the provisions of
- 24 section 543B.1, or a private association composed primarily of
- 25 members practicing a profession for which licensure is
- 26 required pursuant to this chapter.
- 27If successful in obtaining injunctive relief, the
- 28 affected person shall be entitled to actual costs and attorney
- 29 fees,-unless-the-person-suspected-of-violating-a-provision-of
- 30 section-543B-1-prevails-in-any-application-for-permanent
- 31 injunctive-relief. For the purposes of this section, "actual
- 32 costs" means those costs other than attorney fees which were
- 33 actually incurred in connection with the action, including but
- 34 not limited to court and witness fees, investigative expenses,
- 35 travel expenses, legal research expenses, and other related

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- 2 Sec. 5. Section 558A.1, subsection 4, Code Supplement
- 3 2005, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 4 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. A transfer by a power of attorney.
- 5 EXPLANATION
- 6 This bill relates to real estate brokers and salespersons.
- 7 The bill defines the term "listing". The bill also requires
- 8 that an application for licensure be denied if the applicant
- 9 has been convicted of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money
- 10 under false pretenses, theft, extortion, conspiracy to
- ll defraud, or other similar offense, or of any crime involving
- 12 moral turpitude. Pursuant to the bill, the board has
- 13 discretion to deny an application if a licensee from another
- 14 jurisdiction has received any form of licensee discipline in
- 15 that jurisdiction.
- 16 The bill strikes a current exemption from coverage under
- 17 the Code chapter relating to the licensing of real estate
- 18 brokers and salespersons for the actions of a "prospective
- 19 purchaser".
- 20 The bill requires that a court grant an injunction if it
- 21 appears to the court that a violation of the real estate
- 22 licensing laws has occurred or is imminently threatened. The
- 23 bill provides that the plaintiff is not required to show that
- 24 the violation or threatened violation would greatly or
- 25 irreparably injure the plaintiff and that the plaintiff is not
- 26 required to post a bond unless specifically required by the
- 27 court. The bill also eliminates redundant language relating
- 28 to the imposition of court costs and attorney fees.
- 29 The bill exempts transfers of property by a power of
- 30 attorney from requirements relating to mandatory disclosures
- 31 relating to the condition of real property.

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	A BILL FOR
1	An Act relating to real estate, including real estate broker and
2	salesperson licensing and real estate disclosures.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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6	House Amendments
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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2632, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor