

16-701.

(a) (1) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-602 of this title, the Commission may deny a license to any applicant, deny a certificate to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, reprimand any certificate holder, OR suspend or revoke a license or certificate[, or impose a fine of not more than \$5,000,] if the applicant, license holder, or certificate holder:

[(1)](I) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license or certificate for the applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or for another;

[(2)](II) fraudulently or deceptively uses a license or certificate;

[(3)](III) commits an act or makes an omission in the provision of real estate appraisal services or certified real estate appraisal services that is an act of dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation if the applicant, licensee, or certificate holder intends:

[(i)] 1. to benefit substantially the applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or another person; or

[(ii)] 2. to injure substantially another person;

[(4)](IV) is held civilly or criminally liable for deceit, fraud, or misrepresentation in the provision of real estate appraisal services or certified real estate appraisal services;

[(5)](V) under the laws of the United States or of any state, is convicted of:

[(i)] 1. a felony; or

[(ii)] 2. a misdemeanor that is directly related to the fitness and qualification of the applicant, licensee, or certificate holder to provide real estate appraisal services;

[(6)](VI) pays a finder's fee or a referral fee to a person who lacks a license;

[(7)](VII) makes a false or misleading statement in:

[(i)] 1. the part of a written appraisal report about professional qualifications; or

[(ii)] 2. testimony about professional qualifications;

[(8)](VIII) violates the confidential nature of governmental records to which a licensee or certificate holder gained access in the provision of real estate appraisal services or certified real estate services;

[(9)](IX) accepts a fee for providing an independent appraisal service in violation of this title;